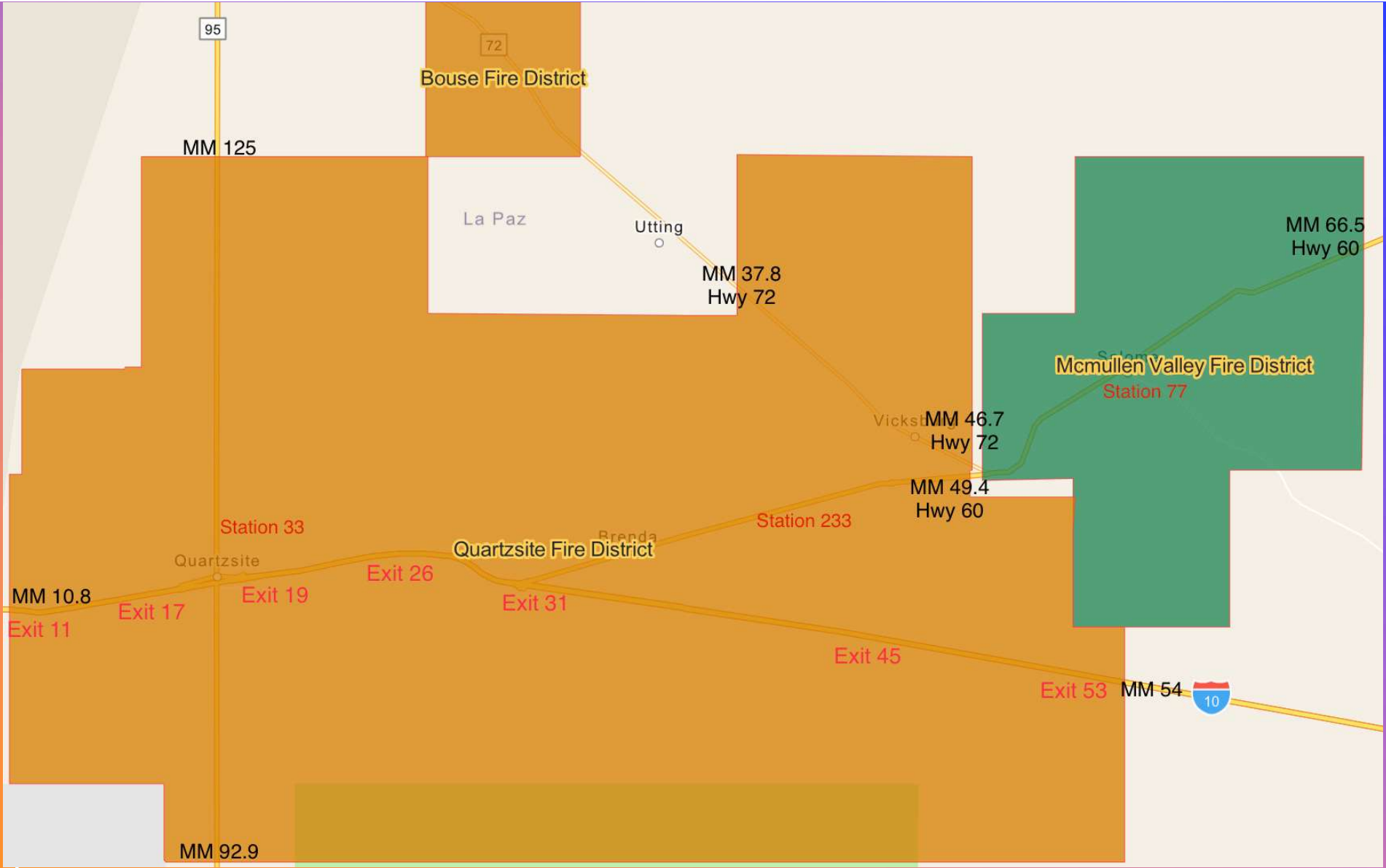




# MERGER INFORMATION PPT 2025





**QUARTZSITE FIRE**

**1000 SQUARE MILES**





**MCMULLEN VALLEY  
FIRE 190 SQUARE MILES**



# AVERAGE RUNS PER YEAR/DISTRICT VALUATIONS

McMullen Valley Runs Approximately 400 calls per year, and our current assessed valuation is \$17,882,070. The 2025 adopted budget is \$678,824. It costs the district right at \$1,700 per call. Our current tax rate is 3.38%

The Quartzsite Fire District runs approximately 2,400 calls per year and our current assessed value is \$47,582,592. The adopted budget for 2025 is \$1,773,035. It costs the district right at \$739 per call. Our current tax rate is 3.73%

If merged, the annual run traffic would total approximately 2,800 calls per year, the rate per call to the tax payers would be \$876 per call.



# WHAT A COMBINED BUDGET WOULD LOOK LIKE ?

- The Assessed Value of the merged District would be approximately \$65,464,662, according to 2024 numbers
- This would start us out at approximately \$2,307,835 for the first year, depending on how stable the valuation remains and factors such as minimum wage increase.
- The tax rate for the initial budget would be roughly 3.53%
- For 2024, the State Department of Revenue limits the mill rate at 3.75%, so we should be approximately .22% under the limit for this year.
- Keep in mind, this district would be over 1,000 sq miles and would complete nearly 2,800 runs.



Team work makes the Dream work!

# WHAT DO WE ALREADY SHARE?

# **THE TWO DISTRICTS HAVE ALREADY PARTNERED IN MULTIPLE WAYS.**

- We share our Tango Tango Dispatch Ap
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- We share our Firefighters
- We share our Fire Chief
- We have joined in purchases of certain tools, such as TICs to get a better deal
- We share our continuing education, to help keep everyone certified
- We share in the training of Fire Cadets
- We share in the training of EMTs



- McMullen Valley has two Stations
- Four fenced acres intended for a new fire station.
- Two engines, a rescue, 2 type 6 brush trucks and two water tenders
- A station car (Crown Vic)
- QFD has two Stations, one on 5 acres and one on 11 acres
- One Engine, two tenders, three type 6 brush vehicles and a ladder truck
- Two Chief's vehicles
- A pick-up truck
- A captain's command vehicle
- Both Districts have the tools of the trade

# DISTRICT APPARATUS / STATIONS

QFD Squad 3351



QFD Engine 3301





QFD Tender 3331



## QFD Tender 3332



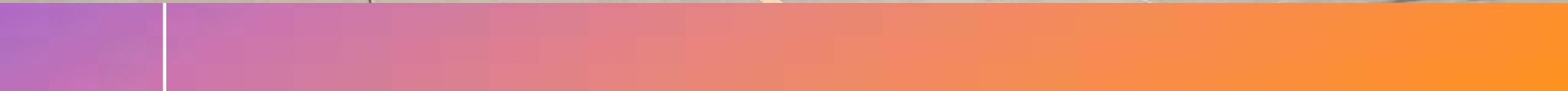
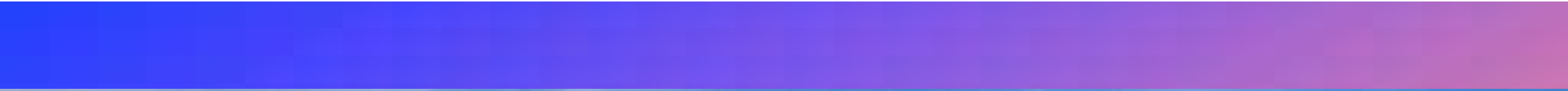
# MMVFD Type 6 Engine 7741





MMVFD Engine 7703

McMULLEN VALLEY Vol. FIRE DEPT.











MMVFD Tender 7731

# MMVFD RESCUE 7751



# MMVFD ENGINE 7702







QFD Engine 3301

# STATION 2-33 IN BRENDA









## CONS:

- **Loss of individuality:** The existing Districts will cease to exist and operation will be done on a larger scale, meaning locals will have less autonomy and local decision making power.
- **Resistance to change:** Locals, employees, and officials may resist change due to concerns over job security, identity, local influence, etc.
- **Complexity:** Merging Districts involves significant legal, administrative and logistical steps.
- **Disparities:** Differences in the tax rates may make merger difficult, especially where on district has a significantly higher tax rate.
- **No Separation:** Merged Districts cannot “Un-merge”.



## PROS:

- **Reduction of Costs:** Costs will be reduced because the Districts won't have duplicate services or administration. This may save the district some money in the long run.
- **Streamlined Governance:** There is only one entity after the merger. Therefore there is only one board, one budget and one audit.
- **Improved Services:** with unified operations, there may be an enhancement in service quality and consistency.
- **Increased bargaining power:** The Districts benefit from economies of scale and can potentially achieve cost savings when negotiating insurance rates or procurement contracts.



## PROS:

- Full time personnel in district 24-7
- There will still be open shifts for those who do not choose full time status.
- Shifts will be available at 3 stations.
- At MMVFD there are currently 7 members who work shifts and live local, QFD provides access to 30 certified members, ensuring that all shifts are covered.
- Immediate response of multiple stations to larger incidents, with increased all call potential.

**QUESTIONS OR  
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**THANK YOU!**

# **PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

- QFD Hearing, 70 E Tyson St. @ 6:00pm on 2-25-2025, Quartzsite, AZ 85346
- MMVFD Hearing, Centennial Park Community Center 69725 Centennial Park Road Salome AZ 85348, at 6:00 pm on 2-27-25.
- Joint Regular Board Meeting: Desert Gold RV Resort Rec Hall at 6:00pm, location: 46628 Hwy 60, Salome, AZ 85348 on 3-05-25.