

Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on Oct 5th 2009 at 1800 hours.

Roll call: (15) Firefighters (2) Explorer(s) (9) CERTs (0) Public

Minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted by the Governing Board:

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$168,881.55, Payroll account \$10,138.32, Recreation account \$2,312.46, Volunteer Pension account \$195,632.96

Drill schedule: Oct. 8th and 13th at 1800 hours and Oct 18th at 0800 hours.

Explorer report: Spencer gave an update on current projects.

Call load report: August calls 55. Year to date calls 473.

New Business:

Chief Ramsay talked about the revised Standard Operational Guidelines (SOG's) project. A committee is still working on them.

Traci gave a report on the Neighborhood Firewise Evaluations project. The project is nearing completion and will be posted on the OFD website soon.

Chief Ortiz talked about the upcoming Neighborhood Firewise Workshop program. He and his wife Cindy will host the next workshop on October 10th at their home.

Lt. Ortiz. provided an update of the DOC fuel thinning program.

We introduced and welcomed our new office manager, Tina Acosta.

Dan provided an update on how the Fire I&II Academy is doing.

Captain Slyter talked about the importance of State Fire School and how those who attended it this year were planning on incorporating that training into upcoming drills.

The status of two Department of Forestry grants was discussed. A \$3,500 equipment grant has been funded and is waiting for us to modify our request. The 2009 SFA grant for community fuel thinning is still pending.

Kate gave an update of the OFD web site.

The age restriction for part time, shift qualified employees has been changed from 21 to 18 years of age.

A hose testing project is nearing completion. We thanked all of the crews who have been involved in this project.

Three new firefighters were recognized and given a customary arm patch. Tina Acosta, Beth Krueger, and Karen Hauca have taken a "new recruit" class and are now OFD volunteer firefighters.

Cheryl has made arrangements with Sun Life Clinic for all of our firefighters to receive seasonal and H1N1 flu shots. It is a personal decision and is not mandatory to receive these shots. (secretary's note: those requesting flu shots will need to get an OFD Purchase Order from Larry or Tina)

Vivien talked about having a committee planning meeting for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 9th at 6 pm and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Chief Ramsay gave an update of the Hunters Safety Education class that was held here.

Next meeting: November 2nd at 1800 hours. Meeting adjourned at 1841 hours

Minutes approved by: Chief Albert Ortiz / Secretary Larry Southard