

MOAPA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 2024

Location: MVFD Headquarters

Board Members	Joseph Davis (Chairman), Gene Houston (Vice Chairman), Judy Metz, Josh Jensen, Chris Stolworthy.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Joe Davis call's the 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) Judy Metz, Board Member
 - d) Josh Jensen, Board Member
 - e) Chris Stolworthy, Board Member
 - 2) Additional Representatives/Guests:
 - a) MVFD Chief Stephen Neel
 - b) MVFD Assistant Chief Brian Young
 - c) MVFD Executive Assistant Samantha Empey
 - d) MVFD Battalion Chief Adam Smith (Absent)
 - e) MVFD Battalion Chief Anthony Rivera (Absent)
 - f) MVFD Battalion Chief Chance Munford

E. Discussion & Possible Action: ***Adoption of the agenda as posted.***

Judy Metz motions to adopt the agenda as posted, Josh Jensen seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
Motion was passed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. (none)

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

A. Discussion & Possible Action: ***Approval of March 2024 minutes***

Judy Metz motions to approve minutes from March 2024.
Josh Jensen seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
Motion was passed.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion & Possible Action: ***None.***

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V. FINANCES

A. Discussion & Review: ***FY24 Budget***

Discussed capital outlay, C-Tax, bank account balances, wildland revenue, grant funding numbers, current purchase orders, and fiscal year 2025 budget plans.

VI. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- A. Randy Richins from Logandale, NV, “I am Randy Richins, I have had the opportunity to work with Chief Neel on a couple of projects and I just wanted to do a quick report. The first one for Emergency Management was the GMRS project through the preparedness fair that we had. We had designated channel 16. I have not been able to get my tower up, however, even better, we have an active repeater on channel 24. That is the same frequency as channel 16. From anywhere, we can use a little portable and we can get the information out to anyone in Logandale and Overton using less than five watts. It will also reach Glendale quite successfully. Lytle Ranch is in an RF shadow so we are working on ways to fix that but do not currently have a solution. Excellent coverage through Logandale to I-15, and through Overton past Robins Nest. We have had weekly nets on Sunday at 1915. If you would like to join us and are GMRS certified through the FCC that is fine. The Moapa Valley Fire District applied for Low Power FM (LPFM) in December of 2023 through Emergency Management. It was received and approved. It is channel 101.1 and is not currently on the air. We have one year from our grant date in March 2024 to construct it. We had a potential powersite that was not successful so modifications will be made through the FCC for a new site. The tower that will be used and upgraded is currently located at MVFD Station 73 in Logandale. VHF testing will be done, which won't be the same frequency but will be close enough to mirror propagation.”

VII. REPORTS

A. Chief Stephen Neel

- Recruitment and Retention numbers are 70 current volunteers and 29 in the onboarding process. Currently are no longer accepting new applications. New inquiries will be placed on a waiting list.

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- In the planning for fiscal year 2025, we are working on plans for a three bay garage. County permits will be started in the coming weeks.
- Fuel tanks are also in the budget for fiscal year 2025. Planning for a diesel fuel tank and unleaded fuel tank.
- New Radios are almost ready to roll out.

B. Assistant Chief Brian Young; Chief Neel Reports -

- Just finished the Southern Nevada Health District inspection and passed.
- Has been working on continued education training.
- Has been doing great at mentoring and training the volunteers.

C. Moapa Station 72 Battalion Chief Adam Smith

- Still working on the Engineer Academy details for this summer which will include ten current volunteers.
- Has also taken over the Explorer Program from Battalion Chief Anthony Rivera.
- Will soon be precepting Andrew Bosch and Chance Munford who are currently almost finished with Paramedic School.

D. Logandale Station 73 Battalion Chief Anthony Rivera

- Is the lead for our new Rapid Extrication Module Team (REMS) which just left on its first deployment in the previous weeks.

E. Overton Station 74 Battalion Chief Chance Munford

- Finishing Paramedic school in August.
- Have three more new volunteers and have about three more in the onboarding process.

F. Board Member Report and General Comments:

- None

VIII. SETTING OF NEXT MEETING

A. Next meeting is set for:

**Monday, September 9, 2024 @6:00 p.m. MVFD
Headquarters. 3570 Lyman St, Logandale, NV 89021.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Joe Davis motions to adjourn. Gene Houston seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion was passed.