



Desert Hills Fire District

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Desert Hills Fire District Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting, October 15, 2025

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 15, 2025**, 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:

Battalion Chief Stanec
Battalion Chief Bunn
Administrative Specialist Harrison

4. Call to the Public: None

5. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2025: Board Member VanLeuven motioned to accept meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member Schafer, Board Member Fountain abstained, all in favor.

6. Reports:

a) **Fire Administration Report:** Battalion Chief Stanec reports the following;

- Communications update; we started the FCC licensing process. It's a slow process but we are anticipating delays with the government shutdown. The equipment has been ordered. I have a meeting today with the Mohave County Administration Services Director to work on getting our Goat Mountain equipment relocated to a newer taller tower.
- I attended a Chamber legislative retreat that was hosted here in Lake Havasu. We ran in to the staffers of Senator's Gallego and Kelly and talked senate appropriations and future funding for countywide communications projects. They were very receptive to those conversations. The staffer for Gallego's office played a part in the Colorado City project. He was a military communications guy. We are trying to schedule a meeting with them to see what they can help us with. Chairperson for our Board of Supervisor Kevin Lingenfelter did a brief presentation on the 2025 general plan that the county is working on. The audience for this legislative retreat mainly consisted of city officials from Lake Havasu and Kingman. Supervisor Lingenfelter made a comment that didn't sit well me. He basically said "in this general plan, they're putting in the language that any unincorporated land that neighbors a city within three miles will have to meet Urban Development Standards." Which leads me to believe it would be the same standards as the associated cities. What it means to us if it goes into

effect is any codes and standards that the city has our district would have to use/issues within three miles of the city limit. Our entire area 1 is 3 miles from city limits. Monday, I followed up with Supervisor Lingenfelter and Supervisor Gould trying to get more information on what he was talking about. Supervisor Gould is not in support of the language in the General Plan and is on our side. It's a little more serious for us. He has seen what annexation has done to our district. I didn't get a response from Supervisor Lingenfelter. I've started reaching out to other chiefs that this affects. Thursday October 23rd there is a special Board Meeting in Kingman scheduled to discuss and possibly adopt this General Plan. We're taking this seriously and doing what we can to combat this and get this language out of the General Plan.

- Noteworthy dates: London Bridge Day Parade October 25th, Poker run November 8th, Holiday Toy at the Bunker Bar December 13th, DHFD Christmas Party at Hangar 24 December 15th and AFDA Winter Conference in Laughlin January 14th - 16th.

b) **Fire Operation Report:** Battalion Chief Bunn reports the following;

- Call-Stat; currently we are at 611 calls for service, a difference of 57 calls since last meeting. On October 1st B-shift responded to a fall, which turned out to be a heart attack. Through their efforts the patient will be able to leave the hospital.
- Training Update – We received our Grant Funding from fire school, \$1,200. I've been given opportunity to be a lead instructor for the Mohave College Fire Academy which is being hosted in Lake Havasu which I graciously accepted. That will start in January, is about nineteen weeks long and will not affect here. I want to announce I pass my instructor 2 class which allows me to now run programs and write curriculum. Thank you for the districts support in allowing me to take this class. Last week Captain Erickson and myself went up to Bullhead to instruct Fire Ground Survival to the academy class. I also have been attending weekly training with Lake Havasu Fire Prevention Bureau. I'm learning their codes and standards.
- Brush Engine 1526 is back from Las Vegas. Captain Sayre is working hard to get her up to speed. It will be going back to Ford for a high idle upgrade this week.
- I submitted a grant to the 100 Club of Arizona in the amount of \$2,958 for a new Nomex hoods with particulate blocking. I should hear back about mid-December and it's zero cost to us.
- Our old air-packs and have been out back for four or five years. I was asked by the fire academy if we could surplus them to the college. I submitted the paperwork to FEMA for approval. FEMA received the paperwork, now were waiting for the government to process the request. I will have a presentation for you once it's approved.
- Prevention Office - Visual Pre-Plans is moving along nicely. I've been working pretty diligently every week; my goal was to add 5-7 businesses per week. Captain Erickson has been working on a black and white pre-plan building layout. I started our yearly inspection which is going well.

c) **Auxiliary Report:** BM Fountain reports the following; We started out with a bang; we had our first pancake breakfast and served 311 breakfasts, which is a little more than our normal October. We also had one of our neighbors come in and donate \$6,000. We're off to a good start. The next breakfast will be November 1st.

7. **New Business:**

- a.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of monthly Financial Report. Administrative Specialist Harrison states that the Grant Savings Account is \$2,123.17, Payroll Account \$74,794.05, Special Revenue Checking Account \$31,407.14, Special Revenue Savings Account \$214,192.28, Warrant Account \$1,392,684.30, Petty Cash \$127.57, with a total balance of \$1,715,328.51. Motioned by Board Member Schafer to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Board Member Hanks, all in favor.

8. **Board Member Comments:**

- a) New Business to be considered on future agendas: Next meeting is the Audit presentation
b) Comments: None

9. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 9:24am by Board Member VanLeuven, seconded by Board Member Fountain, all in favor.