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Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting, September 16, 2026

1. **Call to order**
   Board Member Schafer called to order the Desert Hills Fire District Board meeting at **9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 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 Schafer

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

   Also, in attendance:
   Chief Stanec
   Administrative Specialist Harrison

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

5. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2026:** Board Member Schafer motioned to accept meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member Fountain, all in favor.

6. **Fire Chief Report**

   Fire Chief Bryant Stanec provided the Board with the Fire Chief's Report.

   Call Statistics
   Chief Stanec reported that the District has responded to approximately 550 calls year-to-date.
   During the previous 30-day period, the District responded to 64 incidents, including:
   - 34 medical calls
   - 8 fire-related incidents, including brush fires, a structure fire in Yucca, and vehicle fires along the interstate

Chief Stanec advised that the monthly statistical report will continue to be provided to the Board and that a more comprehensive annual report will be prepared at the end of the year. The District is also working to obtain additional dispatch data to further improve future reporting.

Training
Four members attended the Arizona Fire School in Phoenix for additional training and professional development:

- Battalion Chief Erickson
- Captain Terriquez
- Captain Young
- Engineer Jay Robinson

The members reported that the training was beneficial and provided valuable professional development.

Grants and Donations
BC Erickson submitted a grant request to the 100 Club for fire helmets and fire gloves. The District anticipates learning the results of the grant request within the next several months.
BC Erickson is also working with Home Depot regarding the donation of battery-powered equipment for the District's new engine. Home Depot has already donated a Milwaukee battery-powered light, and additional equipment being pursued includes a chainsaw, circular saw, batteries, and related accessories.
BC Sayre continues to work with Tractor Supply regarding a potential donation to the District. District personnel and an engine participated in Tractor Supply's Harvest Festival the previous Saturday. Tractor Supply is expected to present the District with a donation on or around November 7, 2026.

New Engine 1521
BC Sayre continues to oversee the outfitting of the District's new Type I engine.
The engine was at KSH for the fabrication and installation of shelving and compartment dividers. Upon completion, the engine will receive window tinting to assist with reducing heat inside the cab.
The apparatus will also be taken to Mohave Valley for installation of radio, Peplink, coaxial cable, and other communications-related wiring that was not completed by the manufacturer.
Extrication equipment mounting brackets have also been ordered so that the tools can be properly secured and protected while the apparatus is in service.
The anticipated timeline for placing the new engine into service is approximately two weeks, depending on completion of the remaining installations and equipment mounting.

AutoPulse Equipment
The batteries purchased for the donated AutoPulse units have arrived. BC Reeder has begun in-service training with personnel, and the units are expected to be placed into service shortly.

Medical Direction / Controlled Substance Tracking
BC Reeder continues to oversee implementation of the District's new medical direction program through IMD.
The District has recently implemented **LogRx**, allowing paramedics to scan controlled-substance vials and electronically track the medications, including their assigned drug boxes, locations, access history, and personnel handling the medications.
The IMD program is operational, with final implementation details continuing to be completed.

New Hires
The District is bringing on two additional full-time firefighters. One resides locally in the Lake Havasu area, and the other resides in the Bullhead City area.
With the addition of these employees, the District anticipates being fully staffed.
The District has also offered positions and begun orientation for three new part-time firefighters. The additional part-time personnel will assist with filling staffing vacancies and providing coverage when needed.

The Fire Chief's Report concluded with no further questions from the Board.

7. **New Business:**

a.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of monthly Financial Report.

Administrative Specialist Lisa Harrison presented the District's financial report.
The following account balances were reported:

- Grant Savings: $3,093.45
- Payroll Account: $103,299.99
- Special Revenue Checking: $64,535.24
- Special Revenue Savings: $92,650.15
- Mohave County Account: $1,923,072.41
- Petty Cash: $127.85
- Total Funds: $2,186,779.09

Motioned to approve the financial report as presented by Board Member Roger, seconded by Board Member Fountain, all in favor.

b.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of purchasing two intake vales for the new engine, 1521:

Chief Stanec presented a request to purchase two intake valves for the District's new Engine 1521.

The Board was advised that similar valves are installed on the District's other Type I engines. The valves allow the engineer to control incoming water flow from a hydrant supply line and include a relief/drain feature that assists with safe operation and disconnection of supply lines.
BC Sayre obtained pricing for the equipment, with L.N. Curtis providing the best price for the required equipment.

The total cost for two intake valves is $4,823.28.
Motioned to approve the purchase of two intake valves for Engine 1521 from L.N. Curtis in the amount of $4,823.28 by Board Member Schafer, seconded by Board Member Fountain, all in favor.

8. Board Member Comments:

New Business to be considered on future agendas: The Board was asked if there was any additional new business, questions, or comments. No additional matters were brought forward.

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:10am by Board Member Schafer, seconded by Board Member Fountain, all in favor.