



**ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY
BUCKEYE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
NORTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT
SOUTH COUNTY FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT
JOINT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

May 23, 2023

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Board Chairman Bookie called the Joint Governing Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held in person and virtually.

Members Present: Buckeye Valley Fire District Board Member Gary Benson, South County Fire & Medical District Board Members Bill Becker, Karen Gueltzow, and Diane Price; North County Fire & Medical District Board Members Richard Bookie, Tony Sambol, David Wilson and James Young

Members Absent: South County Fire & Medical District Board Members Jack Arend and John Crawford; North County Fire & Medical District Board Member Russell Smith; Buckeye Valley Fire District Board Members Melanie Hardy, John Heiden, Paul Hunter, and Daniel Richardson

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Board Chairman Bookie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no response to Call to the Public.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Receive update from Dr. Brian Crandell on the West Valley Leadership Training provided by the Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG).

Mark Burdick, Fire Chief, introduced Dr. Brian Crandell and noted his decades of experience in the fire service and in leadership training of those in the fire service. Dr. Crandell has been instrumental in helping to structure AFMA under his new leadership and in facilitating the most recent labor/management processes.

Dr. Brian Crandell provided an overview of the leadership training that has been provided as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) noting that all company officers will be provided this training by the end of the grant period and plans are being made to bring this training down to all line level staff in future years. This leadership training aims to improve internal relationships which ultimately improves service delivery.

5. CURRENT EVENT SUMMARIES AND REPORTS

- A. Operations Division (Including Operations/Deployment and Emergency Medical Services/Training) – Current Event Summary for April 2023.

Assistant Chief Chris DeChant presented the Operations Division monthly report and the Training Section report update. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director Nick Ells presented the EMS report update for the month of April 2023.

The Governing Board took a recess at 10:06 a.m. and returned at 10:19 a.m. with all members present.

- B. Community Risk Management Division – Current Event Summary for April 2023.

Division Chief/Fire Marshal Eric Kriwer presented the Community Risk Management Division Monthly Report for April 2023 and answered all questions from Board Members.

- C. Business Division (including Planning/Tech Services/Emergency Management/Support Services, Financial Services, Administration, and Human Resources) – Current Event Summary for April 2023.

Assistant Chief Mary Dalton provided the Governing Boards with an update on recent legislative activities. Human Resources Director Shauna Fisher, Administrative Director Dusty Christopherson, Finance Director Rebecca Chitwood, and Division Chief Kane Nixon presented their individual Business Division Monthly Reports for April 2023 and answered all questions from Board Members.

- D. Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Chapter of the United Sun Cities Firefighters Association – International Association of Firefighters Local 3573 Updates.

Captain Johnny Padilla provided updates on the activities and events of Local 3573 for the month of April 2023 noting the progress made to review standing staff Committees across

the Authority and to ensure equal representation of member districts.

Captain Padilla and Captain Scott Dial noted the required 4 weeks for the labor membership to review the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and vote to accept its terms prior to final budget adoption by the Governing Boards.

- E. Correspondence Review – Correspondence received or sent by the Governing Boards/Fire Chief which would be of interest to the Governing Boards will be reviewed by the AFMA Board Clerk.

Board Clerk Gueltzow reviewed the correspondence received during the month of April 2023.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Karen Gueltzow
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Karen Gueltzow, Board Clerk






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