



McMullen Valley Fire District

P. O. Box 25, Salome AZ, 85348
928-859-3261; (Fax) 928-859-4287; mmvfd1@tds.net



Governing Board Meeting

May 22, 2025

Chief's Report

On April 17, during the call to the audience there were a couple of questions raised.

First, you probably have noticed that the bylaws have been posted. If you have researched them you have discovered that there is no procurement policy, nor is there in the SOP manual. Taking bids is a good thing. A lot of the time it is difficult to get people to bid, they say they will, and then they submit no bid.

We have bought all of the fire trucks since I've been here in 1995 with no bid. We hire people to do repairs to our buildings and apparatus and do not take bids. We took bids on the fence we built around the districts 4 acres (also purchased without a bidding process) and hired the highest of the three bids based on the preference of the former Chairman and one of the Captains. The fence turned out very good and the installer was not a licensed contractor.

To my knowledge the fire department has never issued a form 1099 to anyone. We should, and I will make sure that we start. When I was a contractor, I worked for the FD and schools as an electrician and HVAC Tech and never received a form 1099 from anyone.

We do however like to hire licensed contractors when we can. We recently built a small gym inside of the Wenden Fire Station and did not use a licensed contractor. We used the same people who built our fence around the 4 acres because of the quality of their work and due to the fact that they were the preferred contractor by

the board and a senior captain in the previous project. The gym turned out excellent and is being used by the staff.

Lastly, Kenneth Montijo signed his new Oath of Office on February 26, 2025, so unless he resigns, he will hold this position until 2029.

All of our shifts have been filled and the apparatus are all running well. We are in the process of having the annual summer services done at Grower's oil. I will be working on our pension census and getting all of the paperwork in order for FY 26 liability and other insurances. We will need to find a new Worker's Comp policy, as our current company will no longer insure fire departments.

We will be celebrating our fire academy graduation on June 21st here at the center, and we will be having a green chili fund raiser to benefit the 100 Club. They provide much needed help to ill and injured firefighters and police officers and to families who may have lost someone in the line of duty. This may possibly be the very last fire academy taught by our group of instructors, as my training center has been sighted by a community member as being a conflict of interest. We have placed the proper paperwork in the file and it has been acknowledged by the Board. It has been a wonderful time helping these young people rise up serve our communities. We have trained hundreds of firefighters and they have made a huge difference throughout the state. It has been the honor and blessing of my career.

For our Board members, the Glendale AFDA conference is coming up in June. I have sent all of you the link via email so if you have not completed your mandatory training sessions, please take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you.