

FLFD Seeks Board Member Candidates

The Forest Lakes Fire District leadership team consists of five board members plus the Fire Chief, who is hired by the board. Three board members will be elected by the registered voters of the district at the November 8, 2022, Consolidated Election and serve 4-year terms. Terms of office expire on November 30th of this year for three current board members (Tom Cummiskey, Dennis Massion and Pete Batschelet.) Tom has decided to not pursue another term in office. Dennis and Pete will be candidates for another term. The three candidates elected will join board members Israel Torres and John Hennessey to form the new 5-person board effective December 1, 2022.

The current FLFD leadership team is providing advance notice so prospective candidates can apply for the upcoming open board positions.

Candidates for office must be registered voters of Coconino County and the fire district. Residents interested in board membership who are not registered to vote in Coconino County will need to switch their registration, an easy on-line process.

By statute, the Forest Lakes Fire Board is required to hold monthly meetings. We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am at the Fire Station. Board members may attend telephonically.

Board member training is required by Arizona statute and is offered semi-annually by the Arizona Fire District Association (AFDA). The FLFD office staff has copies of the current AFDA handbook for those interested in a more detailed look at fire district operations.

Current board members are willing to meet one-on-one with prospective candidates to provide answers to any questions, to relate their personal experiences regarding board membership and to explain why they find serving the community as board members to be a rewarding and fulfilling experience. Since the relationship of the Fire Board and the Fire Chief is critical to the successful operation of the Fire District, Chief Rodriguez has also offered to meet with candidates. The FLFD Five Year Strategic Plan (STRAP), available on our web site at www.flfdaz.com, is also an excellent source of information on department operations.

Formal applications to appear on the November ballot must be submitted to Coconino County between June 13th and July 11th. Special District Candidate Request Packets can be obtained by contacting our admin assistant, Julie Mattila at 928.535.4644, or by accessing the county web site at <https://www.coconino.az.gov/1164/Special-District-Candidate>.
