



**Drexel Heights Fire District
Regular Board Meeting
September 25, 2020
9:00 a.m.
5950 S. Cardinal Avenue**

Note: Members of the Drexel Heights Fire District Governing Board will attend either in person or by telephone conferencing.

In accordance with the social distancing guidelines recommended by state and local authorities relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Board will likely attend the meeting telephonically. The meeting room will be closed to the public. However, members of the public are invited to attend the meeting telephonically:

Telephonic Participant Instructions:
Dial-in number **(978) 990-5000** and access code "**667360 #**"

Important note – If you are joining the meeting via the conference call, please DO NOT PLACE THE CONFERENCE CALL ON HOLD and please MUTE your phone until you have something to say during the meeting. If these instructions are not followed, the background noise will disrupt the meeting, and the call may have to be terminated by the host.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (August 28, 2020)
- V. Call to the Public – Comments and Questions

Those wishing to address the Board need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of a public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

- VI. Report from the Fire Chief

The report is a summary of recent activities from each of the District's Divisions including, but not limited to, Administration, Operations and Valley Emergency Communications Center. The report could also include recent correspondence or other information that the Fire Chief believes would be important to the Governing Board. The Fire Chief may also recognize current or former employees or members of the public invited to attend the meeting.

- VII. Pending Business

Note: The Board may vote to go into executive session at any time during the meeting on any item set forth below, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §38-431.03 (A)(3), for the purpose of consultation for legal advice with the Board's attorney regarding any agenda item.

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the checks issued listing and monthly financial report for the period ending August 31, 2020.
- B. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2020 – 15, which recognizes October as Fire Prevention Month in the District.

Staff is requesting that the Board adopt this Resolution as part of the District's Fire Safety Education Program.

- C. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2020 – 16, which authorizes the Board Chair and Clerk to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tohono O'odham Nation for radio use and maintenance services.

The District remains the named entity for the subscriber radio fees and maintenance of the radios in use by the Tohono O'odham Fire Department in the San Xavier District. Under the IGA, the Tohono O'odham Fire Department reimburses the District for the total cost of the radios and maintenance plus an administrative fee.

- D. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2020 – 17, which authorizes the Board Chair and Clerk to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tohono O'odham Nation for dispatch services.

The District and now the Valley Emergency Communications Center has provided dispatch services for the San Xavier District fire units for a number of years. This new agreement covers the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 with a per quarter fee of \$12,500.00.

- E. Discussion and possible action to declare the 1997 Dodge Utility truck surplus and authorize the Fire Chief to dispose of the unit in a manner that is in the best interest of the District.

The District recently transferred a newer vehicle in service to replace the 1997 Dodge Utility truck that had been used for special rescue incidents out of Station 404. The former Battalion Chief truck is a 2014 and is better suited for this service. Staff is requesting the Board to declare the 1997 vehicle surplus.

- F. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase two Rosenbauer Pumpers using 2017 Bond Funds.

District staff has been working with staff from Green Valley to develop specifications for the purchase of two pumpers as indicated in the 2017 bond projects. This purchase is being paired with Green Valley to reduce cost and create some uniformity between the two Districts. Staff intends to purchase two Rosenbauer Pumpers using the NPPGov GPO pricing and pricing and specifications of the Green Valley Fire District. The total cost of two pumpers will not exceed \$1,100,000.00.

- G. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Board Chair to execute an Agreement for E.M.S. Billing Services with Medclaim Data Services, Inc.

The District has utilized the services of Medclaim Data for Emergency Medical Services billing for more than 16 years. The current agreement expires on December 31, 2020. Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement which maintains the fee at the current 8.75% for the proposed three-year agreement. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

- H. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Fire Chief to execute an Emergency Medical Services – Supporting Services Agreement with St. Mary’s Hospital.

The District utilizes St. Mary’s Hospital as our base hospital and the current agreement expires on November 30, 2020. This new agreement mirrors the previous agreements and is for two years.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

IX. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, October 23, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
5950 S. Cardinal, Tucson, AZ

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