

MOAPA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 20th, 2021,

Location: Moapa Fire Station

Board Members	Joseph Davis (Chairman), Gene Houston (Vice Chairman) Judy Metz, Kirby May, Chance Munford, Adam Smith, Anthony Rivera
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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Joe Davis call's meeting to order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Conformance with the Open Meeting Law

D. Roll Call/Introduction

1) Board Members:

a) Joe Davis, Chairman

b) Gene Houston, Vice Chairman

c) Chance Munford, Board Member

d) Judy Metz, Board Member

e) Adam Smith, Board Member

f) Anthony Rivera, Board Member

g) Kirby May, Board Member

2) Additional Representatives/Guests:

a) MVFD Chief Stephen Neel

b) Jeanette Smith District Secretary

E. Judy Metz motions to adopt Agenda as posted; Adam Smith seconds, all in favor

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. (none)

III. Administrative Action

A. Adam Smith motions to approve minutes from June 2021. Chance Munford seconds, all in favor.

B. Payment of Bills

1) None

C. Correspondence

1) None

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. *Discussion: Debriefing of Wildland deployment by Tim De Berardinis*

Allen Haskell and Tim De Berardinis were deployed to the Caldor fire for 2 weeks together. Tim explained in detail how the everyday production went with this deployment and stated that check in was every morning to get their assignments and briefings for the day. This was a huge fire so some days they would have to travel up to 50 miles to get to their assigned task. All in all it was a very good experience and was really good to see how

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other agencies ran their deployments. At the end of the deployment season Tim will get together with Chief Neel for a debriefing on what could be fixed or things that need to be improved for next season.

B. Discussion and Possible action: Vehicle Replacement schedule.

Chief Neel explained that Chairman Davis wanted a vehicle replacement schedule done so as the vehicles are used (especially the ones for wildland deployment) that we would have the monies in the budget to replace them when it came time. Chief presented the board with a report that shows how much is put aside for each vehicle when it comes time to replace them. A motion was made to approve the vehicle schedule as it was presented to the board by Judy Metz, Gene Houston seconds all in favor.

V. FINANCES

A. Discussion: Review of FY21 Budget and Quarterly update:

Chief Neel stated he took the time and broke down the budget by line item to make it easier to read. There were no questions on the budget at Chief Neel explained some of the line items. There was also a copy of the district PO's that were explained in detail. Chief also went over all of the grants the he applied for and which ones were already awarded.

Chief Neel also covered the wildland fire costs during this meeting. He stated that the WFPP was signed a couple of months ago that approved our wildland fire insurance and agreement that allowed the Moapa Valley Fire District to go on wildland deployments. We started deploying our Red carded firefighters the first of September and will continue through the season as long as we are needed. Chief Neel went over the costs and benefits of the wildland budget in detail.

VI. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

A. No comments by the general public.

VII. REPORTS

A. Chief Stephen Neel:

- 1) There will be flying club open house at the airport next month. This will be an educational event. They will have information about the airport and the flying club there also. The MFVD will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs.

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- 2) Chief Neel sent out all monthly reports last week and asked the board if there were any questions about what they received.
 - 3) We're going to a new system called TANGO TANGO that is an app downloaded on each member's phones that can actually be used as a radio instead which is actually clearer and can be used anywhere. It is a huge hit especially in Moapa since the comms there are really bad. This app will also reduce the amount of radios handed out and used which will save us huge money on them. Those members who choose not to have the app on their phone will still have access to a station radio if they want. Once the app is put in place, we will slowly pull the radios from members that are not being used.
 - 4) The remodel of the trailer is still going on. Chief Neel anticipates it being completed by end of January.
 - 5) There is a new Paramedic in training for the district. His name is Greg Johnson. He started last week and is doing well.
 - 6) Still waiting to hear back about the SAFER grant. Hopefully in another week or two.
 - 7) Next meeting will be the budget meeting. Chief will be preparing the budget to present at this meeting.
 - 8) In the next couple of weeks there will be an agenda item presented to put fire prevention back under the fire department. Chief Neel is asking about this issue and will have more info on this to come.
- B. Station 72-ASST Chief Adam Smith:
- 1) Adam is on his internship now for Paramedic school. He is expected to finish by the end of November. At that time all stations will be able to respond ALS.
 - 2) Fire Officer class is just finishing up. A total of 5 of our volunteers have gone through it. Also 5 people from Clark County joined. This enables us now to do all of our fire certified trainings at the station level.
 - 3) Instructor II class will be starting soon with an Officer II class by the end of the year.
 - 4) Adam will offer fire training classes as needed to make sure everyone is up to date on their certifications.
 - 5) Live burn training is set up for October 16th and it will be a structure in the Overton area.
 - 6) Adam is still working with Captain Robert Shakespear to make sure he is comfortable with his new role.
- C. Logandale Station 73- ASST Chief Anthony Rivera:
- 1) Chief Neel and ASST Chief Rivera talked about starting a Firefighter explorer program in the near future.

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- 2) Station 73 had a training last week and had 8 people show up. Everything went really well with the training.

D. Overton Station 74 –ASST Chief Chance Munford:

- 1) Station 74 is staying busy with call after call.
- 2) ASST Chief Chance Munford is really impressed with the district members that have finished their training and using their knowledge on the calls and all of the fire training that has been put to work also.
- 3) The new packs have been in use and everyone seems to like them while training.
- 4) Its been nice for Asst Chief Munford to be certified to sign off all fire trainings now so the trainings are more efficient to station 74.

E: Board Member Report and General Comments:

Joe Davis asked how the IC was set up with the floods now that Clark County is not in charge. Chief Neel explained in detail how the district IC is set up for such issues since flooding is very common in our valley lately. He stated that his truck that he just received was specifically set up for flooding emergencies.

VIII. Next meeting set for **Monday December 6th Budget Meeting, @6:00 p.m. at the Logandale Fire Station 73**, 3570 N Lyman Rd. Logandale, NV 89021

IX. Adjournment

- A. Chance Munford motions to adjourn, Judy Metz seconds; all in favor.