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YUMA COUNTY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, Dec 16, 2021 – 1130 A. M.
Hosted by ZOOM

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Called to Order: at 1131 by President Clemente Ballesteros

- I. **ROLL CALL SIGN IN SHEET:** Dusty Fields, Greg Lopez, Louie Carlos, Kayla Franklin, Angel Ramirez, Enrique Lopez, Steve Legros, Louie Carlos, Paul DeAnda, Clemente Ballesteros, Karlo Pena, William Unterseh, Ryan Johnson, Melissa Hilpert.
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** No guests
- III. **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept November meeting minutes by Louie Carlos and second by Paul DeAnda. Unanimous to approve my members.
- IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT:**
 - Javier Hernandez was not available during the meeting. No information available to pass.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - None
- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Training / Safety –

 - Did Not Meet.
- VII. **EMS Committee –**
 - Steve Irr passed that a meeting was held to discuss the current immigration issues and challenges within Yuma County. There is a need for LE and BP assistance in some cases and per Dr Franco, the EMS community needs to ensure safety is first and foremost in order to take care of our first responders..

Legislative –

 - Steve Irr sent e-mail out to the group on Medicare payment changes with a link to be able to send correspondence to congressmen to express individual feelings on the matter.

Mutual Aid –

 - Dusty Fields – No changes however did mention that the individual who is driving the MA plan has relocated from Kingman to Buckeye. The intent of the MA committee is for the drive and plan to remain the same. There will likely be some training changes but nothing set in stone as of yet.

VIII. BUSINESS

- **Unfinished BUSINESS**
 - 2022 Officer Nominations.
 - New nominations for the 2022 Office are:
 - President – Louis Carlos (to replace Tim Soule’s departure)
 - VP – Paul DeAnda
 - Treasurer - Javier Hernandez (returning)
 - Secretary – Kayla Franklin (New)
 - Steve Irr made a motion to select and approve those nominations. All approved.
- **New BUSINESS-**
 - YCRS Radio Operability – Louie Carlos presented information on the current monthly YRCS radio checks and provided a brief history on how the program developed and the current status. Louie stated that the overall feel for the program had fallen to the side and that there is a certain level of complacency each month when the radio tests are being conducted. Areas of concern and recommendations are:
 - Single radio/single person answering for entire department. Not the intent of the program
 - Recommendation for a quarterly test vice monthly
 - Stress to users the importance of the checks
 - Develop a training assessment to evaluate all channels vice just one a month.
 - Conduct a table top exercise to evaluate use.
 - It was recommended that a committee be established to plan for future of program. Members from each department volunteered to be part of the committee. An action item will be developed for next General Meeting in January to move forward.

IX. ACTION ITEMS –

- None.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER –

- Dusty Fields once again requested to assess the feasibility to hold the YCFOA meeting in person. Clemente Ballesteros asked that this be a new agenda item for the January meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion to adjourn was made at 1205 by Paul DeAnda and second by Louis Carlos. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2022 @ 1130. More information will be passes based on COVID standings as the meeting gets closure.