



Training • Teamwork • Trust

YUMA COUNTY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 331
Yuma, AZ. 85366

Greg Lopez – President
Paul Evancho – Vice President

Javier Hernandez – Treasurer
Kayla Franklin - Secretary

Thursday, July 27, 2023 – 1130 A. M.
Location: Daybreakers 2, 3101 S 4th Ave., Yuma

YPG FD - Host
Yuma, AZ

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** 11:40 a.m
- II. ROLL CALL SIGN IN SHEET:** Daniel Espino, Clemente Ballesteros, Alvin Luedtke, Kayla Franklin, Tony Badilla, Steve Legros, Joe Rivera, Melissa Hilpert, Greg Lopez, Matt Kelly, Don Hein, Gabe Rojo
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** No guests
- IV. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve: Steve Legros, Clemente Ballesteros seconded, all voted to approve
- V. TREASURER'S REPORT:** No report, Greg Lopez shared that the last balance was \$2839.40 which is the amount without the \$500 burn camp check issue included
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE:** No report
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - Training / Safety – Daniel Espino shared that a couple PIO classes are coming up, an ICS 300 class, and a Company Officer I class by the end of the year. Tony Badilla shared that there will be a lithium battery class held daily on August 21, 22, and 23rd on a FF friendly schedule. There will also be an MGT346-005: EOC Operations and Planning class October 3-4. There will be a G300: Intermediate Incident Command System held September 6-8. There will be a L105: Public Information Basics class September 19-21. There will be a U200: Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations class September 6-8. There will be a U100: Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness class September 5. There will be a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class Sept 12-14. Tony is looking for people to help teach the fire extinguishers and medical parts of the course. Get with him if you are interested or if you know anyone that might be.
 - EMS Committee – nothing to report
 - Legislative – Daniel Espino shared that HB2609 was signed into law by the governor and is creating a lot of discussion on requirements right now. There could be a direct

YUMA COUNTY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 331
Yuma, AZ. 85366

impact on CONs and applications for CONs. There is a requirement for a GPS system on transport units that will legitimize on scene times. Direct impacts are unknown currently.

- Mutual Aid – Greg Lopez shared that the MCAS Community Liaison is currently reviewing all the agreements with departments locally to see if they need updated.

VIII. BUSINESS

- Unfinished BUSINESS – nothing to report
- New BUSINESS –
 - U of A PFAS Study – Steve Legros shared that the City of Yuma is going to be participating in a collaborative research project with a state/grant funded program to test PFAS levels in firefighters. This study is not restricted to the Yuma Fire Department. If there are any other agencies want to participate, please do. See attached flyer. A baseline blood level of PFAS will be taken, and there will be different categories of test groups. Greg Lopez said he attended a DoD Consortium, and this was a topic at that. As a result, they are saying there is no tie they can identify that AFFF is a cause of the PFAS issue. What was found out was that because of the chemical or the way that it breaks down in AFFF, the half life is that over time your body will rid itself anyways. He said that the #1 cause of PFAS right now is cosmetics. Behind cosmetics is fabric protectors.

IX. ACTION ITEMS – 911 Memorial Update (Evancho) (not present)

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER –

- Tony Badilla said he organized a meeting for Aug 15 for local PIOs to bring everyone in together to meet each other. If you are interested in attending, reach out to Tony Badilla. AZDEMA got a new director (Gabe Levine). He also said DFFM had money that wasn't taken advantage of last year to the extent it could have. Applications for new requests are not being taken currently. He also shared that next week Senator Sinema will be visiting to discuss border issues. He said there is a Green Hydrogen plant coming into the county that is in the process of a special use permit to operate.
- Greg Lopez shared that annual gas pipeline training will be August 22nd. He asked about the status of the hazardous waste operation and Kayla shared that it is currently on the agenda for the August 7th Board of Supervisor's meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Gabe Rojo motioned to adjourn at 12:16, seconded by Tony

YUMA COUNTY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 331
Yuma, AZ. 85366

Badilla, all in favor. The next meeting will be held August 24, 2023 @ 1130.
Host: Rural Metro FD