

# Arizona Fire Service Mechanics Association

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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**To: All AFMSA Members, Associates, Corporate Sponsors, & Honorees**  
**Re: Training and Business Meeting Notes and Information**



**Let us know!**

*répondez, s'il vous plait*

**"MAKE SURE YOU TELL US YOU'RE COMING TO THE TRAINING!"**

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*For up to date information at a moment's notice,  
 get a FaceBook account  
 and get all the latest updates on the Association.*



0808-0850 hrs with 17 members present out of a roster total of 184...really? *Where is everyone??*

### Call to Order and Roll call

Executive Officers reports given on the July meeting and 2nded by John & Co. S-P-E-C-I-F-I-C-A-L-L-Y, the President wished to thank Ty's committee for a great job in deciding on 3 viable candidates for EVT of the Year. The Pres also asked that the members continue to nominate, recognize and honor those in the realm of mechanism for next year. He also said and by the way, there's still no class for January; buy we're hopeful.

*Alan Shrock, formerly of Tempe Fire Medical Rescue Department has all but retired after 32 yrs of service; well...at least from there. Rumor has it he's undertaken the task of solving another department's problems. What about Alan's problem of being stuck on Mopars??.....nevermind*

We have a goal here at the Arizona Fire Service Mechanics Association: to have a 1yr plan of classes in place for our members. Sadly, this hasn't happened in, or say...5 yrs? We're working on it, we're working on it.

Keith Klaussen from Summit Fire has stepped in to cover for George Gutierrez at the State Fire School so thank you for that. And speaking of which, the plan for the Fire School is to have the entire ball of wax FREE to attending current and future mechanics; supported mainly by donations and sponsors.



Volume II of the Great American Pump Trailer novel is now on the shelf. If you remember, we left off with the trailer being in Tucson for a minor refurb by Rural Metro of Tucson who had previously volunteered to complete the work. But what you didn't know is the American LaFrance cut-away trailer that was being stored in Maricopa found its way into the hands of a chop shop who needed the pump for their fire suppression pumper they use at their secret location. However, plans to recover it were set in motion and since Ty and Co. did so well on the EVT committee, they we're sent down to whereEvrrr to get it back. So now the AmLaFr Trailer is being stored back in its rightful place in Tempe; covered, and hidden away from spying eyes. So plan ahead if you need one of these. We'll keep you posted on the furthering of the trailer in Tucson.

**And while we're talking about trailers, a Library Trailer is still needed (enclosed please).**

**Grant writing was revisited so we went over what was needed. AFG Grants require a DUNS #, a501c3 status AND and bank account. Shy of the DUNS # we're good to go. We'll keep you posted.**

FDSOA and Firehouse partner to offer Incident Safety Officer Academies



**FIREHOUSE**

This is being offered in January and hosted by Scottsdale Fire. We will email this out to our members when we are given the information or go their website at: <https://www.fdsOA.org/>

The AFSMA ByLaws were voted on unanimously, changed, and are attached to this email.



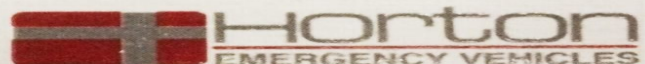
Scott, our webmaster and Jack of All Trades in the process of making changes to possibly include additional pages for perhaps used equipment, or tool boxes from retirees, or old fire engines, or maybe even Alan's Dodge Sweptside pickup he's selling to me...something like that. We are also researching GoDaddy to increase the number of pages to our website for these ads. Keep in mind, our Facebook page is Active and unrestrictive. So if you need to get the word out on your disposable property, new job openings, or other information, think there first.

And that was it on Open Discussion and the Business Meeting. Adjourned at 0850

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## **EVT E-1 Prep**

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Day 1 starts with definitions...and plenty of them

Roughly everything in definitions is on the test: for example: Cloud point? CCA? DEF? What defines an inspection? What's the difference between PSIA-Pounds per square in. Absolute and PSIG-Gauges? (one is calibrated, one is not), SCR? (Selective Catalyst Reduction) Why is THAT important? What is lubricity? What's the difference between a Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 leak? Seep, Drip, Drop and what's THAT difference? WOW! Multiple hours were spent on just definitions; all of which are on the test.

>General Requirements

>OOS Criteria

>Inspection, Diagnostic Checks, & Maintenance

Drive line or drive shaft, what's the difference? Which drives what?

“Welding procedure.” Who makes this: NFPA or the Manufacturer?

Are you managing your fleet to “stay on the road” or outsourcing the work?

For example, a flat tire. If you are managing your fleet and while the tire is off the ambulance, you check the brakes for wear, suspension parts, shocks, steering components, bearings, & seals noting changes for current or next repair schedule. If you're outsourcing the flat tire, you just get the tire changed<sup>®</sup> Which is better?

What's defined on a road test for your ambulance?

>Performance Testing?

Load and line voltage systems

OTR testing: what's the criteria?

And do you know the difference between “shall” & “should” on the written test?

“Shall” is must do it now, “Should” is, well...we'll get to it.

>Definition of Terms

>General Requirements—took most of the afternoon on Day 1

## **Day 2**

>General Requirements—

>Safety/FMVSS & OSHA

[I've never met a man with so much knowledge on ambulances, repair, and maintenance. Thank you to Chris for all his efforts in trying to get us to understand all that stuff in Greek](#)

***Next Training Class and Business Meeting***

***\*\*\* Class topic to be determined...Keep watching our website***

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**orry. I'll also let you know via email...**  
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2017**  
**Dues are \$ 80 per year**

**Don't be *THAT* guy! Get training through your Fire Mechanics Association**

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**AFSMA MISSION STATEMENT**

**“WE THE MEMBERS OF THE  
ARIZONA FIRE SERVICE MECHANICS ASSOCIATION  
STRIVE FOR THE BEST MECHANICAL ABILITY  
IN REPAIRING FIRE APPARATUS,  
TO GAIN SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE THROUGH TRAINING AND JOB EXPERIENCE,  
AND TO UPHOLD THE IDEA THAT FIRE APPARATUS MUST BE THE SAFEST VEHICLES ON  
THE ROAD”**

***You know what Truckies call Engine Companies?***

**Ladder's Little Helpers**☺☺☺