

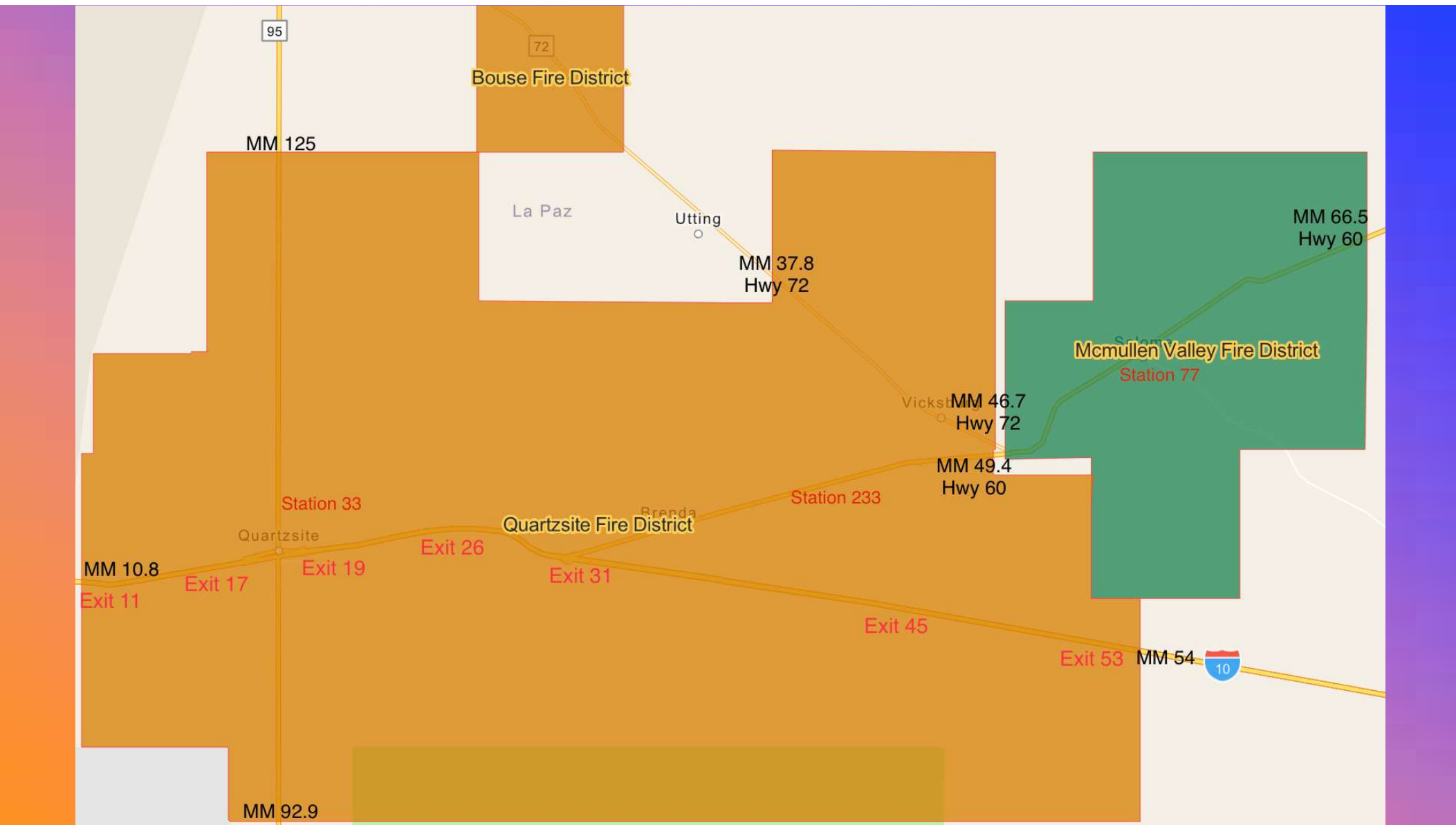


2025 MERGER OVERVIEW

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**QUARTZSITE FIRE
SERVICE
AREA:
1000 SQUARE MILES**





**MCMULLEN VALLEY FIRE
SERVICE AREA: 190 SQUARE
MILES**



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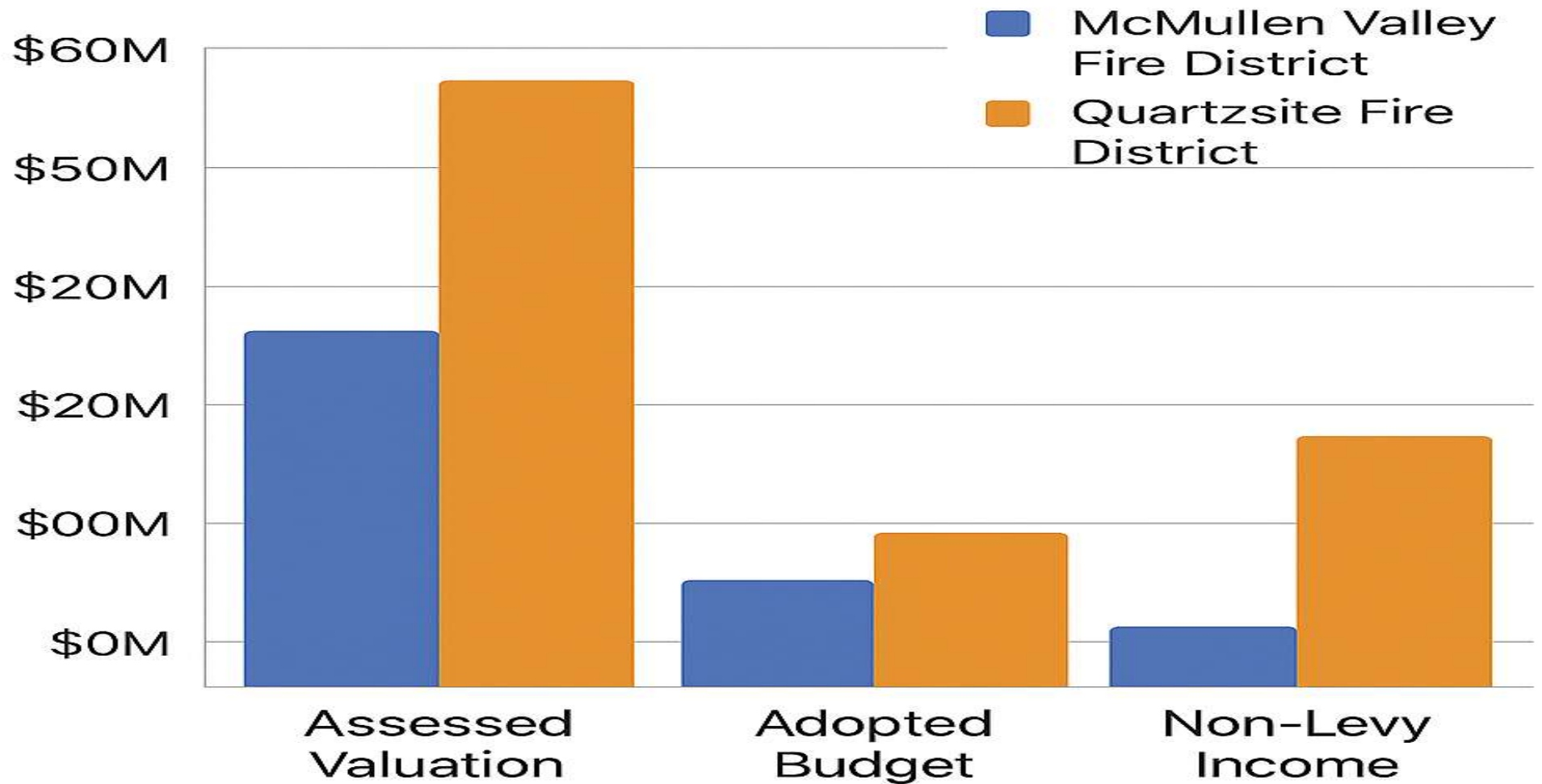
OPERATIONAL & FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

McMullen Valley Runs Approximately 400 calls per year, and our current assessed valuation is \$18,872,711. The 2025 adopted budget is \$700,620. It costs the district right at \$1,752 per call. Our current tax rate is 3.71% The non levy income for the district is \$93,000.00

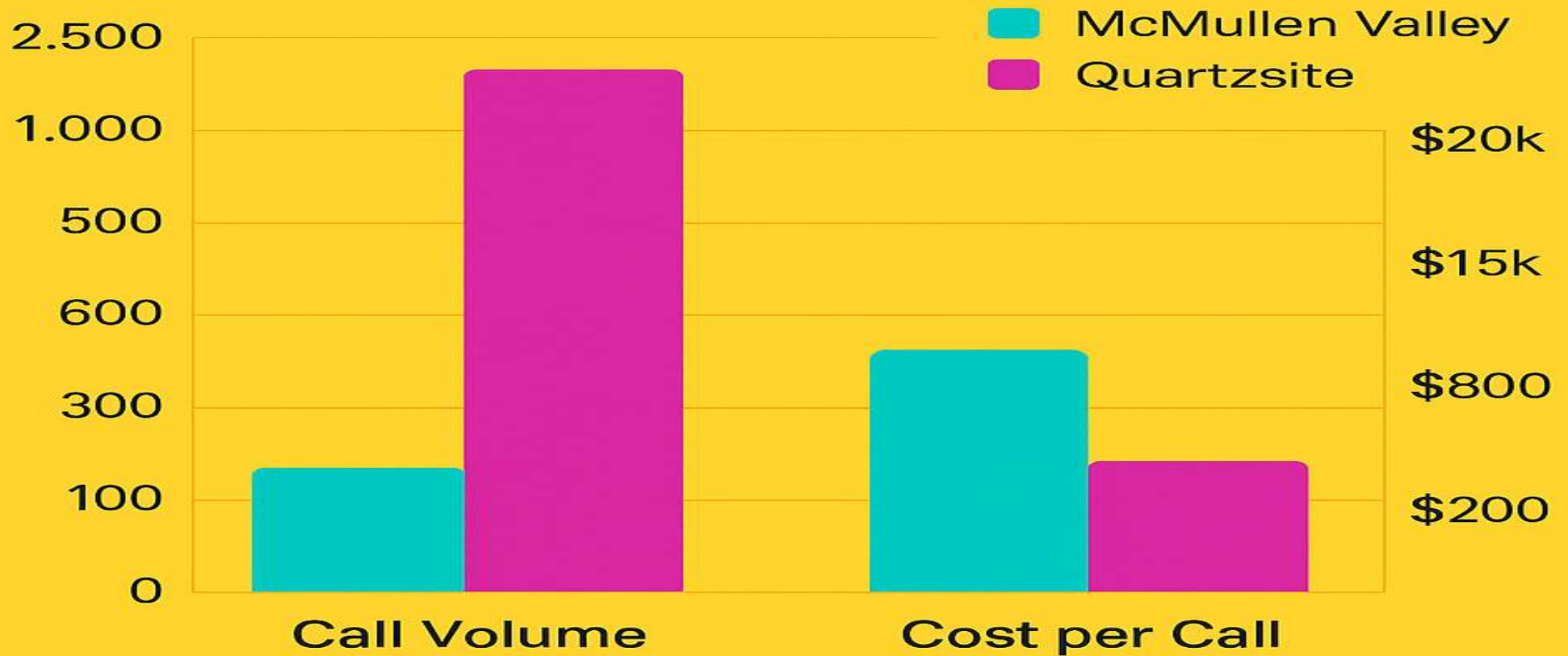
The Quartzsite Fire District runs approximately 2,400 calls per year and our current assessed value is \$51,014,491. The adopted budget for 2025 is \$1,902,623. It costs the district right at \$793 per call. Our current tax rate is 3.73% The non levy income for the district is \$869,000.00, Bringing the total budget sum to \$2,773,623.00

If merged, the annual run traffic would total approximately 2,800 calls per year, the rate per call to the tax payers would be \$930 per call.

Comparison of Fire District Finances



Comparison of Call Volume and Cost per Call

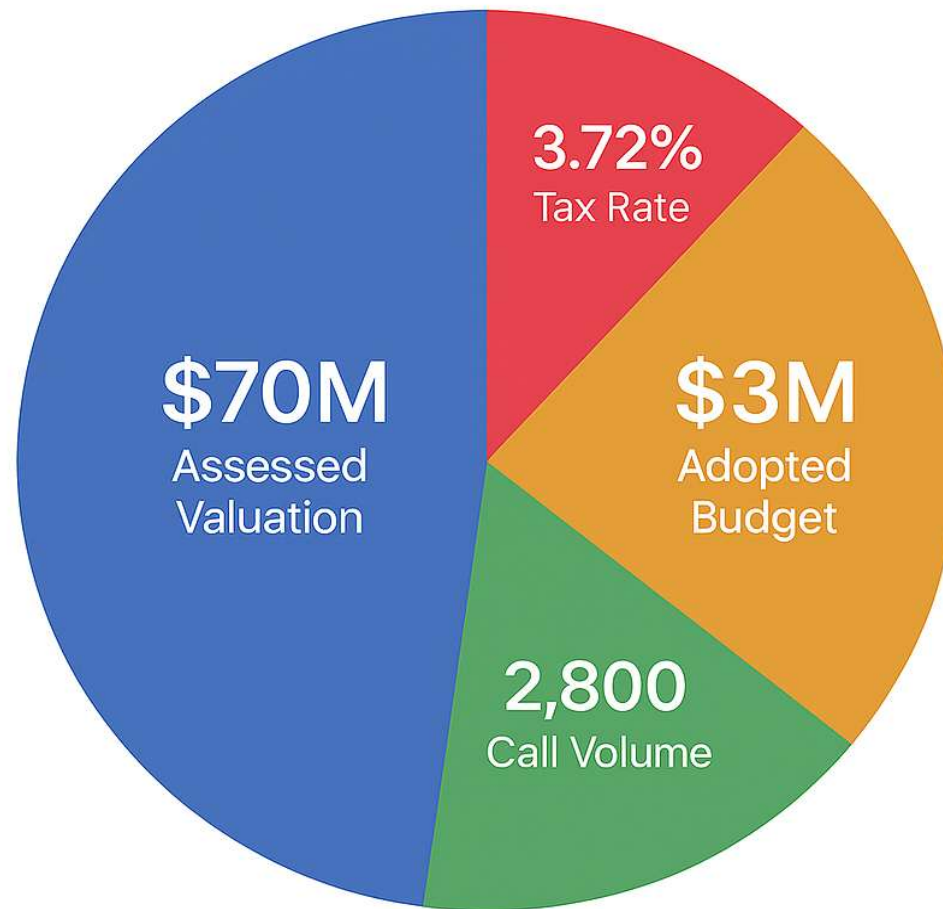




WHAT A COMBINED BUDGET WOULD LOOK LIKE ?

- The Assessed Value of the merged District would be approximately \$69,887,202 according to 2025 numbers
- This would start us out at approximately \$2,602,623 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 3.72%
- For 2025, the State Department of Revenue limits the mill rate at 3.75%, so we should be approximately .03% 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.

Merged District Overview





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

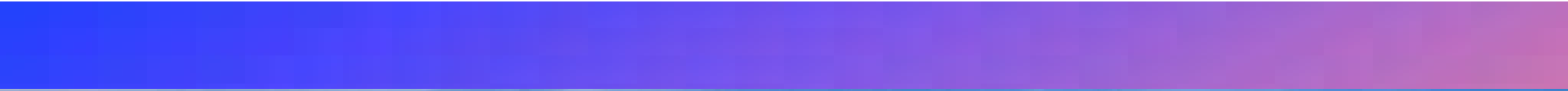


MMVFD Type 6 Engine 7741





MMVFD Engine 7703









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 one 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 will 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 37 certified members, ensuring that all shifts are covered.
- Immediate response of multiple stations to larger incidents, with increased all call potential.

**QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS, PLEASE
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THANK YOU!



PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- QFD Hearing, Desert Gold RV Resort @ 6:00pm on 9-29-2025, 46628 Hwy 60 Brenda, AZ 85348 in the Rec. Hall
- MMVFD Hearing, Desert Gold RV Resort @ 6:00pm on 9-29-2025, 46628 Hwy 60 Brenda, AZ 85348 in the Rec. Hall

