

Arizona Fire Service Mechanics **Newsletter**



Tucson Airport Authority
Tucson, AZ
April 24 & 25, 2026

Air Conditioning: Tips and Techniques and Command Light: Operation and Maintenance

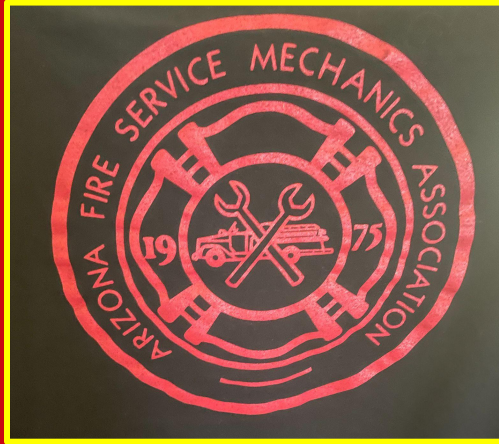
Presented by:
Brad Rapp
and
Kevin Schuessler



***Thank you to Tucson Airport
Authority for hosting the training.***

This was the first time TAA has hosted an AFSMA training. The facility met and surpassed the needs of our training session and the possibility of holding future trainings at this location is much appreciated.

AFSMA Merch is still available for purchase at the July training!



Red on Black

Black on OD Green



Our special Anniversary T-Shirt marking AFSMA's 50 years of improving EVT training.

EVT of the Year 2026

We need nominations for EVT of the Year!

Starting this year, the EVT of the Year will be recognized during the Fire Chief's Conference, which will be held the week of July 13, 2026. The presentation will be on July 16, 2026. This moves up the schedule for us to determine our EVT of the Year.

We have created a Google form you may use to make a nomination.

[EVT of the Year 2026 Nomination](#)

Deadline to make nominations is June 12, 2026. *Time is short, please nominate!*



Business Meeting

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President's Report: Attended EVT Validation Conference and the organization is preparing Spanish language versions of EVT tests. First exam will be the L1, and work is underway for F1. AFSMA had twelve attendees at the SWEVT Conference. We recognized Garrett Griffin as ASFMA EVT of the Year, Tony Newman as the Spartan and Firehouse magazine EVT of the Year, as well as Dan Barlow as the Dave Williams Scholarship recipient. This year EVT of the Year will be presented at the Fire Chief's Conference on July 16, 2026.

Vice President's Report: The upcoming trainings offered by Lake Havasu City are not sponsored by AFSMA. We agreed to help them advertise the opportunity to our membership. Looking into an ambulance training for the October. As always, if any of our members can suggest or have a point of contact for a possible training, please contact Tony.

Treasurer's Report: Treasure was not in attendance. President reported the association remains financially sound.

Secretary's Report: Reading of the minutes of last meeting. Updated Old News. Working on getting new T-shirts, challenge coins and stickers.

Logistician's Report: Thanks to Tucson Airport Authority for use of the training and testing space. This location offered great ease in acquiring meals and beverages.

Opened the Floor:

Saturday, October 24, 2026, Tucson Dragway is hosting a PitStop Challenge. AFSMA was contacted to put up a booth to encourage the young audience to become fire mechanics.



Upcoming July Training

Date: July 17 and 18, 2026

Topic: Foam and CAFS

Presented by: Keith Klassen

Join us in the cool of the Flagstaff mountains for this AFSMA favorite.

As always there will be an EVT Testing Session offered at the end of the training session. If you plan on testing...remember you must register for EVT testing two weeks in advance.

[EVTCC Testing](#)

[AFSMA Website](#)

