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Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting, October 21, 2026

1. **Call to order**
   Board Member Roger called to order the Desert Hills Fire District Board meeting at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2026,** at the Desert Hills Fire Station Si-Mock Room located at 3983 London Bridge Road, Lake Havasu City, AZ.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Pledge of Allegiance commenced by Board Member Roger

3. **Roll Call**
   The following Board Members were present:
   Tom Roger
   Curtis Schafer
   Rich Fountain
   Dana VanLeuven
   Linda Hanks

   Also, in attendance:
   Chief Stanec
   Administrative Specialist Harrison

4. **Call to the Public:** None

5. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2026:** Board Member Schafer motioned to accept meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member VanLeuven, all in favor.

6. **Reports:**

   a) **Fire Chief Report:**

   Fire Chief Stanec reported that the District had responded to approximately 617 calls for service year-to-date, including 58 calls during the previous month.

   Chief Stanec discussed a recent structure fire in the Crystal Beach area involving a large garage. Crews operated at the incident for approximately six hours. The fire was investigated following suppression activities, with the suspected origin associated with multiple vehicle batteries being charged inside the structure.

The District has also responded to several suspicious RV and debris fires in the Craigy Wash area. None of the RVs appeared to be occupied. Due to the recurring nature of the incidents, the District has been in contact with the Bureau of Land Management and Mohave County Sheriff's Office so the area can be monitored.

The District's new fire engine is nearing completion of the in-service process. Equipment was scheduled to be transferred onto the apparatus, with additional graphics and finishing work to be completed during the week. The District anticipates placing the engine in service by the end of the week.

Chief Stanec provided an update regarding the upcoming promotional badge pinning ceremony. The ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, and Board member participation was discussed.

Chief Stanec also provided an update on the District's new PPE inventory and tracking program. A QR-code-based electronic system has been implemented to track issued personal protective equipment, including serial numbers, manufacture dates, service-life dates, and replacement activity. Compliance by personnel has been good, and the District now has its in-service PPE inventoried electronically. The inventory process identified approximately four sets of turnout gear approaching the end of their service life. The Board and Chief discussed the NFPA 10-year service-life requirement for structural firefighting protective clothing and possible options for disposition of expired gear.

Chief Stanec reported that Battalion Chief Reeder continues working extensively on implementation of the District's IMD medical direction program. District representatives recently met with Medical Director Dr. McKinney and training personnel from Yuma to address outstanding questions and continue implementation of the program.

The Board thanked Chief Stanec for the report.

b) Auxiliary Report:

Auxiliary President Rich Fountain reports pancake breakfast on October 3rd served 319 breakfasts.
The Auxiliary reported continued strong progress with the Speed UTV raffle, with proceeds exceeding approximately $17,000, in addition to approximately $1,200 in donations. The Auxiliary continues aggressively promoting the raffle through community events. Upcoming opportunities include events at The Shops at Lake Havasu/Commons area, Run to the Sun, the Desert Hills Firefighters Association Poker Run on November 7, and other community events.
The Auxiliary expressed optimism that continued community exposure and upcoming events will significantly increase raffle proceeds.

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8. **New Business:**

Discussion and possible action re: Approval of monthly Financial Report. Administrative Specialist Harrison states that the Grant Savings Account is $9,002.28, Payroll Account $45,136.39, Special Revenue Checking Account $20,584.77, Special Revenue Savings Account $119,110.77, Warrant Account $1,615,076.31, Petty Cash $127.85, with a total balance of $1,809,038.06. Motioned by Board Member Fountain to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Board Member Schafer, all in favor.

a.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of the 100 Club Grant to purchase Fire Helmets.

Chief Stanec advised the Board that the District's PPE inventory process identified several fire helmets nearing the end of their service life. Battalion Chief Erickson applied for funding through the 100 Club and was awarded $7,000 for the purchase of 15 fire helmets. The District will initially pay for the helmets and submit the appropriate documentation to the 100 Club for reimbursement.
Motioned by Board Member Schafer to accept the $7,000 100 Club grant and authorize the District to proceed with the purchase of 15 fire helmets in accordance with the grant requirements, seconded by Board Member Fountain, all in favor.

b.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of the Senate Appropriation for EMS Equipment.

Chief Stanec provided an update regarding the federal Congressionally Directed Spending/Senate Appropriation previously pursued by the District.
Following completion of the federal application process, the District has been awarded $210,000 for EMS equipment. The funding will be used for the approved EMS equipment package, including two LIFEPAK 35 cardiac monitors/defibrillators, LUCAS mechanical CPR devices, associated accessories, and training equipment/materials.
Motioned by Board Member Roger to approve acceptance of the $210,000 federal award and authorize the District to proceed with the purchase of the approved EMS equipment in accordance with grant and District procurement requirements, seconded by Board Member Schafer, all in favor.

9. **Board Member Comments:**

a) New Business to be considered on future agendas: None
b) Comments: None

10. **Adjourn: Motion** to adjourn at 9:16 am, Board Member Schafer motioned to Adjourn, seconded by Board Member VanLeuven, all in favor.