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YUMA COUNTY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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Javier Hernandez – Treasurer
Kayla Franklin - Secretary

Thursday, November 30, 2022 – 1130 A. M. – Wheezy’s 11732 S Fortuna Rd.

RMFD FD Host
Yuma, AZ

Agenda

- I. **CALL TO ORDER: 11:32 a m**
- II. **ROLL CALL SIGN IN SHEET: Cori Schultz, Kayla Franklin, Melissa Hilpert, Clemente Ballesteros, Javier Hernandez, William Unterseh, Dusty Fields, Greg Lopez, Paul Evancho, Joe Rivera, Joe Waterford, Jeff Woodruff, Hector Gaxiola, William Session**
- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Kayla introduced Gary Welch, fire captain with the Yuma Fire Department, who would speak regarding some upcoming training**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES: (not available – table for next meeting)**
- V. **TREASURER’S REPORT: No change – Inspector Ballesteros motioned to approve, Chief Fields seconded**
- VI. **CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence**
- VII. **COMMITTEE REPORT**
 - Training / Safety –
 - No committee meeting was held
 - Captain G. Welch reported that the Yuma Area 32-hour Ammonia Course presented by Ammonia Safety Training Institute (ASTI), Yuma Fire and Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Committee. March 21-24, 2023 to be held in Yuma, Arizona with a live release to be held in Imperial County (below Laguna Dam). 4 days of active participation and discussion about the properties, hazards, regulation, mitigation of leaks and uses of Ammonia. 2 days of exercises with live releases and drills. Cost is \$1500 with a \$200 discount for Fire Service Members. Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Committee is sponsoring 4 seats for the class. Yuma County OEM/LEPC may be possibly sponsoring 3 more. Fliers and registration links to be sent out soon. Gary Welch from Yuma Fire can be reached to provide details and

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information, 928-503-1337.

- Chief Unterseh. added about YAASD Committee that meets and wanted to have more departments involved
- EMS Committee – no updates
- Legislative –no updates
- Mutual Aid –
 - Chief Louser will be the contact for mutual aid and the coordinator for mutual aid in the area
 - Upcoming training regarding mutual aid, some things have changed with the state, Fire Chiefs association secretary, treasurer, and VP want to visit the region and go to one of our meetings. (January will be MCAS and Somerton in February) Let Chief Fields know

VIII. BUSINESS

- Unfinished BUSINESS - nominations for next year's association billets - we will vote next month. Looking for nominations for VP, secretary, treasurer. Send Kayla any nominations
- New BUSINESS –
 - Standardized resource requests for the YFD Honor Guard/Pipes and Drums - requests for funerals - a plan is needed to be written for a process on an agreement from the chiefs - that the chiefs will communicate points of contact for all of their agency for requests so it won't come from all directions. If it is treated like an ICS system, it would flow easier. Chief Fields will send out guidance from AZLAST and a proposal. Chief Hernandez added that Robby Rodriguez is on AZLAST and represents Somerton, he still does so under retired ff category.

IX. ACTION ITEMS – Officers – update on officer voting next month; Paul Evancho was nominated for the position of Vice President

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER –

- Chief Hilpert - thanks to everyone for their help with the funeral
Dec 13 meeting with exceptional health to square away transportation with Rebecca and the CEO
- Chief Unterseh - Chief Root will be switching positions with him in January
- Chief Waterford- the AWC paramedic class has moved into clinical and ride time. They have a few more skills to get checked off. There may be confusion on what they need to do because of new standards. Once they finish their clinical time, and meet all of their skills needed, they will be eligible to take

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the test. They are hoping for the end of February or beginning of March. Only 2 paramedic students are allowed at the hospital at the same time. Definitions have changed for clinical time or internship time. Clinical time is skills based. Internship is patient management, not necessarily skills.

- Only 3 people have put in for the fire academy. The deadline is being extended. January is supposed to be the next fire academy; they need 12 to have an academy.
- Chief Waterford wants the group to look at what LETA is doing and funding sources for recruits. They are running it as a regional academy, and other areas send their people here to get trained. He is looking at possibly having a regional fire academy for potential recruits that local FDs need to hire. This process has worked well for LETA, and is great for recruitment and filling local fire department personnel. The same could be done with the EMT academy. He will send out an invite to the chiefs to discuss at a later date. Chief Hilpert shared it is challenging because of the current class schedule. She suggested that they have a 40-hour class so the departments can sponsor and pay their new hires to get trained. Chief Waterford said if we open it up regionally, it opens up funding sources. Chief Lopez suggested a certificate only class to run an academy for a specific agency. The only down side might be that they have to pass the state test. Joe will contact Kayla to disseminate info.
- Chief Lopez – the air show will be on March 11 - they have accreditation on Jan 8-12 - he will reach out to our departments if any scheduling is needed

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Chief Fields motioned to adjourn at 12:10, it was seconded by Chief Hernandez. The next meeting will be held December 15, 2022 at 1130. Host: San Luis FD