

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF VERDE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2011, AT STATION 31, 2700 GODARD ROAD, COTTONWOOD, AZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

PRESENT:

Dick Dobbin (by phone)
Ken Bishop
Matt Robertson
Bob Eddingfield
Gerald Shanks -Absent

STAFF:

Chief Nazih Hazime
Assistant Chief Jerry Doerksen
Debbie Lewis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to approve the agenda as presented. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the special meeting on August 22, 2011. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Bob Eddingfield to waive the reading of and to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 23, 2011. Second was made by Matt Robertson. **Motion** carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Introduction of Chief Nazih Hazime- Chief Hazime thanked the Board for the opportunity to be the Fire Chief of VVFD. Chief Hazime stated that during his introductions with the staff they were well received, showed professionalism, respect and they have already met many of his expectations. Chief Hazime stated that outreach to the community is critical and he plans on doing monthly “facts from the Chief” articles for the newspapers. Chief Hazime stated he is looking forward to the future and moving the District forward with the Board of Directors and the District.

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

CALL TO PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS: Chief Hazime asked the Board if the staff reports could come to him and then he would summarize those reports on his monthly Chief’s report to the Board. All the staff reports would be available electronically through Administration should the Board want a copy. This would help with the cost and time it takes to produce these reports each month. Further discussion will be held at the October Board Meeting. Chief Hazime and Chief Doerksen reviewed the Chief’s report. Chief Hazime would like to have an executive session on the agenda at the October’s meeting regarding Chief’s roles and responsibilities. Bob Eddingfield asked if we have someone backing up the PIO position while the PIO is on vacation. Chief Doerksen stated that we do have coverage for the PIO. Bob Eddingfield asked if the ambulance revenue is down from last year at this time. Debbie Lewis reviewed the ambulance reports and stated that revenue from last August is up approximately \$10,000.

CURRENT EVENTS: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. Review of Legislation, Issues and Other Organizations or Agencies that may impact Verde Valley Fire District:** Chief Hazime gave an update on Proposition 13. Chief Doerksen stated that there is a group out there still trying to attack the retirement programs.
- B. Impact of the possible Verde Santa Fe Annexation:** Chief Hazime stated that he and Chief Doerksen received a visit from Dave Alton yesterday and he gave them his concerns regarding the annexation. Chief Hazime reviewed the meeting with Dave Alton. Dick Dobbin stated that any items that are placed in these flyers need to be reviewed and must be accurate. Dick Dobbin reviewed the Verde Santa Fe Annexation letter that was handed out by “The Committee to Keep Verde Sana Fe in Cornville” dated 9-18-11. Chief Hazime stated that another item discussed with Mr. Alton was that the annual report submitted to DHS would show net revenue gain or loss. Chief Hazime stated that he is planning on meeting with John Bedell, President with the Verde Santa Fe Property Association. Dick Dobbin stated that we need to be very mindful and prudent about funds spent to defuse the annexation. Dick Dobbin stated that he is not clear how the opposition will be sending out their information to the VSF property owners for the petition gathering phase.
- C. Station 31 Remodel Update:** Chief Doerksen stated that Fire Marshal Flummer has met with the architect to get the plans completed. Chief Doerksen stated that two packets have been picked up so far. The bids are due by October 20th and will be opened at 2:00 p.m. Chief Doerksen stated that if there is a change in structural design from block to wood frame the cost to redraw the plans would cost an additional \$5,000 and we would also have to have the plans reapproved by the City. Chief Hazime stated that Fire Marshal Flummer will be the contact and project manager for the remodel.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:12 PM

BOARD CLERK: _____ **DATE:** _____

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