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# YUMA COUNTY FIRE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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**Thursday, September 28, 2023 – 1130 A. M.**

**Location: La Bodega Restaurant (1950 E Cesar Chavez Blvd., San Luis AZ)**

**San Luis FD - Host  
Yuma, AZ**

## **Minutes**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** G Lopez called the meeting to order at 1147
- II. ROLL CALL SIGN IN SHEET:** Greg Lopez, Karlo Pena, James Stewart, Reynaldo Rivera, Dusty Fields, Angle Ramirez, Enrique Lopez, Javier Hernandez
- III. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:** No guest
- IV. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:** Dusty Fields moved to approve August minutes, Javier Hernandez second the motion, all in favor, motion passed.
- V. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Javier Hernandez passed there was no change to the monthly statement, balance of 2839.40. A motion to accept the treasury report as presented was provided by Reynaldo Rivera (Joe) and a second by Dusty Fields. All in favor, motion passed.
- VI. CORRESPONDENCE:** No new correspondence
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORT**
  - Training / Safety – Training committee did not meet and had nothing to report.
    - Karlo Pena asked how the regional fire academy was going. Dusty passed that all was going well and continuing to move forward with training.
    - Angle Ramirez asked the group how each of the departments were going to pursue Paramedic classes in the future. Stated that there was a need for a class but unable to hold one locally till April 2024 thru AWC. Enrique will re-contact Joe Waterford at AWC to set up meeting to inquire again about an earlier class.
  - EMS Committee –EMS committee did not meet. Karlo Pena passed that SOP review and update is still underway.
  - Legislative –No report
  - Mutual Aid – Dusty Fields reported that a meeting was held to discuss how the notification process would take place and how DEMA would integrate with departments. There is also concern about “self dispatching resources” which will be a topic of discussion at next state meeting.

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## **VIII. BUSINESS**

- Unfinished BUSINESS – No unfinished business
- New BUSINESS – No new business

**IX. ACTION ITEMS** – 911 Memorial Update (Fields) Captain Evancho is looking to re-affirm commitments to this, as they are counting on you and your apparatus to be present for the success of the event. Please reach out to Paul to confirm department support. When: October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. When? On the Friday, please have your apparatus in place by 9:00 AM. On the Saturday, please have your apparatus in place by 10:30 am. Where: Main Street, Yuma. Please bring your pop-up tents, recruiting tables, etc. and sell your departments.

## **X. GOOD OF THE ORDER –**

- James Stewart spoke about the issues going on with recruitment and retention of wildland firefighters. As with other departments, it is getting harder and harder to retain firefighters.
- Javier Hernandez spoke about the UTX event to be held in Somerton on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Dusty Field motioned to adjourn with a second from Karlo Pena. All in favor, motion passed. Next meeting will be held October 26, 2023 @ 1130. Host: MCAS Structural FD.