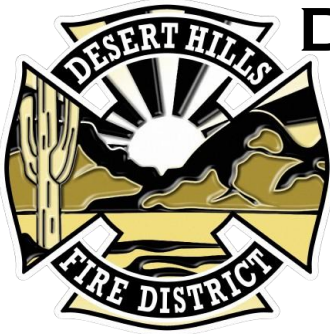




DESERT HILLS FIRE DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting, August 19, 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, August 19, 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 July 22, 2026: Board Member Schafer motioned to accept meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Board Member VanLeuven, all in favor.

6. Fire Chief Report

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

Call Activity

Chief Stanec reported that the District had responded to 501 incidents year-to-date, including 61 incidents during the previous 30 days.

Approximately 71% of the 30-day activity consisted of EMS/medical calls. Approximately 10% consisted of fire-related incidents, including vehicle fires, brush fires, and assistance to

neighboring agencies. The District also responded to motor vehicle collisions, electrical hazards associated with recent storms and downed power lines, and public service calls.

Promotions and Staffing

Chief Stanec updated the Board on the recently completed promotional process and recognized the District's three new shift Battalion Chiefs:

- **Steve Reeder – A Shift**
- **Ryan Erickson – B Shift**
- **Jason Sayre – C Shift**

The Battalion Chiefs have begun their new assignments and have participated in meetings and regional coordination efforts, including a recent meeting with Lake Havasu City Fire Department leadership.

Chief Stanec also recognized the District's newly promoted Captains:

- **David Nelson**
- **Michael Terriquez**
- **Nic Hovdal**

Engineer promotional orientation was underway, with testing scheduled to begin the following week.

Chief Stanec reported that Firefighter Bryan Goetsch had voluntarily left the District and fire service. The District has resumed active recruitment to fill the vacancy and is receiving applications.

Chief Stanec also updated the Board regarding recent hires, including full-time firefighters **Randall Nyberg, Joaquin Perez, and Jeremy Bagarry**, as well as part-time firefighters **Eric Hayes and Bruce Perrett**.

Regional Dispatch

Chief Stanec reported continued progress with the District's transition to Colorado City Dispatch.

District representatives recently participated in a Priority Dispatch stakeholder meeting in Colorado City. Priority Dispatch will provide dispatchers with structured medical questioning protocols and provide responding crews with additional patient information prior to arrival. Implementation is anticipated near the end of summer.

Chief Stanec also discussed ongoing efforts involving CAD-to-CAD integration between regional communications centers, including improved information sharing between Colorado City and surrounding dispatch centers.

The District also secured approximately \$22,000 in additional grant funding for Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) equipment for District apparatus. The AVL equipment will allow dispatch centers to identify apparatus locations and improve regional resource coordination. The Board expressed support for the progress being made with the dispatch transition.

EMS / Medical Direction

Chief Stanec reported that, following previous Board approval, the District officially transitioned its medical direction services to Independent Medical Direction (IMD) the previous Friday.

Battalion Chief Steve Reeder provided an update regarding the transition of medications and controlled substances. Medications previously supplied through Havasu Regional Medical Center will remain with the District. Controlled substances will be individually tracked through a secured inventory system utilizing identification tags and QR codes.

The District has obtained a biometric medication safe. Access will be limited to designated personnel, with controlled-substance movements requiring appropriate documentation and witnessing.

Chief Reeder explained that medications carried on first-out apparatus will continue to be inspected and documented during daily and shift-change drug-box checks.

The District will continue complying with DEA reporting requirements and will develop appropriate internal policies consistent with IMD procedures. Related policies will be presented to the Board as necessary.

Apparatus / Fleet

Chief Stanec reported that the District's new fire engine was expected to arrive that day or shortly thereafter. Once the apparatus is received and the final invoice is provided, the District will complete the remaining payment process.

Battalion Chief Jason Sayre provided a fleet update. District personnel continue addressing routine maintenance issues, including air-conditioning repairs and smaller maintenance items that can appropriately be completed internally, reducing downtime and outside repair expenses.

Golden Shores Administrative Services

Chief Stanec reported that the Administrative Services Intergovernmental Agreement with Golden Shores Fire District became effective August 1, 2026.

Administrative Specialist Lisa Harrison has been working with Golden Shores Fire Chief Robinson on accounts payable, payroll, and administrative processes.

Chief Stanec further reported that the District's Battalion Chiefs are meeting with Golden Shores personnel to strengthen operational relationships between the neighboring agencies.

Battalion Chief Erickson recently assisted Golden Shores personnel with the District's training platform, scheduling, and training processes.

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: \$3,093.42
- Payroll Account: \$152,666.95
- Special Revenue Checking: \$190,372.81
- Special Revenue Savings: \$117,681.47
- Mohave County Account: \$2,257,781.10
- Petty Cash: \$127.85
- Total Funds: \$2,721,723.60

The Board discussed the anticipated final payment of approximately \$253,000 for the District's new fire engine, subject to receipt of the final invoice.

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

- b.) Discussion and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 2026-06 Securis Insurance Pool Participation Agreement.

Chief Stanec explained that the District had previously approved participation in the Securis workers' compensation insurance pool as part of the FY 2026/27 budget process. A formal resolution was required to document the District's participation.

Motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-06, authorizing participation in the Securis Insurance Pool Participation Agreement by Board Member Fountain, seconded by Board Member Hanks, all in favor.

- c.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of purchasing two (2) Zoll Auto Pulse Batteries.

Battalion Chief Steve Reeder presented a request to purchase two batteries for Auto Pulse mechanical CPR devices recently donated to the District by Hurricane Valley Fire District.

The two donated Auto Pulse units have an estimated combined value of approximately \$40,000. The devices provide automated chest compressions during cardiac arrest incidents, allowing personnel to perform other critical patient-care functions while maintaining consistent CPR.

Golden Shores Fire District currently utilizes the same system and will assist with training.

Motioned to approve the purchase of two Auto Pulse Batteries in the total amount of \$2,275.18 and authorize the Fire Chief to complete the purchase by Board Member Roger, seconded by Board Member Fountain, all in favor.

- d.) Discussion and possible action re: Approval of purchase bypass valves for the district's SCBA air packs.

Battalion Chief Jason Sayre presented a request to purchase replacement bypass valve knobs for the District's SCBA air packs.

Battalion Chief Sayre explained that during fireground survival training, personnel identified the potential for the existing bypass valves to be inadvertently opened when contacting objects or equipment. An upgraded torque-indicating/detent-style knob provides additional resistance against accidental activation while remaining available when intentionally needed.

The proposed upgrade would be installed on all 22 District SCBA air packs.

Motioned to approve the purchase of 22 replacement bypass valve knobs for the Districts SCBA air packs in the total amount of \$2,693.68 by Board Member Roger, seconded by Board Member VanLeuven, all in favor.

8. Board Member Comments:

a) New Business to be considered on future agendas: The Board discussed anticipated member absences for the September meeting and ensuring that a quorum will be available.

b) Comments: No additional Board member comments were offered.

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:30am by Board Member Roger, seconded by Board Member VanLeuven, all in favor.

