

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order** by Ms. Watson 5:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll call** – Ms. Watson, Ms. Summitt, Mr. Ward, Ms. Daley, and Mr. Evans are present. There is a quorum.

**Agenda approval** – Ms. Summitt made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Call to the Public** – None

**Minutes** – Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the October 15th, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Summitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Bills & Financials** – Mr. Ward made motion to approve the October 2025 Bills and Financials. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD BUSINESS:** None

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**BC McShea:**

Call Statistics for the Past 30/31 days:

- Non-Transports: 31
- Transports: 80
- Fire Calls: 51

Average response time: 3 minutes, 51 seconds

Radio Communications & Dispatch Project: There are significant challenges with Bullhead Dispatch due to their use of a proprietary Motorola system; integration requires excessive costs. The decision was made to pursue Colorado City as a dispatch provider for enhanced radio communications and technological features (including automatic vehicle locators) Collaboration is underway among multiple local fire districts (Fort Mohave, Oatman, Golden Shores, Desert Hills) Kingman is also a consideration in the future (post upgrade) for dispatch services. There will be more updates in the coming months, with the progress to be reported at the next board meeting.

Grants & Hiring: The Government recently reopened and currently has a backlog in grant processing. Hiring has been put on hold pending resolution on grant funding.

Fundraising & Community Events:

A Christmas for Kids Fundraiser led by Mohave Valley Professional Firefighters Local 4295 was held for the “MVFD Christmas for Kids.” Firefighters volunteered as grocery clerks, put donation boots out and sold T-Shirts to raise money. Amount raised via “Boot Money” was \$1695 and was presented to the Board in the form of a “Large Check” for pictures. Firefighter Griswald presented the Fireboard with a slideshow of the event. The T-shirts sold were Holiday Themed. The Union is selling shirts for \$25.00/each. The “Christmas for Kids Program” will also receive a portion of the T-Shirt sales once the sale has ended.

**Fire Chief Martin:** Fire Chief Martin commended our crews for volunteering to do community service at Veterans homes, supporting local veterans within our community over Veterans Day. He informed the Fireboard that he appreciated their initiative to go and help within the community that supports us.

Engine 811 is out of service due to a malfunctioning diesel pollution system and delayed replacement parts. (has been unusable for 6-8 weeks) Martin expressed his frustration about the EPA requirements, manufacturer priorities, and financial/resource impact. He encouraged the Board to relay concerns to legislators.

Ambulance 821 is back in service after corrective repairs for A/C drainage issues.

The new Water Tender (grant funded 2 years ago) is in production; delivery is expected before the end of 2025.

**Promotions and Pinning Ceremony:** Chief Martin explained the promotion and pinning ceremony process has been streamlined. It will now be conducted immediately after hire instead of waiting 1 year for probation. Several firefighters, engineers, and captains were recognized and pinned for their new ranks. The Ceremony included family participation and presentation of badges and helmets.

- Firefighters: Birks, Griswald and Reitzel
- Engineer: Levandowski
- Captain: Winn and Lowry

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Summitt seconded at 5:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes respectfully submitted by Johanna Larson, Financial Specialist.