

GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:00 a.m.
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

Pursuant to ARS § 38-431.02, ARS § 38-431.03 and ARS § 38-431.05, the Golder Ranch Fire District Governing Board will meet in Regular Session that begins at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Fire District Administration Board Room, which is located at 3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona. The order of the Agenda may be altered or changed by direction of the Board. The Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which are not open to the public, on any agenda item pursuant to ARS § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the Fire District Attorney on the matter(s) as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any reasonable variables related thereto will be subject to discussion and possible action.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board are not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the Call to the Public, which are not on the agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law; however, individual members of the Board are permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct staff to review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF PERSONNEL

- **GOLDER RANCH FIRE TRANSITIONAL ACADEMY 22-01 NEW HIRES –
Behavioral Oaths to be administered**
 - REYMUNDO CHAVEZ
 - MYLES MACE
 - CHASE MILLER
 - BRETT MOFFITT
 - SHAY MUSCARELLA
 - MATTHEW TROWBRIDGE

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent portion of the agenda is a means of expediting routine matters, such as minutes or previously discussed or budgeted items that must be acted upon by the Board. Any item may be moved to Regular Business for discussion and possible action by any member of the Board.

A. APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2022 REGULAR SESSION



7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – CHIEF KARRER

- UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
 - MEETINGS, TRAININGS, AND EVENTS ATTENDED
 - POLITICAL & PUBLIC SAFETY INTERACTIONS/UPDATES
 - DISTRICT ACTIVITIES
- LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – PRESIDENT JONES

B. PLANNING ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – CHIEF ABEL

- UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
 - ASSISTANT CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES
 - PLANNING
 - LOGISTICS
 - FACILITIES MAINTENANCE
 - FLEET
 - SUPPLY
 - FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

C. ESSENTIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – CHIEF BRANDHUBER

- UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS
 - ASSISTANT CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES
 - ESSENTIAL SERVICES
 - BOARD SERVICES
 - FINANCE
 - HUMAN RESOURCES
 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

D. EMERGENCY RESPONSE/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – CHIEF ROBB

- UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
 - ASSISTANT CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES
 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE
 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 - HEALTH AND SAFETY
 - WILDLAND
 - HONOR GUARD/PIPES AND DRUMS
 - SPECIAL OPERATIONS
 - COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT



- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION OR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING AN UPDATE TO POSSIBLE PENDING LITIGATION

***Note – executive sessions are confidential pursuant to Arizona law.*

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This provides an opportunity for the Board to direct staff to include items on future agendas for further consideration and decision at a later date or to further study the matter.

- Regularly scheduled meeting – April 19, 2022

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

This is the final opportunity, on this agenda, for a member of the public to address the Governing Board. Please refer to agenda item four (4) for additional clarification and direction.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wally Vette, Clerk of the Board
Golder Ranch Fire District

To view the meeting online please visit our website at grfdaz.gov/grfd-agenda-minutes, there is an agenda posted, with background information linked to each agenda item, as well as a link to the live Zoom meeting.

If any disabled person needs any type of accommodation, please notify the Golder Ranch Fire District Administration at (520) 825-9001 prior to the scheduled meeting. A copy of the agenda background material provided to Board members (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the administration office, 3885 E Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85739.

Posted by: Maggie Hernandez 03/09/2022 at 5:00 p.m.



**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Maggie Hernandez, Board Services Specialist

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Fire Board Reports

ITEM #: 3

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

This item allows for the Fire Board Members to report to the public and/or staff any events, meetings, conferences, etc. they may have attended and/or points of interest that took place throughout the month.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Call to the Public

ITEM #: 4

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.

GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF PERSONNEL

ITEM #: 5A

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

This is the time for recognizing personnel who have achieved employment milestones or have achieved other distinctions.

5A. New Hires - (Behavioral Oaths Administered)

- Golder Ranch Fire Transitional Academy Class 22-01
 - Reymundo Chavez
 - Myles Mace
 - Chase Miller
 - Brett Moffitt
 - Shay Muscarella
 - Matthew Trowbridge

RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

BEHAVIORAL OATH

I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will be alert in my duties at all times.

I will strive to be mindful of the welfare and rights of others.

I will be impartial in my treatment of all persons coming under my jurisdiction.

I will be courteous and helpful to all and my feelings shall not influence my decisions.

I will refrain from being vulgar or profane in my speech or actions while on duty.

I will cooperate fully with my supervisors to provide greater protection to the public and the Fire District I serve.

I will strive to become more proficient in my duties as an employee of Golder Ranch Fire District through diligent study and training.

I will regard my employment with Golder Ranch Fire District as a symbol of trust from my state, my fire district, and the community in which I serve, and act accordingly.

I will constantly strive to obtain these objectives as I serve as an employee of Golder Ranch Fire District.

Employee Name - Printed

Employee Signature

Date

Administering Official - Printed

Administering Official Signature

Date

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Maggie Hernandez, Board Services Specialist

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

ITEM #: 6A

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

In compliance with A.R.S. §38-431.01, approval of:

A. APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2022 REGULAR SESSION

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Motion to approve the March 15, 2022 Consent Agenda

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
February 15, 2022 9:00 a.m.
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Fire Board Chairperson Cox Golder called the meeting to order on February 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Board Vice-Chair Richard Hudgins, Board Member Steve Brady, and Board Member Outlaw. Board Clerk Vette was absent.

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Patrick Abel, Assistant Chief Tom Brandhuber, Assistant Chief Robb, Finance Manager Dave Christian, Local 3832 President Jones via Zoom, Board Services Specialist Maggie Hernandez, and Legal Counsel Donna Aversa

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS

There were no comments.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF PERSONNEL

YEARS OF SERVICE

- JAMES HANSEL – 25 YEARS
- GARRETT ALEXANDER – 5 YEARS
- JUSTIN FLYNN – 5 YEARS
- CAMDEN GARCIA – 5 YEARS
- DANIEL HUBER – 5 YEARS
- AARON KARRER – 5 YEARS
- JIMMY LABAS – 5 YEARS
- JUSTIN MORGAN – 5 YEARS
- CODY TARBILL – 5 YEARS



- KEVIN WEBER – 5 YEARS

Captain Spanarella presented Camden Garcia with his 5-year pin. Chief Robb presented Daniel Huber and Aaron Karrer with their 5-year pins. Chief Karrer thanked them for their service and dedication to the organization. James Hansel, Garrett Alexander, Justin Flynn, Jimmy Labas, Justin Morgan, Cody Tarbill, and Kevin Weber were unable to attend.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVE MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2022 REGULAR SESSION
- B. APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PINAL COUNTY ELECTIONS AND RECORDERS DEPARTMENTS FOR ELECTION AND VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICES FOR A POSSIBLE ELECTION TO FILL TWO VACANCIES ON THE GOVERNING BOARD TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve the February 15, 2022 Consent Agenda

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Karrer presented the Fire Chief's Report to the Governing Board. Chief Karrer said four chief officers attended the inaugural Fire Chief Officers Program the week prior. He stated that Chief Brandhuber went up to legislature regarding the CON bill we supported at the last regular board meeting. Chief Karrer said the organization is doing well despite difficulties with inflation. He added that we received salary surveys and have started to evaluate where we are with regards to inflation and will bring it to the Board in the next few months. Chief Karrer said we will have to make adjustments to stay competitive and we need about twenty-five people in the next recruitment. Manager Christian said we will hold a budget study session in April most likely. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.
 - LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – President Jones said he did not have anything to report except to extend an invitation for the annual archery barbecue event on March 5th. Chief Karrer added that the barbecue event is the Jose Samaniego Archery Event that benefits local charities through our union.
- B. PLANNING ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Abel presented the Logistics/Planning Assistant Chief's report to the Governing Board. Chief Abel stated that Arizona State Land Department's board met and voted unanimously for the land for station 378. The next step is to put the land out for auction. Chief Cesarek gave an update on the Hanley building stating we are in fast forward, even after a hurdle with WSM and Covid last month. Chief Cesarek added that electrical engineers were on site last week and we are working through the drawings and the electrical design setup for the future. He said we will hold weekly meetings with the architect. Chairperson Cox Golder asked if the



architect wants to do anything with the board room. Chief Cesarek answered yes, and that the beams are in the way, but they are structural, so we will work around them and make it look nice. Vice-Chair Hudgins requested that the Board be able to view architect's design as well. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.

- C. ESSENTIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Brandhuber presented the Essential Services Assistant Chief's report to the Governing Board. He thanked Managers Christian, Delong, Rascon, and Chief Perry for doing really big things and working hard. Chief Brandhuber said he was scheduled to speak at legislature but did not get to due to time constraints. He commented that the AZ Ambulance Association agrees with legislation, however, AMR does not agree and is against the legislation. Chief Brandhuber shared his opinion on why the private sectors, such as AMR and Rural/Metro, are against the CON legislation. Chairperson Cox Golder congratulated Chief Brandhuber on his Southeastern Arizona EMS Council (SAEMS) re-election. Chairperson Cox Golder asked if wait times have improved at hospitals. Chief Brandhuber replied yes, on a regional perspective. Chief Rutherford answered that they have worked really hard to continue relationships with the hospitals to improve wait times and added that morale has increased quite a bit. Chief Brandhuber complemented the IT department and, especially, Artan Bela for working hard to assist. Chairperson Cox Golder asked about the strategic plan. Chief Robb stated that Chief Perry has helped with ISO rating, etc. Chief Robb thanked Chiefs Pearce and Grissom for their "outside of the box" thinking to work through issues that arise. There were no further questions or comments from the Board.
- D. EMERGENCY RESPONSE/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief Robb presented the Operations Assistant Chief's Report to the Governing Board. Chairperson Cox Golder complemented that use of masks seemed to decrease the Covid numbers. There were no further questions comments from the Board.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BYCER, "COMPLIANCE ENGINE," FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING SOFTWARE TO ALLOW ACCESS TO PRIVATE CONTRACTOR SERVICE AND INSPECTION RECORDS COMPLETED AT COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Fire Marshal Jenn Akins presented background information on Compliance Engine. She stated it is a third party company that manages all inspection reports at no cost to GRFD.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve the service agreement with Brycer, "Compliance Engine," for the purpose of implementing software to allow access to private contractor service and inspection records completed at commercial occupancies within the district



MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL GRANT APPLICATION NO. EMW-2021-FG-05499 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT TO SERVE AS THE HOST AGENCY FOR A REGIONAL GRANT TO PURCHASE P-25 COMPLIANT, DUAL-BAND RADIO EQUIPMENT

Chief Robb stated that this is to enhance our radio communications. He said that Northwest Fire District hosted the 2019 grant. Vice-Chair Hudgins asked if we are staying with Motorola. Chief Robb said we are going to stay open to other vendors. He added that we have not received grant yet, but want to stay ahead. Board Member Brady asked if there is cost associated for other departments. Chief Robb replied yes. Board Member Brady asked if we still have a captain at dispatch. Chief Robb replied yes, we have Captain Adam Lundeborg.

MOTION by Board Member Brady to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Regional Grant Application No. EMW-2021-FG-05499 for the purpose of Golder Ranch Fire District to serve as the host agency for a regional grant to purchase P-25 compliant, dual-banded radio equipment

MOTION SECONDED by Vice-Chair Hudgins
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Manager Christian presented the monthly financials and reconciliation for Golder Ranch Fire District to the Governing Board. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial reports as presented

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Outlaw
MOTION CARRIED 5/0

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This provides an opportunity for the Board to direct staff to include items on future agendas for further consideration and decision at a later date, or to study the matter further.

Board Member Brady asked about the SORC survey. Chief Brandhuber thanked Chief Perry and Manager Braswell for their work on setting things up. Chief Perry said the feedback they received was overwhelmingly positive.

- Regularly Scheduled Meeting – March 15, 2022



- Budget meetings
- Recruitment

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Vice-Chair Hudgins to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Wally Vette, Clerk of the Board
Golder Ranch Fire District
m/h



GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

ITEM #: 7A

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

This allows for the fire chief to provide updates to the governing board on the following areas:

- Meetings/Trainings and Events Attended
- Political & Public Safety Interactions
- District Activities

Also, under this agenda item the Local 3832 President will present their report to the governing board.

- Leadership Team Report – President Jones

RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief – Randy Karrer

February 2022

Meetings, Trainings & Events Attended for the Month

I conducted the monthly Fire Chief's status meeting with all the managers and division heads.

I conducted weekly command staff meetings with the assistant and deputy chiefs.

We conducted the monthly governing board meeting. Afterwards, I took Board Member Sandra (Sandi) Outlaw on a tour of the District and visited every Golder Ranch facility. It was long day but the company was excellent and I think Sandi was impressed at the size of our district.

I attended one Oro Valley Council meeting virtually. I started to attend the next Oro Valley Council meeting but was diverted to a working house fire in Oro Valley.

I attended the Oro Valley Executive Leadership Team (ELT) meetings.

I attended depositions of our personnel related to the Medic 373 accident.

Union President Jones, Human Resources (HR), Chief Robb and I met with an employee regarding some benefit questions.

The Leadership team met to discuss a variety of topics including the memorandum of understanding (MOU), special teams' pay, salary surveys, and a few other items to be considered for next budget year. We have been making great progress.

I attended the Securis Workers' Compensation board meeting. Unfortunately, we will see a significant increase in our workers' compensation next budget year due to cancer claims and COVID deaths.

I attended the Public Safety Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Pension Board webinar. This was a six-hour session designed for members of the Local Pension Board. It was a very informative session with knowledgeable presenters. In light of the current rising inflation and the economic condition of our country, I am so glad we have eliminated our unfunded liability in PSPRS with the purchase of

certificates of participation (COPs). Rising interest rates and falling returns will impact the PSPRS fund, but it is clearly in better condition than it was in past years.

I attended the funeral of retired Captain John (Snail Man) Lane of Green Valley Fire District. John was a big part of my career and trained me in many aspects of the job. Although we lost John way to soon, his legacy lives on.

The Arizona Fire Chiefs Association's (AFCA) Chief Executive Officer Program began on February 7th and concluded on February 11th in Mesa. This program, which was the brain child of a handful of Arizona fire chiefs, is designed to prepare upcoming chief officers for the positions of assistant chief and fire chief. Golder Ranch Fire District (GRFD) had four chief officers participate in the program. It was an exceptional week of instruction with speakers from all over the country providing perspective as well as guidance on how to stay sharp and engaged in the top leadership roles.

Chiefs Abel, Miller and I attended the Arizona Fire Chiefs Presidential Forum in Prescott. Despite the cold temperatures and fifteen inches of snow, it was a great experience! We interviewed two vice presidents for the upcoming International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) election. The strategic direction of AFCA was also discussed in detail. Many of the strategic initiatives, such as CON reform, were discussed.

Rodeo Week was filled with many festivities! We provided EMS services at the ColoGuard Classic golf tournament at the Omni Tucson National Resort throughout the weekend. Many of our GRFD rock stars were there showing their GRFD pride! I also took my grandkids to the Reid Park Zoo and had a wonderful time. Many other GRFD families had the same idea. It was nice to see Michael Daily and Kyle Campbell there too! It was a gorgeous weekend.



Upcoming Events

The GRFD Transitional Academy graduation will be on Thursday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Canyon Del Oro Bible Church at 9200 N. Oracle Road. Please view the invitation below.



We are looking forward to the “Guns and Hoses” kickball tournament between Oro Valley Police Department (OVPD) and GRFD to benefit Project Graduation scheduled for March 4th. This has become quite the event with teams from Pima County Sheriff’s Department, Tucson Fire Department, Tucson Police Department (TPD), Northwest Fire District (NWFD) and Marana Police all included. The schedule will be as follows:

Marana PD vs. TPD 1	5:15-5:45
TPD 2 vs. NWFD	6:00-6:30
TPD 3 vs. Regional Team	6:45-7:15
GRFD vs. OVPD	7:30-8:00

The Local 3832 North Tucson Firefighters will host the 4th Annual Jose Samaniego Archery Shoot at Naranja Park in Oro Valley on March 5th. All proceeds will go towards the North Tucson Firefighter Charities that has wide-ranging impact to our community.

Political & Public Safety Interactions & Updates

Attached please find the Arizona Fire Districts Association (AFDA) legislative update and political report.

I attended the AFDA monthly board meeting. There are many legislative issues that are surfacing as bills. The sales tax bill for fire districts is a priority for the Professional Firefighters of Arizona (PFFA) and AFDA. The certificate of necessity (CON) reform issue is a priority for the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA).

Attached is the latest draft version of the HB2609 which is the AFCA CON reform bill with various amendments. The dark blue section is the original bill language. The green section is what the governor's office offered, and the light blue section is what we discussed with supportive private ambulance companies. American Medical Response (AMR) has continued to be the major opposition to any change in the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) processes.

The Pima County Fire Chiefs and the Southern Arizona Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) joined together to support HCR 2004, which is a sales tax initiative to assist Arizona Fire Districts with funding. Fire districts received nothing from the American Rescue Plan, unlike municipal governments. This initiative will assist fire districts in an additional funding source as so many in Arizona are on the verge of collapse. See attached letter of support.

We continued to closely watch the hospital turnaround and wait times via the Pima Emergency Medical Services (PEMS) committee. Chief Brandhuber is the chair of that group that is continually monitoring this situation throughout the county.

Division Chief Perry, Assistant Chief Brandhuber, and Manager Braswell conducted two sessions regarding our Standards of Response Coverage. One was with the business and governmental community of the District and the other was with residents of the District. Both were very well attended and received. The feedback provided was extremely valuable and we anticipate the document being completed by mid-April. This is part of our strategic planning process. Special thanks to Oro Valley Town Manager Jacobs and OVPD Chief Riley for attending. Attached are the results of the survey they all participated in.

I attended the Pima County Fire Chiefs breakfast meeting at the Northwest Fire District training campus. We also invited the labor leaders from all the Pima County locals to attend to discuss emerging issues regionally and statewide. President Jones from the Local 3832 attended and provided a very collaborative perspective.

Please follow this link for an interesting video produced by CBS on the dangers of PFAS in firefighter turnout gear. This theory has brought recent lawsuits against the manufacturers of turnout gear. While the details are still being evaluated, clearly, this is a concern for the fire service nationwide.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=D_PaDQXisIQ&feature=youtu.be

District Activities for the Month

Members from Command Staff, Operations, HR, Community Relations, and Professional Development met to plan and strategize the upcoming academy. The six that are in the transitional academy will help specifically in the paramedic position but, clearly, another full academy is needed. The problem we have been facing is competition with every other fire department in the Tucson region for the same people. Therefore, we are going to be very creative in our recruitment strategy. Chief Hilderbrand has already started the process in our local colleges to include some of the sports teams. We anticipate starting a full academy in July. Chief Robb is coordinating the process.

The Command Staff held a team building exercise off campus. It was an open dialogue with clear expectations that will result in communication and coordination.

The Culture Committee (Awards Committee) met to discuss the upcoming awards ceremony which will occur in April. The survey went out for nominations for the different award categories. It was a great opportunity to nominate the employees who have gone above and beyond!

We had our open enrollment benefits planning meeting with our broker, Ed Gussio. Our plan has continued to function as designed with a high approval rating by our employees.

The Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) unanimously approved our application to go to auction for the Saddlebrooke Ranch two-acre parcel for station 378. Now ASLD will have to put together their auction packet and advertise it for ten weeks per state statute. The process will take ASLD six months to complete via auction. We were told it should not take that entire time as there were about twenty parcels ahead of us.

We received our salary survey from our consultant, HR Knows, for the suppression team. The majority of the agencies agreed upon in our MOU responded. President Jones and I are evaluating the results and will be discussing this in more detail. We will evaluate the administrative salary survey once we receive the results in the coming weeks.

We have been DEEP into our budget preparation for 2022-2023. Department managers have been working with staff to determine needs and/or adjustments to budgets. This will, clearly, be a very difficult budget year as we have seen record-setting inflation in the past months. I appreciate the participation of all of our personnel, including input from the L3832.

Please follow this link for an informative News from the Ranch [NFR 2-16-22](#).

Administrative Assistant Maggie Hernandez has begun doing ride-alongs at various stations to really understand what the Operations personnel do on a typical day! Please continue to welcome her with open arms.

Significant Incidents:

We responded to a large house fire in Oro Valley. It was an extremely large home with a very long and narrow driveway making access difficult. Crews were able to save the garage that contained very expensive classic automobiles. The responding crews did an exceptional job with a difficult situation. OVPD was extremely helpful and provided need support to keep the scene secure.

Hernandez, Maggie

From: John Flynn <johnflynn@azfireadvisor.com>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:03 AM
To: AFDA Admin
Subject: [EXTERNAL]: AFDA Weekly Legislative & Political Report - 2/21/22
Attachments: Fire Service Bill Tracking Report - February 22, 2022.pdf

Importance: High

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Happy President's Day Holiday - today is the 43rd day of the 55th Arizona Legislature – 2nd Regular Session. There are 1,678 bills posted to date. The committee deadline to hear bills in the chamber of origin passed last Friday (*notwithstanding Rules and Appropriations committees*). Approximately half of the 1,678 bills introduced this session are effectively DEAD, as they failed to pass and/or receive a committee hearing in their respective chamber of origin. This week is known as “crossover week” at the legislature. Most committees will not meet this week. The House and Senate will focus on floor action this week with Committee of the Whole (COW) and the 3rd Reading of bills throughout the week, in an effort to get bills to the opposite chamber to begin the committee hearing process anew. The week’s Fire Service Bill Tracking report is attached, which includes 73 bills of interest to Arizona’s fire services.

Priority fire service bills to be considered by the legislature this session are listed along with current status (organization sponsor/ requestor in parentheses):

HCR2004: FIRE DISTRICTS; FUNDING; TPT INCREMENT (PFFA/AFDA/AFCA position: **SUPPORT**) – legislative ballot referral (HCR2004) for fire district sales tax measure (read full measure text: [1-12 -2022](#)). LAST: 2/14 House MAPS – HELD. **NEXT:** DEAD. (HCR2004 may move forward in strike everything form – TBD).

H2609: AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS (AFCA/AFDA position: **SUPPORT**) – amends numerous items specific to 9-1-1 ambulance operations. LAST: 2/14 PASSED House MAPS 12-1. **NEXT:** 2/21 stakeholder meeting to address proposed bill amendments - at 10:00 a.m. in House Basement RM 35. 2/21 House Rules hearing.

H2336: LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; DEFINITION (PFFA position: **SUPPORT**) – expands definition of health professionals for counseling specific to public safety. LAST: 2/17 PASSED House 58-0. **NEXT:** Ready for Senate.

H2546: TRAUMATIC EVENT COUNSELING; CONTINUATION – (PFFA position: **SUPPORT**) – LAST: no actions posted. **NEXT:** DEAD (NOTE: may return in strike everything form).

S1324: SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION (AFDA position: **SUPPORT**) - tech correction to address fire district JPA funding. LAST: 2/17 Senate COW approved with floor amendment #4310. **NEXT:** Senate Third Read – Calendar TBD.

H2699: FIRE DISTRICT BONDS; MERGER; CONSOLIDATION (AFDA Position: **SUPPORT**) – eliminates the expansion of GO Bond payments across new territory. LAST: 2/16 PASSED House Govt. & Elections 13-0. **NEXT:** 2/21 House Rules hearing.

FIRE DISTRICT WORKERS COMP RISK POOL (AFDA position: **SUPPORT**): seeking ARPA funding distribution from Governor’s Office / inclusion in FY23 budget reconciliation bill process.

[This Week’s Committee Hearings / Floor Calendars for Fire Service Tracking List Bills](#)

Select fire service tracking list bills with scheduled committee hearings / action for this week are listed below (*see the attached tracking report for a complete listing of committee hearings for fire service tracking list bills*). Committee testimony will be in-person only this session (no virtual testimony), as the legislature moves-on from pandemic induced remote / virtual operations. Committee hearings and floor sessions can be viewed live on ACTV at: <https://www.azleg.gov/liveproceedings/>. The live proceedings page updates daily with scheduled committee hearings and floor calendars.

H2063: PSPRS; CORP; REEMPLOYMENT; TIME PERIOD - Recent Action: 2/17 referred to Senate fin.
H2183: FIRE INSURANCE; FLOODING; WILDFIRES - Recent Action: 2/17 referred to Senate fin.
H2226: FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION - Recent Action: 2/17 referred to Senate com.
H2255: FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI - Recent Action: 2/17 passed House 32-26; ready for Senate.
H2337: DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONAL PLAN; REINSTATEMENT - Recent Action: 2/17 House COW approved with amend #4147. Recent Action: 2/17 passed House 31-28; ready for Senate.
H2407: AMBULANCES; MILEAGE RATE CALCULATION - Calendar: 2/21 House COW
H2412: OPEN MEETINGS; DIGITAL RECORDINGS (AFDA position: **OPPOSE**) - Recent Action: 2/17 retained on House COW calendar.
H2431: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; PATIENT TRANSPORT (AFDA/PFFA position: **OPPOSE**) - Hearing: House Rules (2/21 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
H2580: WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT; DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - Recent Action: 2/17 passed House 58-0; ready for Senate.
H2609: AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS (AFCA/AFDA position: **SUPPORT**) - Hearing: House Rules (2/21 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
H2699: FIRE DISTRICT BONDS; MERGER; CONSOLIDATION (AFDA position: **SUPPORT**) - Hearing: House Rules (2/21 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
S1198: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; LOBBYING; PROHIBITION (AFDA position: **OPPOSE**) - Hearing: Senate Rules (2/21 12:45 PM, Caucus Rm. 1)
S1324: SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION (AFDA position: **SUPPORT**) - Recent Action: 2/17 Senate COW approved with flr amend #4310.
S1515: MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER FUND; DISTRIBUTIONS - Hearing: Senate Rules (2/21 12:45 PM, Caucus Rm. 1) Recent Action: 2/17 from Senate com with amend #4282.
S1711: FIRE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATION - Recent Action: 2/17 passed Senate 27-2; ready for House.

Legislative / Regulatory / Elections / Political Calendar

- **February 25, 2022** – Fire District annual report and audit submittal deadline.
- **March 25, 2022** – last day for House consideration of Senate bills and Senate consideration of House bills.

Upcoming at AFDA

- **March 3, 2022** – AFDA Board Meeting – Daisy Mountain Fire and Medical Offices – 41018 N. Daisy Mountain Drive, Anthem, AZ, at 10:00 a.m.



Fire Service Bill Tracking Report

Week of February 22, 2022

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Saturday, Feb 19 2022 10:34 AM

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Fire Services / EMS / Ambulance

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2407: AMBULANCES; MILEAGE RATE CALCULATION
Calendar: 2/21 House COW
- H2431: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; PATIENT TRANSPORT
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- H2609: AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- H2699: FIRE DISTRICT BONDS; MERGER; CONSOLIDATION
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- S1122: HUMAN REMAINS; SEARCH; RESCUE; CANINES
Hearing: Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/22/22 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1311: HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION.
Hearing: Senate Health & Human Services (Monday 02/21/22 at 9:30 AM, Senate Rm. 1)
- S1515: MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER FUND; DISTRIBUTIONS
Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 12:45 PM, Caucus Rm. 1)

Bill Summaries

H2010: FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS; HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS

Condominium associations and homeowners' associations cannot prohibit the display of a "first responder flag" (defined).

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2010 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS; HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS	2/17	referred to Senate gov.
FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS; HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS	2/3	House COW approved. Passed House 39-20 ; ready for Senate.
FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS; HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS	1/26	from House gov-elect do pass.
FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS; HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS	1/26	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS; HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS	1/11	referred to House gov-elect.

H2110: APPROPRIATION; FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAMS

Appropriates \$1 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Coconino County Community College District for firefighter training programs.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2110 Daily History	Date	Action
APPROPRIATION; FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAMS	1/27	from House appro do pass.
APPROPRIATION; FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAMS	1/26	House appro do pass; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAMS	1/24	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PROGRAMS	1/13	referred to House mil-pub safety, appro.

H2226: FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION.

Counties and municipalities are authorized to prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks between the hours of 11PM and 8AM, except for between 11PM of December 31 and 1AM on January 1 each year, and between 11PM of July 4 and 1AM on July 5 each year.

First sponsor: Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24)

Others: Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist 17)

H2226 Daily History	Date	Action
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION.	2/17	referred to Senate com.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION.	2/15	passed House <u>42-17</u> ; ready for Senate.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION.	2/8	from House rules okay.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION.	2/1	from House mil-pub safety do pass.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION.	1/31	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION.	1/18	referred to House mil-pub safety.

H2255: FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI

The dates that counties with a population of more than 500,000 persons and municipalities within those counties cannot prohibit the sale of permissible consumer fireworks is expanded to include two days before the first day of Diwali through the third day of Diwali, and the dates that those counties and municipalities cannot prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks is expanded to include the second and third days of Diwali.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

H2255 Daily History	Date	Action
FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI	2/17	passed House <u>32-26</u> ; ready for Senate.
FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI	2/8	from House rules okay.
FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI	2/1	from House mil-pub safety do pass.
FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI	1/31	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI	1/24	referred to House mil-pub safety.

H2374: ACUTE CARE SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM

The health care services provided to patients in the Acute Care Services At Home Pilot Program are required to include services of mobile health practitioners. Establishes requirements for mobile health practitioners participating in the Program. Any required nurse visits under the Program may be virtual or in person.

First sponsor: Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

H2374 Daily History	Date	Action
ACUTE CARE SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM	2/17	passed House <u>53-5</u> ; ready for Senate.
ACUTE CARE SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM	2/17	House COW approved with flr amend <u>#4275</u> .
ACUTE CARE SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM	2/15	from House rules okay.
ACUTE CARE SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM	2/9	from House com do pass.
ACUTE CARE SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM	2/8	House com do pass; report awaited.
ACUTE CARE SERVICES; PILOT PROGRAM	1/24	referred to House com.

H2407: AMBULANCES; MILEAGE RATE CALCULATION

The Department of Health Services is required to incorporate a list of specified factors when calculating the proposed mileage rate for ambulance services, including the cost of fuel, vehicle maintenance and insurance, and the cost of licensure and registration of each ground ambulance vehicle.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

H2407 Daily History	Date	Action
AMBULANCES; MILEAGE RATE CALCULATION	2/15	from House rules okay.
AMBULANCES; MILEAGE RATE CALCULATION	2/9	from House com do pass.
AMBULANCES; MILEAGE RATE CALCULATION	2/8	House com do pass; report awaited.
AMBULANCES; MILEAGE RATE CALCULATION	1/24	referred to House com.

H2431: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; PATIENT TRANSPORT

An emergency medical care technician is required to contact the physician who is providing administrative medical direction or a physician in the base hospital's emergency department if emergency medical services transportation is not provided to a patient. An emergency medical care technician is prohibited from counseling a patient to decline emergency medical services transportation. Some exceptions.

First sponsor: Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24)

H2431 Daily History	Date	Action
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; PATIENT TRANSPORT	2/15	from House hel-hu ser do pass.
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; PATIENT TRANSPORT	2/14	House hel-hu ser do pass; report awaited.
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; PATIENT TRANSPORT	1/24	referred to House hel-hu ser.

H2434: SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION; REQUIREMENTS

Beginning July 1, 2023, each outpatient surgical center or hospital is required to adopt and implement policies to prevent exposure to "surgical smoke" by using a "smoke evacuation system" (both defined) for each procedure that generates surgical smoke.

First sponsor: Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24)

H2434 Daily History	Date	Action
SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION; REQUIREMENTS	2/17	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.
SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION; REQUIREMENTS	2/15	House COW approved with amend #4041 . Passed House 57-2; ready for Senate.
SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION; REQUIREMENTS	2/8	from House rules okay.
SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION; REQUIREMENTS	2/1	from House hel-hu ser with amend #4041 .
SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION; REQUIREMENTS	1/31	House hel-hu ser do pass; report awaited.
SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION; REQUIREMENTS	1/24	referred to House hel-hu ser.

H2609: AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS

Various changes to statutes relating to ambulance service. Within 90 days after receiving a complete application for an ambulance service certificate of necessity, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to determine whether public necessity requires the proposed ambulance service in a service area. If necessity for the ambulance service is found to exist, DHS is required to issue a certificate of necessity to operate the ambulance service. More.

First sponsor: Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1)

Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22), Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21), Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21), Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

H2609 Daily History	Date	Action
AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS	2/15	from House mil-pub safety do pass.
AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS	2/14	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS	2/3	referred to House mil-pub safety.

H2699: FIRE DISTRICT BONDS; MERGER; CONSOLIDATION

IF a fire district with outstanding bonded indebtedness is merged or consolidated, the indebtedness is not assumed by all of the resulting district and is deemed an ongoing indebtedness of only that portion of the resulting district that originally approved the bonds. In order to pay the principal and interest on the bonds as they become due and payable, the county board of supervisors is required to annually levy and collect a tax on the taxable property of only that portion of the resulting district that approved the bonds as determined on the date of the merger or consolidation of the district, and is prohibited from levying taxes on the remainder of the taxable property of the newly merged or consolidated district.

First sponsor: Rep. Martinez (R - Dist 11)

Others: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11)

H2699 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE DISTRICT BONDS; MERGER; CONSOLIDATION	2/17	from House gov-elect do pass.
FIRE DISTRICT BONDS; MERGER; CONSOLIDATION	2/16	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
FIRE DISTRICT BONDS; MERGER; CONSOLIDATION	2/7	referred to House gov-elect.

S1014: AMBULANCE SERVICES; RURAL AREAS

In rural areas of a county with a population of less than 500,000 persons, a fire department or fire district is authorized to provide ambulance service to transport a patient in an emergency medical situation regardless of whether the fire department or fire district has a certificate of necessity.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1014 Daily History	Date	Action
AMBULANCE SERVICES; RURAL AREAS	1/10	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

S1021: HEALTH CARE LIENS; LIMITATION

The liens and assignments authorized by statute for an entity that operates a health care institution or provides health care services are enforceable by a cause of action and are subject to a list of specified conditions. The first \$20,000 of any third-party judgment, settlement or award is exempt from any lien or assignment. If the services provided are covered by the injured person's health insurance or similar medical benefit plan with which the health care provider has a contract, the contract must expressly allow the claimant to assert a lien or assignment or the lien or assignment is invalid and cannot be enforced by a cause of action, except that a claimant may enforce a lien or assignment for the amount of a patient's responsibility for outstanding copayments and deductibles. Health care providers are required to compromise any lien or assignment granted to provide a settlement of the claim that is fair and equitable. Factors that must be considered in determining the extent of the compromise are listed. Applies to liens that are filed for services that are provided beginning January 1, 2023.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1021 Daily History	Date	Action
HEALTH CARE LIENS; LIMITATION	1/25	from Senate rules okay.
HEALTH CARE LIENS; LIMITATION	1/19	from Senate fin do pass.
HEALTH CARE LIENS; LIMITATION	1/19	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
HEALTH CARE LIENS; LIMITATION	1/10	referred to Senate fin.

S1121: TECH CORRECTION; CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY

Minor change in Title 36 (Public Health and Safety) related to emergency medical services. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Fann (R - Dist 1)

S1121 Daily History	Date	Action
TECH CORRECTION; CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY	1/10	referred to Senate rules only.

S1122: HUMAN REMAINS; SEARCH; RESCUE; CANINES

A search and rescue unit established or recognized by a county is authorized to possess human remains for the purpose of training canines used for search and rescue work. The sheriff is required to keep an inventory of all human remains that are kept for the purpose of training search and rescue canines. The list of entities to which an anatomical gift may be made is expanded to include a search a rescue unit established or recognized by any federal, state, county, or local government entity to train search and rescue canines.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1122 Daily History	Date	Action
HUMAN REMAINS; SEARCH; RESCUE; CANINES	2/17	withdrawn from Senate gov and further referred to Senate appro.
HUMAN REMAINS; SEARCH; RESCUE; CANINES	1/11	referred to Senate gov.

S1243: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS; REQUIREMENTS

A business entity that offers dental services is required to have at least one automated external defibrillator at each place of practice.

First sponsor: Sen. Pace (R - Dist 25)

S1243 Daily History	Date	Action
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS; REQUIREMENTS	1/20	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

S1275: FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION

Counties and municipalities are authorized to prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks between the hours of 11PM and 8AM, except between 11PM on December 31 through 1AM on January 1, and between 11PM on July 4 through 1AM on July 5.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)
Others: Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24)

S1275 Daily History	Date	Action
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	2/17	passed Senate <u>23-6</u> ; ready for House.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	2/16	Senate COW approved.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	2/8	from Senate rules okay.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	2/3	from Senate com do pass.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	2/2	Senate com do pass; report awaited.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	1/24	referred to Senate com.

S1311: HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION.

The list of victims of assault that cause an assault to be classified as aggravated assault if the defendant knows of their profession is expanded to include a "health care worker" (defined) while engaged in the health care worker's work duties. Aggravated assault committed on a health care worker is a class 6 (lowest) felony otherwise. By July 1, 2023, "health care employers" (defined as licensed health care institutions with more than 50 employees) are required to develop, implement and maintain a written workplace violence prevention plan that includes specified provisions. As soon as practicable after a workplace violence incident is reported to a health care employer, the employer is required to investigate the incident and to document the findings, recommendations and corrective measures taken for each investigation conducted.

First sponsor: Sen. Barto (R - Dist 15)

S1311 Daily History	Date	Action
HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION.	1/24	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

S1452: FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI

The dates that counties with a population of more than 500,000 persons and municipalities within those counties cannot prohibit the sale of permissible consumer fireworks is expanded to include two days before the first day of Diwali through the third day of Diwali, and the dates that those counties and municipalities cannot prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks is expanded to include the second and third days of Diwali.

First sponsor: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5)

S1452 Daily History	Date	Action
FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE USE; DIWALI	1/27	referred to Senate com.

S1515: MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER FUND; DISTRIBUTIONS

The annual distributions from the Municipal Firefighter Cancer Reimbursement Fund are prohibited from exceeding the statewide aggregate of all compensation and benefits paid by municipal payors to municipal firefighters and municipal fire investigators for the relevant fiscal year.

First sponsor: Sen. Boyer (R - Dist 20)

S1515 Daily History	Date	Action
MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER FUND; DISTRIBUTIONS	2/17	from Senate com with amend #4282 .
MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER FUND; DISTRIBUTIONS	2/16	Senate com amended; report awaited.
MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER FUND; DISTRIBUTIONS	1/31	referred to Senate com.

S1711: FIRE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATION

Establishes the Fire Incident Management Fund, to be administered by the State Treasurer and used to provide hardware and software the enables the statewide deployment of a secure incident management platform to fire and law enforcement agencies. Appropriates \$6.1 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Fund.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1711 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATION	2/17	passed Senate 27-2 ; ready for House.
FIRE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATION	2/15	from Senate rules okay.
FIRE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATION	2/9	from Senate appro do pass.
FIRE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATION	2/8	Senate appro do pass; report awaited.
FIRE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATION	2/2	referred to Senate appro.

Forestry & Wildfire Management

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

H2588: STATE FORESTER; LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION; REPORT
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
HCR2038: SUPPORTING PROPER FOREST MANAGEMENT
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)

Bill Summaries

H2042: BIOMASS; FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT

The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management is required to regulate "biomass" (defined elsewhere in statute) energy providers in a manner determined by the State Forester by rule. Biomass energy providers are not public service corporations and are not subject to regulation by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2042 Daily History	Date	Action
BIOMASS; FORESTRY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT	1/12	referred to House nat res-energy-water.

H2127: FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

Modifies the requirements for private landowners to qualify for financial assistance from the FY2020-21 appropriation to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for wildfire emergency response, to allow a landowner to provide information to the Dept that the landowner does not qualify for other reimbursement. Also requires the Dept to prioritize distributions of financial assistance to private landowners.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

H2127 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	2/3	House COW approved. Substituted in House for identical bill 1146.
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	1/26	from House nat res-energy-water do pass.
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	1/25	House nat res-energy-water do pass; report awaited.
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	1/18	referred to House nat res-energy-water.

H2183: FIRE INSURANCE; FLOODING; WILDFIRES

A policy of fire insurance covering property located in Arizona is required to include coverage for any loss or damage resulting from a combination of perils, one of which is a landslide, mudslide, mudflow or debris flow, if the insured peril is the efficient proximate cause of the loss or damage and coverage would otherwise be provided under the same terms and conditions as would be provided for the insured peril.

First sponsor: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)
Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Carter (R - Dist 8), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2183 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE INSURANCE; FLOODING; WILDFIRES	2/17	referred to Senate fin.
FIRE INSURANCE; FLOODING; WILDFIRES	2/14	House COW approved with amend #4047 . Passed House 52-5 ; ready for Senate.

FIRE INSURANCE; FLOODING; WILDFIRES 2/8	from House rules okay.
FIRE INSURANCE; FLOODING; WILDFIRES 2/2	from House com with amend #4047 .
FIRE INSURANCE; FLOODING; WILDFIRES 2/1	House com amended; report awaited.
FIRE INSURANCE; FLOODING; WILDFIRES 1/24	referred to House com.

H2580: WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT; DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The State Forester is required to perform all management and administrative functions assigned or delegated to the state of Arizona by the United States relating to wildfire prevention, mitigation, and suppression activities.

First sponsor: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

H2580 Daily History	Date	Action
WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT; DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY 2/17	passed House 58-0 ;	ready for Senate.
WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT; DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY 2/8	from House rules okay.	
WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT; DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY 2/1	from House land-agri-rural affairs do pass.	
WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT; DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY 1/31	House land-agri-rural affairs do pass;	report awaited.
WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT; DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY 1/24	referred to House land-agri-rural affairs.	

H2588: STATE FORESTER; LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION; REPORT

The State Forester is required to present specified information to the relevant legislative committees during each regular session, instead of the first regular session of each legislature. The deadline for the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to report expenditures to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting is moved to December 1 of each year, from September 1.

First sponsor: Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12)

H2588 Daily History	Date	Action
STATE FORESTER; LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION; REPORT 2/15	from House land-agri-rural affairs do pass.	
STATE FORESTER; LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION; REPORT 2/14	House land-agri-rural affairs do pass;	report awaited.
STATE FORESTER; LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION; REPORT 1/24	referred to House land-agri-rural affairs.	

HCM2006: FEMA; WILDFIRES; FLOODING; COST THRESHOLD

The Legislature urges the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to amend its system of calculating the cumulative fire cost threshold from wildfires to include the costs resulting from and directly related to flooding. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this memorial to the FEMA Administrator.

First sponsor: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)
Others: Rep. Cano (D - Dist 3)

HCM2006 Daily History	Date	Action
FEMA; WILDFIRES; FLOODING; COST THRESHOLD 2/17	passed House 58-0 ;	ready for Senate.
FEMA; WILDFIRES; FLOODING; COST THRESHOLD 2/8	from House rules okay.	
FEMA; WILDFIRES; FLOODING; COST THRESHOLD 2/2	from House nat res-energy-water do pass.	
FEMA; WILDFIRES; FLOODING; COST THRESHOLD 2/1	House nat res-energy-water do pass;	report awaited.
FEMA; WILDFIRES; FLOODING; COST THRESHOLD 1/31	referred to House nat res-energy-water.	

HCR2038: SUPPORTING PROPER FOREST MANAGEMENT

The members of the Legislature express their support of a reasonable and prudent multiple-use forest management policy to improve our nation's forest health.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

HCR2038 Daily History	Date	Action
SUPPORTING PROPER FOREST MANAGEMENT	2/16	from House nat res-energy-water do pass.
SUPPORTING PROPER FOREST MANAGEMENT	2/15	House nat res-energy-water do pass; report awaited.
SUPPORTING PROPER FOREST MANAGEMENT	2/10	referred to House nat res-energy-water.

S1126: LITTERING; ARSON RELATED FINES; USE

A separate violation of criminal littering occurs on each day of part of a day that the person who throws or places on public property or another person's property any litter or destructive material does not remove the litter or material. Establishes an additional fine of at least \$250 for each violation of criminal littering or polluting. If a fine is assessed for a violation of reckless burning, arson, burning of wildlands, unlawful cross burning, or unlawful symbol burning, 100 percent of any assessed fine must be deposited in the general fund of the county in which the fine was assessed, and the county must use at least 50 percent of the fine for fire restoration and rehabilitation costs. If a fine is assessed for a violation of arson of an occupied jail or prison facility, 100 percent of the fine must be deposited in the Cooperative Forest Fund and used for fire restoration and rehabilitation costs in Arizona.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1126 Daily History	Date	Action
LITTERING; ARSON RELATED FINES; USE	1/11	referred to Senate jud.

S1146: FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

Modifies the requirements for private landowners to qualify for financial assistance from the FY2020-21 appropriation to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (ADFFM) for wildfire emergency response, to allow a landowner to provide information to ADFFM that the landowner does not qualify for other reimbursement. Also requires ADFFM to prioritize distributions of financial assistance to private landowners.
AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13)

S1146 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	2/11	signed by governor. Chap. 1, Laws 2022. message
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	2/3	substituted in House for identical bill 2127. Passed House 59-0 ; ready for governor.
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	1/27	Senate COW approved. Passed Senate 23-4 ; ready for House.
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	1/25	from Senate rules okay.
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	1/20	from Senate nat res-energy-water do pass.
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	1/19	Senate nat res-energy-water do pass; report awaited.
FIRE SUPPRESSION; ASSISTANCE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS	1/12	referred to Senate nat res-energy-water.

S1415: WILDFIRE RESPONSE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS; ELIGIBILITY

Modifies the requirements for private landowners to qualify for financial assistance from the FY2020-21 appropriation to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for wildfire emergency response, to allow the fire suppression activities to have occurred at any time.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1415 Daily History

	Date	Action
WILDFIRE RESPONSE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS; ELIGIBILITY	2/10	from Senate nat res-energy-water with amend <u>#4140</u> .
WILDFIRE RESPONSE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS; ELIGIBILITY	2/9	Senate nat res-energy-water amended; report awaited.
WILDFIRE RESPONSE; PRIVATE LANDOWNERS; ELIGIBILITY	1/26	referred to Senate nat res-energy-water.

Governance & Regulatory

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2455: INCORPORATION; URBAN AREAS
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- S1198: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; LOBBYING; PROHIBITION
Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 12:45 PM, Caucus Rm. 1)
- S1568: HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; COMPLAINTS; INVESTIGATIONS
Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 12:45 PM, Caucus Rm. 1)

Bill Summaries

H2029: VACCINATIONS; EVIDENCE OF IMMUNITY; PROHIBITIONS

The state, its "governmental entities," and its "business affiliations" (both defined) are prohibited from requiring any person to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status, and are prohibited from discriminating against any person based on not receiving a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status. The state and its governmental entities are prohibited from entering into a contract or giving a loan or grant of taxpayer monies to a business affiliation that requires a person to receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 or to possess a COVID-19 immunity passport or other evidence certifying vaccination or immunity status. A business affiliation that violates these requirements materially breaches its contract with the state or a governmental entity, rendering the contract voidable. Does not apply to health care institutions that are treating patients with COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19 and that determine that a "direct threat" (defined) exists that cannot be eliminated or reduced by reasonable accommodation. Factors that must be considered to determine a direct threat are listed. Requires the provisions of this legislation to be construed liberally. Severability clause. Also repeals statute prohibiting vaccine passports or vaccine requirements, which was deemed unconstitutional by the Arizona Supreme Court in Arizona School Boards Association et al v. State of Arizona.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2029 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

H2077: CANDIDATES; SCHOOL; LOCAL; ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

The list of candidates that may gather petition signatures through a secure internet portal system provided by the Secretary of State is expanded to include candidates for school board office and any office for which a county administers the election.

First sponsor: Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist 17)
Others: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18), Rep. Butler (D - Dist 28), Rep. Chavez (D - Dist 29), Rep. Dalessandro (D - Dist 2), Rep. Epstein (D - Dist 18), Rep. A. Hernandez (D - Dist 3), Rep. D. Hernandez (D - Dist 2), Rep. M. Hernandez (D - Dist 26), Rep. Jermaine (D - Dist 18), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Sen. Marsh (D - Dist 28), Rep. Powers Hannley (D - Dist 9), Rep. Schwiebert (D - Dist 20), Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24), Rep. Sierra (D - Dist 19), Rep. Solorio (D - Dist 30)

H2077 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

H2283: POLLING PLACES; SCHOOLS; DISTRICT BOARDS

The officer in charge of elections is required to prioritize public schools and fire stations as polling places. School district governing boards and the governing board or body that supervises the fire stations are required to assist the county board of supervisors and the officer in charge of elections in selecting and coordinating schools and fire stations to be used as polling places. School principals are no longer authorized to deny a request to provide space for use as a polling place in specified circumstances.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)
Others: Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22)

H2283 Daily History	Date	Action
POLLING PLACES; SCHOOLS; DISTRICT BOARDS	1/20	referred to House gov-elect.

H2329: DISASTER; REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY EXPENSES

Political subdivisions are allowed to apply to the State Director of Emergency Management for a 100 percent reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred in search or rescue operations, and previous dollar amount limits are deleted.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2329 Daily History	Date	Action
DISASTER; REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY EXPENSES	2/14	House mil-pub safety held.
DISASTER; REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY EXPENSES	1/20	referred to House mil-pub safety.

H2336: LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; DEFINITION

For the purpose of traumatic event counseling for public safety employees, the definition of "licensed mental health professionals" that may provide the counseling is expanded to include psychiatrists, mental health nurse practitioners and psychiatric clinical nurse specialists.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2336 Daily History	Date	Action
LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; DEFINITION	2/17	passed House <u>58-0</u> ; ready for Senate.
LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; DEFINITION	2/17	House COW approved with amend <u>#4106</u> .
LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; DEFINITION	2/15	from House rules okay.
LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; DEFINITION	2/8	from House mil-pub safety with amend <u>#4106</u> .
LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; DEFINITION	2/7	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; DEFINITION	1/20	referred to House mil-pub safety.

H2375: URBAN REVENUE SHARING; PUBLIC SAFETY

Beginning in FY2023-24, monies distributed to cities and towns from the Urban Revenue Sharing Fund must be used only for "public safety services" (defined as police, fire and emergency medical services). If a municipality uses any monies from the Urban Revenue Sharing Fund for a purpose other than public safety services in any fiscal year, the State Treasurer is required to withhold an amount equal to those expenditures for the following fiscal year.

First sponsor: Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

H2375 Daily History	Date	Action
URBAN REVENUE SHARING; PUBLIC SAFETY	2/7	withdrawn from House ways-means and further referred to House educ.
URBAN REVENUE SHARING; PUBLIC SAFETY	2/2	House ways-means held.
URBAN REVENUE SHARING; PUBLIC SAFETY	1/24	referred to House ways-means.

H2455: INCORPORATION; URBAN AREAS

All territory within one mile of an incorporated city or town is declared to be an urbanized area (which triggers requirements for approval from the incorporated city or town), instead of within six miles of an incorporated city or town with a population of 5,000 or more persons or within three miles of any incorporated city or town. Also, uninhabited, rural or farm lands may be included in an area to be incorporated if the lands have been platted and approved by the county board of supervisors for housing or commercial development before filing an incorporation petition, or if the current owner of the lands agrees to include the property and provides a written, notarized statement supporting the inclusion.

First sponsor: Rep. Carter (R - Dist 8)

Others: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Fincham (R - Dist 11), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Rep. Martinez (R - Dist 11), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1)

H2455 Daily History	Date	Action
INCORPORATION; URBAN AREAS	2/17	from House gov-elect with amend #4259 .
INCORPORATION; URBAN AREAS	2/16	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
INCORPORATION; URBAN AREAS	1/24	referred to House gov-elect.

H2456: APPROPRIATION; RURAL INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Appropriates \$4 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the State Treasurer for a rural interoperability communication system. Requirements for the system are specified.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5)

H2456 Daily History	Date	Action
APPROPRIATION; RURAL INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	2/10	from House appro with amend #4144 .
APPROPRIATION; RURAL INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	2/9	House appro amended; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; RURAL INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	1/25	from House land-agri-rural affairs do pass.
APPROPRIATION; RURAL INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	1/24	House land-agri-rural affairs do pass; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; RURAL INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	1/19	referred to House land-agri-rural affairs, appro.

H2544: LAW ENFORCEMENT; FIRE; EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Probation officers and corrections officers are added to the definition of "law enforcement employee" for the purpose of statute considering a law enforcement employee who is injured or killed while traveling directly to or from work to be in the course and scope of employment solely for the purpose of eligibility for workers' compensation benefits.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2544 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

H2590: AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE; DEFINITION

For the purpose of Title 28 (Transportation), the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" is expanded to include any personally operated vehicle that is registered to and operated by a certified peace officer who is authorized to engage in off-duty law enforcement work and that meets the liability insurance requirements prescribed by the Department of Transportation.

First sponsor: Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11)
Others: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6)

H2590 Daily History	Date	Action
AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE; DEFINITION	1/24	referred to House trans, mil-pub safety.

S1035: POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; LOBBYING; PROHIBITION

"Political subdivisions" (defined as counties, municipalities, school districts, and special districts) and any person acting on behalf of a political subdivision are prohibited from entering into a contract with a person or entity for lobbying services and from spending monies for any person or entity to lobby on behalf of that political subdivision unless that person is directly employed by the political subdivision.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1035 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

S1166: PUBLIC EMPLOYERS; UNION CONTRACTS

Public employers are prohibited from spending public monies for "union activities" (defined). A public employer is prohibited from entering into an employment contract with a public employee to engage in union activities or provide paid leave or any form of compensation to engage in union activities. An employment contract that violates this prohibition is void and unenforceable. Any Arizona resident and the Attorney General have standing in any court of record to bring suit against any public employer of Arizona to remedy any violation. If a court finds that a public employer has violated this prohibition, the court is required to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the party who brought the action. Does not apply to any existing employment contract that is in effect before the effective date of this legislation, but any existing employment contract that conflicts with this legislation cannot be renewed or extended. Severability clause. Contains a legislative intent section.

First sponsor: Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)
Others: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1166 Daily History	Date	Action
PUBLIC EMPLOYERS; UNION CONTRACTS	2/17	retained on Senate COW calendar.
PUBLIC EMPLOYERS; UNION CONTRACTS	2/15	from Senate rules okay.
PUBLIC EMPLOYERS; UNION CONTRACTS	2/10	from Senate com with amend #4156 .
PUBLIC EMPLOYERS; UNION CONTRACTS	2/9	Senate com amended; report awaited.
PUBLIC EMPLOYERS; UNION CONTRACTS	1/13	referred to Senate com.

S1198: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; LOBBYING; PROHIBITION

Counties, municipalities, school districts, and other political subdivisions and any person acting on behalf of a political subdivision are prohibited from entering into a contract with a person or entity for lobbying services and from spending monies for any person or entity to lobby on behalf of that political subdivision unless that person is directly employed by the political subdivision. If a county, municipality, school district or other political subdivision is a member of an organization of which the majority of the members are composed of political subdivisions or other public bodies, no portion of membership dues may be authorized for lobbying activities.

First sponsor: Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12)
Others: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

S1198 Daily History	Date	Action
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; LOBBYING; PROHIBITION	2/15	from Senate gov with amend #4185 .
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; LOBBYING; PROHIBITION	2/14	Senate gov amended; report awaited.
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; LOBBYING; PROHIBITION	1/18	referred to Senate gov.

S1352: 911 RECORDS; MINORS; PARENTAL CONSENT

An audio recording of a minor's 911 telephone call may not be disclosed to the public unless a parent or guardian of the minor consents to the disclosure.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1352 Daily History	Date	Action
911 RECORDS; MINORS; PARENTAL CONSENT	1/25	referred to Senate jud.

S1568: HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; COMPLAINTS; INVESTIGATIONS

Health profession regulatory boards must require complainants to identify themselves in the complaint and make themselves available for an evidentiary interview. Complainants may request that their identity remain confidential during the preliminary investigatory process. If the investigatory process results in a determination that a violation of law may have occurred, the respondent is entitled to the complete investigatory file, including the identity of the complainant, for purposes of providing a comprehensive response to the complaint. Additionally, health profession regulatory boards are required, instead of allowed, to establish a nondisciplinary confidential program for chemical dependency, substance misuse, or behavior health disorders, and must provide all licensees with the opportunity to participate in the program.

First sponsor: Sen. Barto (R - Dist 15)

S1568 Daily History	Date	Action
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; COMPLAINTS; INVESTIGATIONS	2/17	from Senate hel-hu ser with amend #4241 .
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; COMPLAINTS; INVESTIGATIONS	2/16	Senate hel-hu ser amended; report awaited.
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; COMPLAINTS; INVESTIGATIONS	2/1	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

Open Meeting Law / Public Records

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

S1476: PUBLIC MEETINGS; IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE
Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 12:45 PM, Caucus Rm. 1)

Bill Summaries

H2070: OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION

All public bodies are required to provide for a reasonable amount of seating to accommodate the anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings. The agenda for a public meeting is required to include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place. A head of a public body that violates these requirements is liable for a civil penalty as provided in statute for open meeting law violations.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2070 Daily History	Date	Action
OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION	2/14	House COW approved with amend #4017 and flr amend #4173 .
OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION	2/3	retained on House COW calendar.
OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION	1/26	from House gov-elect with amend #4017 .
OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION	1/26	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
OPEN MEETINGS; CAPACITY; POSTING; VIOLATION	1/18	referred to House gov-elect.

H2162: OPEN MEETING LAW; VIOLATIONS; PENALTY

Increases the civil penalties the court is authorized to impose for violations of open meeting law to up to \$500 for a first offense and up to \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense, instead of up to \$500 for a second offense and up to \$2,500 for a third or subsequent offense. In addition to or in lieu of the civil penalties, the court is authorized to require a member of the public body to attend training on public meetings as directed by the Attorney General or the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide. Open meeting law violations may be committed recklessly in addition to knowingly.

First sponsor: Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15)

H2162 Daily History	Date	Action
OPEN MEETING LAW; VIOLATIONS; PENALTY	1/18	referred to House gov-elect.

H2412: OPEN MEETINGS; DIGITAL RECORDINGS

All public bodies subject to open meeting law are required to provide for written minutes and a digital recording of all of their meetings, instead of either written minutes or a digital recording. Each public body is required to post on its website the minutes and the digital recording no later than five working days after the meeting.

First sponsor: Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16)
Others: Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Martinez (R - Dist 11)

H2412 Daily History	Date	Action
OPEN MEETINGS; DIGITAL RECORDINGS	2/17	retained on House COW calendar.
OPEN MEETINGS; DIGITAL RECORDINGS	2/8	from House rules okay.
OPEN MEETINGS; DIGITAL RECORDINGS	2/3	from House gov-elect with amend #4073 .

OPEN MEETINGS; DIGITAL RECORDINGS 2/2 House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
OPEN MEETINGS; DIGITAL RECORDINGS 1/24 referred to House gov-elect.

H2587: PUBLIC RECORDS; POINT OF CONTACT

Any entity that is subject to a public records request is required to provide the name and contact information of the employee who is authorized and able to provide the information requested. An employee who is authorized and able to provide public records information is required to reply within five business days acknowledging receipt of the request.

First sponsor: Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12)

H2587 Daily History	Date	Action
PUBLIC RECORDS; POINT OF CONTACT	2/15	from House rules okay.
PUBLIC RECORDS; POINT OF CONTACT	2/3	from House gov-elect do pass.
PUBLIC RECORDS; POINT OF CONTACT	2/2	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
PUBLIC RECORDS; POINT OF CONTACT	1/26	referred to House gov-elect.

H2712: PUBLIC MEETINGS EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

A public body is authorized to hold an executive session for legal advice solely for advice in the other areas for which an executive session may be held. Discussion of the objectives on which an officer or employee of a public body will be evaluated must be conducted in a public meeting.

First sponsor: Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21)

Others: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Carter (R - Dist 8), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21), Rep. Udall (R - Dist 25)

H2712 Daily History	Date	Action
PUBLIC MEETINGS EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	2/7	referred to House gov-elect.

H2753: EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; PUBLIC MEETINGS

If an executive session of a public body is scheduled for legal advice, the notice of the executive session is required to include the specific provision of statute to which the legal advice pertains.

First sponsor: Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21)

Others: Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16)

H2753 Daily History	Date	Action
EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; PUBLIC MEETINGS	2/8	referred to House gov-elect.

S1258: GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS; TRANSPARENCY

A paid membership organization composed of the state, counties, municipalities, school districts, or other political subdivisions is added to the definition of "public body" for the purpose of public records laws.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

S1258 Daily History	Date	Action
GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS; TRANSPARENCY	2/15	from Senate rules okay.
GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS; TRANSPARENCY	2/1	from Senate gov do pass.
GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS; TRANSPARENCY	1/31	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
GOVERNMENT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS; TRANSPARENCY	1/20	referred to Senate gov.

S1476: PUBLIC MEETINGS; IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

All meetings of any public body are required to accommodate in-person attendance and are prohibited from being held completely online or remotely.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

Others: Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

S1476 Daily History

Date Action

PUBLIC MEETINGS; IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE 2/15 from Senate gov with amend #4188.

PUBLIC MEETINGS; IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE 2/14 Senate gov amended; report awaited.

PUBLIC MEETINGS; IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE 1/27 referred to Senate gov.

Pension Systems

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

No hearings, calendars, or amendments posted.

Bill Summaries

H2035: APPROPRIATIONS; PSPRS; CORP; UNFUNDED LIABILITY

Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of a total of \$680.33 million to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in specified PSPRS and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) group employer accounts for specified state employees to reduce the unfunded accrued liability. Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of \$421.86 million to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in the employer account of the Department of Public Safety PSPRS group to reduce the unfunded accrued liability. Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of \$474.58 million to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in the employer account of the Arizona Department of Corrections Corrections Officer Retirement Plan group to reduce the unfunded accrued liability. The PSPRS Board is required to account for these appropriations in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation of the PSPRS groups and CORP groups listed, and account for these appropriations when calculating the employee contribution rates and employer contribution rates during FY2023-24.

First sponsor: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

H2035 Daily History	Date	Action
APPROPRIATIONS; PSPRS; CORP; UNFUNDED LIABILITY	1/20	from House appro do pass.
APPROPRIATIONS; PSPRS; CORP; UNFUNDED LIABILITY	1/19	House appro do pass; report awaited.
APPROPRIATIONS; PSPRS; CORP; UNFUNDED LIABILITY	1/13	referred to House appro.

H2063: PSPRS; CORP; REEMPLOYMENT; TIME PERIOD

If a retired member of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System or the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan becomes reemployed in any capacity by the employer from which the member retired before 6 months after the date of retirement, reduced from 12 months, the system cannot make pension payments to the retired member during the period of reemployment.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2063 Daily History	Date	Action
PSPRS; CORP; REEMPLOYMENT; TIME PERIOD	2/17	referred to Senate fin.
PSPRS; CORP; REEMPLOYMENT; TIME PERIOD	2/3	passed House <u>56-2</u> ; ready for Senate.
PSPRS; CORP; REEMPLOYMENT; TIME PERIOD	1/26	from House gov-elect do pass.
PSPRS; CORP; REEMPLOYMENT; TIME PERIOD	1/26	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
PSPRS; CORP; REEMPLOYMENT; TIME PERIOD	1/18	referred to House gov-elect.

H2337: DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONAL PLAN; REINSTATEMENT

Members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System are no longer required to become members of PSPRS before January 1, 2012 in order to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP). For a member who became a PSPRS member before January 1, 2012, the maximum period of participation in DROP is increased to 84 consecutive months, from 60 consecutive months. For a member who became a PSPRS member on or after January 1, 2012, the maximum period of participation in DROP is 60 consecutive months.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2337 Daily History	Date	Action
DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONAL PLAN; REINSTATEMENT	2/17	passed House <u>31-28</u> ; ready for Senate.
DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONAL PLAN; REINSTATEMENT	2/17	House COW approved with amend <u>#4147</u> .
DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONAL PLAN; REINSTATEMENT	2/15	from House rules okay.
DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONAL PLAN; REINSTATEMENT	2/10	from House gov-elect with amend <u>#4147</u> .
DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONAL PLAN; REINSTATEMENT	2/9	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTIONAL PLAN; REINSTATEMENT	1/20	referred to House gov-elect.

S1082: ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT

An Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) employer may prepay the employer's "401(a) pension contributions" (defined) directly to ASRS according to a written agreement between the employer and ASRS. Establishes a process for ASRS to manage prepaid pension contributions. Any ASRS employer who has entered into a pension prepayment agreement is authorized to borrow to fund any amounts to be paid to ASRS by any means legally available to the employer. School district governing boards are authorized to enter into lease-purchase agreements of school buildings and/or grounds for periods of up to the maximum amortization period as determined by the ASRS and apply amounts received under the agreement to pay the ASRS. Authorization from school district voters is not required for these lease-purchase agreements. Emergency clause. AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1082 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT	2/8	passed Senate <u>27-0</u> ; ready for House.
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT	2/3	Senate COW approved with flr amend <u>#4091</u> .
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT	1/25	from Senate rules okay.
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT	1/12	from Senate fin do pass.
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT	1/12	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; PREPAYMENT	1/10	referred to Senate fin.

S1083: ASRS; MODIFICATIONS

Various changes to statutes relating to the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS). Provisions include: Expands the definition of "eligible retirement plan" to include, for distributions made after December 18, 2015, a simple retirement account that satisfies the requirements of section 408(p) of the federal Internal Revenue Code. In determining the past service funding period, the ASRS Board is required to seek to improve the funded status whenever the trust fund is less than 100 percent funded. Eligibility to elect to participate in a supplemental employee deferral plan is limited to employees who are not eligible to participate in a public retirement system established in statute. AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1083 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; MODIFICATIONS	1/27	passed Senate <u>27-0</u> ; ready for House.
ASRS; MODIFICATIONS	1/25	from Senate rules okay.
ASRS; MODIFICATIONS	1/12	from Senate fin do pass.
ASRS; MODIFICATIONS	1/12	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.

S1084: PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; ADMINISTRATION

Numerous changes to statutes relating to public retirement systems. Employers required to participate in the Public Safety Cancer Insurance Policy Program are required to pay the premiums for the cost of the program and include the premium amount as wages of the firefighters and peace officers participating in the program subject to federal and state income and employment taxes. For the purpose of the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan (EORP), the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP), and the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), the definition of "eligible retirement plan" is expanded to include, for distributions made after December 18, 2015, a simple retirement account that satisfies the requirements of section 408(p) of the federal Internal Revenue Code. For EORP and CORP, the definition is also expanded to include, effective January 1, 2008, a ROTH individual retirement account that satisfies the requirements of section 408A of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Also repeals and reestablishes changes to reporting deadlines that were originally signed into law as Laws 2021, chapter 405 (part of the FY2021-22 budget), but that were deemed unconstitutional by the Arizona Supreme Court in Arizona School Boards Association et al v. State of Arizona.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1084 Daily History	Date	Action
PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; ADMINISTRATION	2/9	passed Senate <u>29-0</u> ; ready for House.
PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; ADMINISTRATION	2/8	Senate COW approved.
PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; ADMINISTRATION	1/25	from Senate rules okay.
PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; ADMINISTRATION	1/19	from Senate fin do pass.
PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; ADMINISTRATION	1/19	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; ADMINISTRATION	1/10	referred to Senate fin.

S1085: PSPRS; FUNDED RATIO; ASSET TRANSFERS

Eliminates the requirement that the employer contribution rate for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System be at least eight percent of compensation. Modifies the amount the PSPRS Board is required to account for in a stabilization reserve account. If an employer's funded ratio falls below 100 percent funded, the amount of the member's contributions above 7.65 percent are required to accumulate and not be used to reduce the employer's contribution rate until the employer's funded ratio returns to 100 percent funded. Establishes a list of requirements that must be met before the PSPRS Board may suspend the normal cost contributions. AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1085 Daily History	Date	Action
PSPRS; FUNDED RATIO; ASSET TRANSFERS	1/27	passed Senate <u>27-0</u> ; ready for House.
PSPRS; FUNDED RATIO; ASSET TRANSFERS	1/25	from Senate rules okay.
PSPRS; FUNDED RATIO; ASSET TRANSFERS	1/19	from Senate fin do pass.
PSPRS; FUNDED RATIO; ASSET TRANSFERS	1/19	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
PSPRS; FUNDED RATIO; ASSET TRANSFERS	1/10	referred to Senate fin.

S1086: APPROPRIATION; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; PSPRS; CORP

Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of a total of \$87.7 million to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in specified PSPRS and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) group employer accounts for specified state employees. The PSPRS Board is required to account for these appropriations in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation of the PSPRS groups and CORP groups listed, and account for these appropriations when calculating the employee contribution rates and employer contribution rates during FY2023-24. AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

Others: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

S1086 Daily History	Date	Action
APPROPRIATION; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; PSPRS; CORP	2/7	passed Senate <u>25-2</u> ; ready for House.
APPROPRIATION; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; PSPRS; CORP	2/3	Senate COW approved with amend <u>#4027</u> .
APPROPRIATION; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; PSPRS; CORP	2/1	from Senate rules okay.
APPROPRIATION; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; PSPRS; CORP	1/27	from Senate appro with amend <u>#4027</u> .
APPROPRIATION; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; PSPRS; CORP	1/25	Senate appro amended; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; PSPRS; CORP	1/10	referred to Senate appro.

S1087: APPROPRIATIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; CORRECTIONS; SAFETY

Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of \$420.56 million to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in the employer account of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) group to reduce the unfunded accrued liability. Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of \$474.66 million to the PSPRS to be deposited in the employer account of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) Corrections Officer Retirement Plan group to reduce the unfunded accrued liability. Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$15 million from the Game and Fish Fund and \$82.24 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the PSPRS to be deposited in the employer account of the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) PSPRS group. Makes a supplemental appropriation from the general fund in FY2021-22 of \$73.94 million to the PSPRS to be deposited in the CORP employer account of the Department of Juvenile Corrections. The PSPRS Board is required to account for these appropriations in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation of the DPS PSPRS group and ADC CORP group, and account for these appropriations when calculating the employee contribution rates and employer contribution rates during FY2023-24. AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)
Others: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

S1087 Daily History	Date	Action
APPROPRIATIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; CORRECTIONS; SAFETY	2/8	passed Senate <u>25-2</u> ; ready for House.
APPROPRIATIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; CORRECTIONS; SAFETY	2/3	Senate COW approved with amend <u>#4023</u> .
APPROPRIATIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; CORRECTIONS; SAFETY	2/1	from Senate rules okay.
APPROPRIATIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; CORRECTIONS; SAFETY	1/27	from Senate appro with amend <u>#4023</u> .
APPROPRIATIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; CORRECTIONS; SAFETY	1/25	Senate appro amended; report awaited.
APPROPRIATIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY; CORRECTIONS; SAFETY	1/10	referred to Senate appro.

S1268: PSPRS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN

For members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP), the maximum period of participation in DROP is increased to 84 consecutive months, from 60 consecutive months.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1268 Daily History	Date	Action
PSPRS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN	2/15	from Senate rules okay.
PSPRS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN	2/10	from Senate fin with amend <u>#4135</u> .
PSPRS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN	1/24	referred to Senate fin.

S1364: TECH CORRECTION; PSPRS; SOCIAL SECURITY

Minor change in Title 38 (Public Officers and Employees) related to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1364 Daily History	Date	Action
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TECH CORRECTION; PSPRS; SOCIAL SECURITY 1/25 referred to Senate rules only.

Smart & Safe AZ

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2748: DISTRIBUTION; SAFE AND SMART FUND
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- S1715: HEMP-DERIVED MANUFACTURED CANNABINOIDS; PROHIBITION
Hearing: Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/22/22 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)

Bill Summaries

H2082: MARIJUANA; SAMPLING; ADVERTISING; SALE

Department of Health Services rules for the regulation of marijuana establishments must include prohibiting a marijuana establishment retail site from providing samples of marijuana or marijuana products for on-site use and at no cost to a consumer. Marijuana establishments are prohibited from selling marijuana or marijuana products to persons who are "obviously intoxicated" (defined). Marijuana establishments and nonprofit medical marijuana dispensaries are prohibited from advertising marijuana or marijuana products to individuals who are under 21 years of age, and from sponsoring any social or cultural event or any team in an event unless all of the attendees are 21 years of age or older. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13)

H2082 Daily History	Date	Action
MARIJUANA; SAMPLING; ADVERTISING; SALE	1/25	from House hel-hu ser do pass.
MARIJUANA; SAMPLING; ADVERTISING; SALE	1/24	House hel-hu ser do pass; report awaited.
MARIJUANA; SAMPLING; ADVERTISING; SALE	1/19	referred to House hel-hu ser.

H2748: DISTRIBUTION; SAFE AND SMART FUND

Modifies the distributions from the Smart and Safe Fund by adding the Department of Public Safety to the list of entities that receive 31.4 percent of Fund monies in proportion to the number of enrolled members in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2748 Daily History	Date	Action
DISTRIBUTION; SAFE AND SMART FUND	2/15	from House mil-pub safety do pass.
DISTRIBUTION; SAFE AND SMART FUND	2/14	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
DISTRIBUTION; SAFE AND SMART FUND	2/9	referred to House mil-pub safety.

H2828: DEPARTMENT OF MARIJUANA REGULATION

Establishes the Arizona Department of Marijuana Regulation (ADMR) for the purpose of administering the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act and statute governing the responsible adult use of marijuana. ADMR terminates on July 1, 2030. ADMR succeeds to the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Department of Health Services (DHS) relating to the regulation of marijuana. Session law provides for the transfer of all administrative matters, contracts, licenses, registrations, equipment, records, other property, and personnel, on January 1, 2023. Effective January 1, 2023. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25)

H2828 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

S1324: SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION

Modifies the distributions from the Smart and Safe Fund by adding joint powers authorities to the list of entities that receive 31.4 percent of Fund monies in proportion to the number of enrolled members in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Retroactive to January 1, 2021. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1324 Daily History	Date	Action
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/17	Senate COW approved with flr amend #4310 .
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/16	retained on Senate COW calendar.
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/8	from Senate rules okay.
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/2	from Senate appro do pass.
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/1	Senate appro do pass; report awaited.
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	1/24	referred to Senate appro.

S1715: HEMP-DERIVED MANUFACTURED CANNABINOIDS; PROHIBITION

For the purpose of statutes regulating marijuana, "hemp-derived manufactured psychotropic cannabinoids" (defined) are excluded from the definition of "marijuana" and "marijuana products," and are added to the definition of "usable marijuana." Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)
Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Sen. Rios (D - Dist 27)

S1715 Daily History	Date	Action
HEMP-DERIVED MANUFACTURED CANNABINOIDS; PROHIBITION	2/2	referred to Senate appro.

Taxation & Revenue

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2822: PERSONAL PROPERTY; ADDITIONAL DEPRECIATION
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- S1034: VETERANS; DISABILITIES; PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
Hearing: Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/22/22 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)

Bill Summaries

H2822: PERSONAL PROPERTY; ADDITIONAL DEPRECIATION

For personal property that is initially classified during or after tax year 2022 as class one, class two (P), or class 6, the county assessor is required to use a valuation factor of 2.5 percent. Previously, the valuation ranged from 25 percent of the scheduled depreciated value in the first tax year of assessment to 89 percent of the scheduled depreciated value in the fifth tax year of assessment .

First sponsor: Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17)

H2822 Daily History	Date	Action
PERSONAL PROPERTY; ADDITIONAL DEPRECIATION	2/16	from House com do pass.
PERSONAL PROPERTY; ADDITIONAL DEPRECIATION	2/15	House com do pass; report awaited.
PERSONAL PROPERTY; ADDITIONAL DEPRECIATION	2/8	referred to House com.

S1034: VETERANS; DISABILITIES; PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

The property of veterans with service connected disabilities is exempt from taxation in the amount of \$3,000 if the person's total assessment does not exceed \$20,000. Conditionally enacted on an unspecified Senate Concurrent Resolution (blank in original) being approved by the votes at the 2022 general election. If approved, this legislation applies to tax years beginning with 2023.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1034 Daily History	Date	Action
VETERANS; DISABILITIES; PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	2/17	from Senate fin with amend #4247 .
VETERANS; DISABILITIES; PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	2/16	Senate fin amended; report awaited.
VETERANS; DISABILITIES; PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	1/10	referred to Senate appro, fin.

S1038: TAX CREDIT; PROPERTY TAX; TUITION

Establishes an income tax credit for the amount of the primary and secondary school district property taxes on a taxpayer's residential property that the taxpayer actually paid during the tax year if a "qualified student" (defined as the taxpayer's dependent who is in kindergarten through 12th grade) attended a nongovernmental primary or secondary school in Arizona during the taxable year. The amount of the credit is the amount of the primary and secondary school district property taxes tor the amount of tuition expenses actually paid, whichever is less. If the allowable tax credit exceeds taxes due, the unused amount may be carried forward for up to five consecutive tax years. Conditionally enacted on Laws 2021, Chapter 436 (small businesses; alternate income tax), the subject of referendum petition R-06-2021, being approved by the voters at the 2022 general election or failing to be referred to the voters at the 2022 general election. If enacted, this legislation applies to tax years beginning with 2023.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1038 Daily History	Date	Action
TAX CREDIT; PROPERTY TAX; TUITION	1/10	referred to Senate fin.

S1093: PROPERTY TAX; CLASS ONE; EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE

Reduces the assessed valuation of class one property for property tax purposes to 15.5 percent in 2026 and 15 percent in 2027 and after, from 16 percent. Establishes reduced state equalization assistance property tax rates for tax years 2022 through 2027. AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)
Others: Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1093 Daily History	Date	Action
PROPERTY TAX; CLASS ONE; EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE	2/2	Senate COW approved with amend <u>#4015</u> . Passed Senate <u>18-11</u> ; ready for House.
PROPERTY TAX; CLASS ONE; EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE	2/1	from Senate rules okay.
PROPERTY TAX; CLASS ONE; EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE	1/27	from Senate fin with amend <u>#4015</u> .
PROPERTY TAX; CLASS ONE; EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE	1/26	Senate fin amended; report awaited.
PROPERTY TAX; CLASS ONE; EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE	1/10	referred to Senate fin.

S1095: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY

Exempts the property of veterans with service or nonservice connected disabilities who are Arizona residents from taxation, with an allowed exemption amount of \$4,117 multiplied by the percentage of the veteran's disability, as rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, if the person's total assessment does not exceed \$27,970. The exemption limit for property of widows, widowers and persons with total and permanent disabilities is increased to \$4,117, from \$3,000, if the person's total assessment does not exceed \$27,970, increased from \$20,000. Also makes various changes to property tax statutes in order to conform to proposed changes to property tax exemptions contained in the state Constitution. Conditionally enacted on the state Constitution being amended by a vote of the people at the next general election to consolidate and reorganize provisions relating to exemptions from property taxation.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)
Others: Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

S1095 Daily History	Date	Action
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	2/8	passed Senate <u>27-0</u> ; ready for House.
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	2/1	from Senate rules okay.
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	1/26	from Senate fin do pass.
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	1/26	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	1/10	referred to Senate fin.

S1274: PROPERTY TAX LEVY; CALCULATION; FEDERAL MONIES

For tax years 2022 and 2023, if a county's or municipality's proposed primary property tax levy is greater than the amount levied in the previous tax year and the county or municipality received monies from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the county or municipality is required to use the monies to reduce the proposed primary property tax levy so that the does not exceed the previous year's amount, except for "amounts attributable to new construction" (defined). Retroactive to January 1, 2022.

First sponsor: Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

S1274 Daily History	Date	Action
PROPERTY TAX LEVY; CALCULATION; FEDERAL MONIES	1/24	referred to Senate fin.

S1324: SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION

Modifies the distributions from the Smart and Safe Fund by adding joint powers authorities to the list of entities that receive 31.4 percent of Fund monies in proportion to the number of enrolled members in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Retroactive to January 1, 2021. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1324 Daily History	Date	Action
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/17	Senate COW approved with flr amend <u>#4310</u> .
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/16	retained on Senate COW calendar.
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/8	from Senate rules okay.
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/2	from Senate appro do pass.
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	2/1	Senate appro do pass; report awaited.
SMART AND SAFE FUND; DISTRIBUTION	1/24	referred to Senate appro.

Workers Comp / Risk Pool

Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2120: INJURY REPORTS; MEDICAL TREATMENT
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- H2121: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; MEDICAL-ONLY LOSS
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- H2202: INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; FEE SCHEDULE; NOTICE
Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 8:00 AM, House Rm. 4)
- S1403: INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; WORKERS' COMPENSATION; CLAIM
Hearing: Senate Rules (Monday 02/21/22 at 12:45 PM, Caucus Rm. 1)

Bill Summaries

H2120: INJURY REPORTS; MEDICAL TREATMENT

For the purpose of workers' compensation injury reports, employers are only required to report injuries requiring medical treatment, which does not include any onetime, short-term treatment by nonmedical staff that requires little technology or training to administer.

First sponsor: Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15)

H2120 Daily History	Date	Action
INJURY REPORTS; MEDICAL TREATMENT	2/16	from House com do pass.
INJURY REPORTS; MEDICAL TREATMENT	2/15	House com do pass; report awaited.
INJURY REPORTS; MEDICAL TREATMENT	1/18	referred to House com.

H2121: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; MEDICAL-ONLY LOSS

For any workers' compensation claim involving "medical-only loss" (defined as loss that has no indemnity value reflecting lost wages), any experience rating adjustment as determined by a national nonprofit insurance rating organization must be applied to reduce the impact of the loss in the employer's experience modification calculation.

First sponsor: Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15)

H2121 Daily History	Date	Action
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; MEDICAL-ONLY LOSS	2/16	from House com with amend #4200 .
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; MEDICAL-ONLY LOSS	2/15	House com amended; report awaited.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; MEDICAL-ONLY LOSS	1/18	referred to House com.

H2202: INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; FEE SCHEDULE; NOTICE

Before the Industrial Commission takes final action on the schedule of fees for prescription medicines and for charges by physicians and other health care providers, the Commission is required to post specified notices online and hold at least one public meeting.

First sponsor: Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17)

H2202 Daily History	Date	Action
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; FEE SCHEDULE; NOTICE	2/16	from House com with amend #4204 .
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; FEE SCHEDULE; NOTICE	2/15	House com amended; report awaited.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; FEE SCHEDULE; NOTICE 1/18 referred to House com.

H2544: LAW ENFORCEMENT; FIRE; EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Probation officers and corrections officers are added to the definition of "law enforcement employee" for the purpose of statute considering a law enforcement employee who is injured or killed while traveling directly to or from work to be in the course and scope of employment solely for the purpose of eligibility for workers' compensation benefits.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2544 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

H2546: TRAUMATIC EVENT COUNSELING; CONTINUATION

The program to provide traumatic event counseling and therapy for public safety employees in specified circumstances is made permanent.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2546 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

S1403: INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; WORKERS' COMPENSATION; CLAIM

Insurance carriers are required to file a workers' compensation claim with the Industrial Commission on behalf of any employee who files a workers' compensation claim with the insurance carrier.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1403 Daily History	Date	Action
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; WORKERS' COMPENSATION; CLAIM	2/17	from Senate com with amend #4279 .
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; WORKERS' COMPENSATION; CLAIM	2/16	Senate com amended; report awaited.
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION; WORKERS' COMPENSATION; CLAIM	1/26	referred to Senate com.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 36-2232, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-2232. Director; powers and duties; regulation of ambulance services; inspections; response time compliance

A. The director shall adopt rules to regulate the operation of ambulances and ambulance services in this state. Each rule shall identify all sections and subsections of this chapter under which the rule was formulated. The rules shall provide for the department to do the following:

1. Determine, fix, alter and regulate just, reasonable and sufficient rates and charges for the provision of ambulances, including rates and charges for advanced life support service, basic life support service, patient loaded mileage, standby waiting, subscription service contracts and other contracts for services related to the provision of ambulances. The director may establish a rate and charge structure as defined by federal medicare guidelines for ambulance services. The director shall inform all ambulance services of the procedures and methodology used to determine ambulance rates or charges.

2. ENSURE THAT QUALITY PATIENT CARE, THAT IS EVIDENCE BASED AND TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE IMPACT ON RATES AND CHARGES IS THE PRIORITY FOR DECISION-MAKING.

~~2.3.~~ Regulate operating and response times of ambulances to meet the needs of the public and to ensure adequate service. The rules adopted by the director for certificated ambulance service response times shall include uniform standards for urban, suburban, rural and wilderness geographic areas within the certificate of necessity based on, at a minimum, population density, ~~AND~~ geographic and medical considerations. RESPONSE TIMES MUST BEGIN TOLLING WHEN 911 CONTACTS AN AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR DISPATCH AND CONCLUDES WHEN THE AMBULANCE SERVICES ARRIVES AT THE DISPATCHED LOCATION. ARRIVAL TIMES SHALL BE DOCUMENTED BY THE AMBULANCE SERVICE USING DISPATCH OR GPS DATA AND KEPT ON FILE. HIPAA COMPLIANT RESPONSE TIME DATA SHALL BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR POSTING ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. AS REPORTED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESPONSE TIMES MUST BE REPORTED AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

4. REVIEW RESPONSE TIMES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SUBSECTION WITH THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND UPDATE THE RESPONSE TIMES BASED ON, AT A MINIMUM, POPULATION DENSITY AND GEOGRAPHIC AND MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON RATES AND CHARGES, ON RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY EVERY THREE-SIX YEARS OR UPON REQUEST FROM A CITY, TOWN, FIRE DISTRICT OR FIRE AUTHORITY WHOSE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES IN WHOLE OR IN PART ARE WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF A CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY.

~~3.5.~~ Determine, fix, alter and regulate bases of operation. The director may issue a certificate of necessity to more than one ambulance service within any base of operation. For the purposes of this paragraph, "base of operation" means a service area granted under a certificate of necessity.

4.6. Issue, amend, transfer, suspend or revoke certificates of necessity under terms consistent with this article.

~~5.7. Prescribe a uniform system of accounts to be used by ambulance services that conforms to standard accounting forms and principles for the ambulance industry, and generally accepted accounting principles. AN AMBULANCE SERVICE THAT IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY SHALL FILE BASED ON GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESCRIBE AN AMBULANCE REPORT AND COST RECOVERY FORM FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE COMPANIES THAT MEETS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND A COMPARABLE FORM FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT MEETS GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.~~

1 ~~6-8.~~ Require the filing of an annual financial report and other data.
2 These rules shall require an ambulance service, FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DISTRICT
3 OR FIRE AUTHORITY to file the report with the department not later than one
4 hundred eighty days after the completion of its annual accounting period.

5 ~~7-9.~~ Regulate ambulance services in all matters affecting services to
6 the public ~~to the end~~ WHILE MAINTAINING QUALITY PATIENT CARE THAT IS EVIDENCE
7 BASED AND TAKES INTO CONSERATION THE IMPACT ON RATES AND CHARGES, AS THE
8 PRIORITY SO that this article may be fully carried out.

9 ~~8-10.~~ Prescribe bonding requirements, if any, for ambulance services
10 granted authority to provide any type of subscription service.

11 ~~9-11.~~ Offer technical assistance to ambulance services to ~~maximize a~~
12 ~~healthy and viable business climate for the provision of ambulances~~ ENSURE
13 COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES OR OFFER ADVICE REGARDING OPERATIONS.

14 ~~10-12.~~ Offer technical assistance to ambulance services in order to obtain
15 or to amend a certificate of necessity.

16 ~~11-13.~~ Inspect, at a maximum of ~~twelve~~ ~~month~~ TWELVE-MONTH intervals,
17 each ambulance registered pursuant to section 36-2212 to ensure that the
18 vehicle is operational and safe and that all required medical equipment
19 is operational. At the request of the provider, the inspection may be
20 performed by a facility approved by the director. If a provider requests
21 that the inspection be performed by a facility approved by the director, the
22 provider shall pay the cost of the inspection.

23 B. The director may require any ambulance service offering
24 subscription service contracts to obtain a bond in an amount determined by
25 the director that is based on the number of subscription service contract
26 holders and to file the bond with the director ~~for the protection of~~ TO
27 PROTECT all subscription service contract holders in this state who are
28 covered under that subscription contract.

29 C. An ambulance service shall:

30 1. Maintain, establish, add, move or delete suboperation stations
31 within its base of operation to ensure that the ambulance service meets the
32 established response times or those approved by the director in a
33 political subdivision contract.

34 2. Determine the operating hours of its suboperation stations to
35 provide for coverage of its base of operation.

36 3. Provide the department with a list of suboperation station
37 locations.

38 4. Notify the department not later than thirty days after the
39 ambulance service makes a change in the number or location of its suboperation
40 stations.

41 5. INSTALL AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC GEOGRAPHIC POSITIONING SYSTEM
42 MONITORING DEVICE IN EACH VEHICLE USED FOR TRANSPORT ~~TO RECORD EMERGENCY RESPONSE~~
43 ~~TIMES BEGINNING AT THE TIME AN AMBULANCE SERVICE IS CONTACTED FOR DISPATCH AND~~
44 ~~ENDING WHEN THE AMBULANCE ARRIVES AT THE DISPATCHED LOCATION~~ THAT RECORDS
45 ARRIVAL TIMES.

46 D. At any time, the director or the director's agents may:

47 1. Inquire into the operation of an ambulance service, including a
48 person operating an ambulance that has not been issued a certificate of
49 registration or a person who does not have or is operating outside of a
50 certificate of necessity.

51 2. Conduct on-site inspections of facilities, communications
52 equipment, vehicles, procedures, materials and equipment.

53 3. Review the qualifications of ambulance attendants.

54 E. If all ambulance services that have been granted authority to

operate within the same service area or that have overlapping certificates of necessity apply for uniform rates and charges, the director may establish uniform rates and charges for the service area.

F. In consultation with the medical director of the emergency medical services and trauma system, the emergency medical services council and the medical direction commission, the director of the department of health services shall establish protocols for ambulance services to refer and advise a patient or transport a patient by the most appropriate means to the most appropriate provider of medical services based on the patient's condition. The protocols shall include triage and treatment protocols that allow all classifications of emergency medical care technicians responding to a person who has accessed 911, or a similar public dispatch number, for a condition that does not pose an immediate threat to life or limb to refer and advise a patient or transport a patient to the most appropriate health care institution as defined in section 36-401 based on the patient's condition, taking into consideration factors including patient choice, the patient's health care provider, specialized health care facilities and local protocols.

G. The director, when reviewing an ambulance service's response time compliance with its certificate of necessity, shall consider in addition to other factors the effect of hospital diversion, delayed emergency department admission and the number of ambulances engaged in response or transport in the affected area.

Sec. 2. Section 36-2233, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-2233. Certificate of necessity to operate an ambulance service; exceptions; service areas

A. Any person wishing to operate an ambulance service in this state shall apply to the department on a form prescribed by the director for a certificate of necessity.

B. The director shall issue a certificate of necessity if all of the following apply:

~~1. The ambulance service has a certificate of registration issued by the department for at least one ambulance pursuant to section 36-2212.~~

~~2.1.~~ The director finds that public necessity requires the service or any part of the service proposed by the applicant.

~~3.2.~~ The director finds that the applicant is fit and proper to provide the service.

~~4.3.~~ The applicant has paid the appropriate fees pursuant to section 36-2240.

~~5.4.~~ The applicant has filed a surety bond pursuant to section 8 36-2237.

C. A certificate of necessity issued pursuant to subsection B of this section shall be for all or part of the service proposed by the applicant as determined necessary by the director for public convenience and necessity.

D. This section does not require a certificate of necessity for:

1. Vehicles and persons that are exempt from a certificate of registration pursuant to section 36-2217.

2. Ambulance services operating under temporary authority pursuant to section 36-2242.

E. The director may grant a service area by one or any combination of the following descriptions:

1. Metes and bounds.

2. A city, town or political subdivision not limited to a specific

1 date. ~~The merger or consolidation of two or more fire districts pursuant to~~
2 ~~section 48-820 or 48-822 does not expand the service area boundaries of an~~
3 ~~existing certificate of necessity.~~

4 3. A city, town or political subdivision as of a specific date ~~that~~
5 ~~does not include annexation.~~

6 Sec. 3. Section 36-2234, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

7 36-2234. Hearings; waiver of hearing; emergency action; suspension;
8 judicial review; definition

9 A. The director shall require a public hearing on any proposed
10 action related to rates, fares or charges, operating or response times, bases
11 of operation or certificates of necessity unless subsection ~~C~~, E, G or ~~M~~—O
12 of this section applies.

13 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANY HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A
14 CITY, TOWN, FIRE DISTRICT OR FIRE AUTHORITY WHOSE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES
15 IN WHOLE OR IN PART ARE WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF A CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY,
16 OR A LICENSED HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION LOCATED WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF A
17 CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY, IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN INTERESTED PARTY AS A
18 MATTER OF LAW.

19 C. WITHIN ~~NINETY-ONE~~ HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLETE
20 APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-2233,
21 THE DIRECTOR SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC NECESSITY REQUIRES THE PROPOSED
22 AMBULANCE SERVICE IN A SERVICE AREA OR ANY PART OF A SERVICE AREA AND, IF
23 NECESSITY FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE IS FOUND TO EXIST AND THE APPLICANT MEETS
24 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 36-2233, SUBSECTION B, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ISSUE
25 A CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY TO OPERATE THE AMBULANCE SERVICE. ANY CERTIFICATE
26 OF NECESSITY HOLDER WHOSE AMBULANCE SERVICE AREA IN WHOLE OR IN PART IS WITHIN
27 THE AFFECTED SERVICE AREA OF THE NEW AMBULANCE SERVICE MAY APPEAL THE
28 DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION P OF THIS SECTION.

29 ~~B-D~~. A public hearing held pursuant to subsection A of this section shall
30 meet the following requirements:

31 1. The hearing shall be held pursuant to title 41, chapter 6,
32 article 10.

33 2. The director shall mail notice of the hearing to every ambulance
34 service in the affected region ~~no~~ AND EVERY INTERESTED PARTY AS SPECIFIED IN
35 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION NOT later than fifteen days before the
36 hearing.

37 3. The director may mail notice to other persons who the director
38 determines are interested in the hearing.

39 4. In a hearing or rehearing conducted pursuant to this article, an
40 ambulance service may be represented by a corporate officer, an employee or
41 a designee who has been specifically authorized by the ambulance service to
42 represent it.

43 5. A certificate of necessity hearing may not last more than ten days
44 unless the administrative law judge determines, in writing, on the final day
45 of the hearing that there is an extraordinary need for additional hearing
46 days.

47 ~~C-E~~. The director may waive the hearing required under subsection A of
48 this section if notification, including a general description of the proposed
49 action of the department and the time and manner for any interested person
50 to request a hearing, is given and all of the following apply:

51 1. Notification of the proposed action has been sent to every ambulance
52 service in the affected region ~~no~~ AND EVERY INTERESTED PARTY AS SPECIFIED IN
53 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION NOT later than fifteen days before the
54 action.

55 2. The director has notified other persons who the director determines
56 are interested in the proposed action ~~no~~ NOT later than fifteen days before

1 the action.

2 3. The director has published notice of the proposed action in a
3 newspaper of general circulation in the affected region at least once each
4 week for two consecutive weeks before the action is taken.

5 4. The director has received no requests within the fifteen-day
6 notification period for a hearing to be held on the proposed action.

7 ~~D.F.~~ If the director receives a request pursuant to subsection ~~C-E~~,
8 paragraph 4 of this section, the director shall hold a hearing in compliance
9 with subsection ~~B-D~~ of this section.

10 ~~E-G.~~ The director shall not hold a hearing if a person requests a hearing
11 regarding a rate increase that does not exceed the amount computed as follows:

12 1. Determine the percentage growth in the transportation consumer price
13 index of the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics,
14 from the end of the second preceding calendar year to the calendar year
15 immediately preceding the calendar year for which the rate increase is
16 requested.

17 2. Determine the percentage growth in the medical care consumer
18 price index of the United States department of labor, bureau of labor
19 statistics, from the end of the second preceding calendar year to the
20 calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the rate
21 increase is requested.

22 3. Add the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection to the
23 amount determined in paragraph 2 of this subsection and divide the sum by two.

24 ~~F.H.~~ A rate increase authorized pursuant to subsection ~~E-G~~ of this
25 section is deemed to be fixed by the department at the requested level
26 Notwithstanding subsection ~~C-E~~ of this section, the department shall hold a
27 hearing pursuant to section 36-2232, subsection E for any proposed uniform
28 rate or charge that exceeds the annual rate increase prescribed in
29 subsection ~~E-G~~ of this section. The department shall require the applicants
30 to submit the following information signed by the designated financial officer
31 and the chief executive of the ambulance service who has fiduciary
32 responsibility for providing accurate financial information:

33 1. A financial statement for the previous twenty-four months relating
34 to the certificated areas.

35 2. Any additional information the department requires to analyze the
36 request.

37 ~~G-I.~~ If an ambulance service with an established general public rate
38 applies for a contract rate or range of rates that is up to thirty percent
39 less than its established rate, the director shall grant the rate without a
40 public hearing or waiver, and without any right of intervention, unless within
41 ninety days ~~of~~ ~~AFTER~~ the filing of a completed application the director
42 determines that the contract rate or range of rates applied for does not
43 accurately reflect the cost and economics of providing the contract services,
44 would adversely affect the service available to the general public in the
45 area of service as designated by its certificate of necessity or would cause
46 any fixed rate, fare or charge to the general public to be adversely
47 affected.

48 ~~H.J.~~ If the department disallows a proposed contract rate pursuant to
49 subsection ~~G-I~~ of this section, the ambulance service has a right to a hearing
50 for review of the proposed contract rate or range of rates.

51 ~~I-K.~~ The director may adopt rules for the establishment of a contract
52 rate or range of rates that may be implemented and that exceeds the thirty
53 percent rate variance identified pursuant to subsection ~~G-I~~ of this section.

54 ~~J-L.~~ Subsections ~~G, H and I~~, J AND K of this section are limited to
55 contract rates or a range of rates applied for prescheduled, interfacility or
56 convalescent transports.

K-M. A service contract between an ambulance service and a political subdivision of this state, including local fire districts, shall be filed with and approved by the department in accordance with the following requirements:

1. On receipt of the proposed contract, the department has fifteen days to review the contract and notify the ambulance service of any additional information the department requires, recommended corrections or any provision that does or may violate this article.

2. The ambulance service has fifteen days to provide the department with the information requested or to submit a revised or amended contract if required under paragraph 1 of this subsection.

3. The contract becomes effective fifteen days after the ambulance service complies with the department's request unless the department determines that any rate or charge or other provisions specified in the contract will cause any fixed rate or charge to the general public rate to be adversely affected or the contract would be in violation of the ambulance service's certificate of necessity.

4. If the department disallows a proposed contract pursuant to this subsection, the ambulance service has a right to a hearing for review of the proposed contract.

5. The rates and charges contained in the contract are the rates and charges fixed by the director in a decision or order for the ambulance service and conform to the ambulance service's current or subsequent general public rates and charges.

6. The area of response is within the ambulance service's certificated area.

1-N. In case of emergency, the director may take action providing for immediate suspension of a certificate of registration or a certificate of necessity, or both, under this section without notice or a hearing if the director determines that a potential threat to the public health and safety exists. If such an action is taken by the director, the director shall conduct a hearing within ten days after the date of the director's action unless the person against whom the action is directed waives the right to have a hearing held within ten days. If the ten-day hearing requirement is waived, the director shall set a date mutually agreeable to the interested parties. The purpose of the hearing is to review the decision of the director to take such an action. The director shall make findings of fact and may continue, suspend or modify the director's action.

M.O. The director shall waive the hearing required under subsection A of this section if ~~geographical~~-GEOGRAPHIC changes in suboperation stations do not alter the service area or adversely affect approved response times.

N.P. Except as provided in section 41-1092.08, subsection H, a final decision of the director is subject to judicial review pursuant to title 12, chapter 7, article 6.

~~E.O.~~ For the purposes of this section, "hearing day":

1. Means any portion of a business day that is used for any hearing-related activity, including testimony, argument or presentation of evidence.

2. Does not include prehearing conferences or other administrative matters that occur before the start of the hearing.

Sec. 4. Section 36-2236, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-2236. Nature of certificates of necessity transfer; suspension; service area

A. A certificate of necessity issued pursuant to this article is not a franchise, may be revoked by the director and does not confer a property right on its holder.

B. A certificate of necessity shall not be assigned or otherwise transferred without the written approval of the director. When any certificate

1 is assigned or transferred, the director shall issue to the assignee or
2 transferee a new certificate THAT IS valid only for the unexpired term of the
3 transferred or assigned certificate.

4 C. In case of emergency, the director may suspend a certificate of
5 necessity as provided in section 36-2234.

6 D. If a certificate of necessity issued pursuant to this article
7 ~~includes any~~ IS ISSUED TO A city, town, FIRE DISTRICT, FIRE AUTHORITY or other
8 political subdivision of this state, the service area shall be all the
9 ~~geographical~~ GEOGRAPHIC area lying within THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF
10 the city, town, FIRE DISTRICT, FIRE AUTHORITY or political subdivision, unless
11 the certificate issued by the director specifically ~~excludes a portion of the~~
12 ~~city, town or political subdivision~~ INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL SERVICE AREA
13 OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY, TOWN, FIRE DISTRICT, FIRE
14 AUTHORITY OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. IF THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF
15 A CITY, TOWN, FIRE DISTRICT, FIRE AUTHORITY OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
16 EXPAND, THE SERVICE AREA IN THE CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY EXPANDS TO REFLECT
17 THOSE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES. SUCH AUTOMATIC EXPANSION OF THE CERTIFICATE
18 OF NECESSITY DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF MULTIPLE
19 JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY, TOWN, FIRE DISTRICT, FIRE AUTHORITY OR
20 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. IF THE POPULATION OF A SERVICE AREA INCREASES CHANGES,
21 THE DEPARTMENT MUST CONDUCT A REVIEW TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL UNITS
22 ADJUSTMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED IN MADE TO THE RESPONSE TIMES IN THE SERVICE
23 AREA, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE IMPACT ON RATES AND CHARGES. This
24 subsection does not affect the validity of any previously granted certificate
25 for an unincorporated area lying within the boundaries of a city.

26 E. ~~THE NUMBER OF UNITS IN A SERVICE AREA SHALL NOT BE REDUCED~~
27 ~~UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN THE POPULATION OF~~
28 ~~THE SERVICE AREA THAT NECESSITATES THE REDUCTION OF UNITS. THE DIRECTOR~~
29 ~~MAY APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN TWO ADJOINING OR OVERLAPPING CERTIFICATE OF~~
30 ~~NECESSITY HOLDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF AUTOMATED AID IN ORDER THAT THE CLOSEST~~
31 ~~MOST APPROPRIATE AMBULANCE IS DISPATCHED TO A 9-1-1 CALL. THE CERTIFICATE OF~~
32 ~~NECESSITY HOLDER MUST SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE RESPONSE TIME OF SUCH~~
33 ~~RESPONSES AS PRESCRIBED IN ARS 36-2232(3).~~

34 Sec. 5. Section 36-2239, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

35 36-2239. Ambulance services; rates; charges; adjustment;
36 civil penalty

37 A. An ambulance service that applies ~~for an adjustment in~~ TO ADJUST
38 its rates or charges shall automatically be granted a rate increase equal to
39 the amount determined under section 36-2234, subsection E-G, if the ambulance
40 service is so entitled. An automatic rate adjustment that is granted pursuant
41 to this subsection and that is filed on or before April 1 is effective June 1
42 of that year. The department shall notify the applicant and each health
43 care services organization as defined in section 20-1051 of the rate
44 adjustment on or before May 1 of that year.

45 B. Notwithstanding subsection E of this section, if the department
46 does not hold a hearing within ninety days after an ambulance service
47 ~~submits an application~~ APPLIES to the department ~~for an adjustment of~~ TO
48 ADJUST its rates or charges, the ambulance service may adjust its rates or
49 charges to an amount not to exceed the amount sought by the ambulance
50 service in its application to the department. An ambulance service shall not
51 apply ~~for an adjustment of~~ TO ADJUST its rates or charges more than once every
52 six months.

53 C. At the time ~~it~~ THE DEPARTMENT holds a hearing on the rates or
54 charges of an ambulance service pursuant to section 36-2234, the department
55 may adjust the rates or charges adjusted by the ambulance service pursuant
56 to subsection B of this section, but the adjustment shall not be retroactive.

1 D. Except as provided in subsection H of this section, an ambulance
2 service shall not charge, demand or collect any remuneration for any
3 service greater or less than or different from the rate or charge determined
4 and fixed by the department as the rate or charge for that service. An
5 ambulance service may charge for disposable supplies, medical supplies and
6 medication and oxygen related costs if the charges do not exceed the
7 manufacturer's suggested retail price, are uniform throughout the ambulance
8 service's certificated area and are filed with the director. An ambulance
9 service shall not refund or limit in any manner or by any device any
10 portion of the rates or charges for a service that the department has
11 determined and fixed or ordered as the rate or charge for that service.

12 E. The department shall determine and render its decision regarding all
13 rates or charges within ninety days after commencement of the applicant's
14 hearing ~~for an adjustment of~~ TO ADJUST rates or charges. If the department
15 does not render its decision as required by this subsection, the ambulance
16 service may adjust its rates and charges to an amount that does not exceed
17 the amounts sought by the ambulance service in its application to the
18 department. If the department renders a decision to adjust the rates or charges
19 to an amount less than that requested in the application and the ambulance
20 service has ~~made an adjustment to~~ ADJUSTED its rates and charges ~~that is~~
21 higher than the adjustment approved by the department, within thirty days
22 after the department's decision the ambulance service shall refund to the
23 appropriate ratepayer the difference between the ambulance service's adjusted
24 rates and charges and the rates and charges ordered by the department. The
25 ambulance service shall provide evidence to the department that the refund
26 has been made. If the ambulance service fails to comply with this subsection,
27 the director may impose a civil penalty subject to the ~~limitations~~ LIMITS
28 provided in SECTION 36-2245.

29 F. An ambulance service shall charge the advanced life support base
30 rate as prescribed by the director under any of the following circumstances:

31 1. A person requests an ambulance by dialing telephone number 911, or
32 a similarly designated telephone number for emergency calls, and ~~the ambulance~~
33 ~~service meets~~ ALL OF the following APPLY:

34 (a) The ambulance is staffed with at least one ambulance attendant.

35 (b) The ambulance is equipped with all required advanced life support
36 medical equipment and supplies for the advanced life support attendants in
37 the ambulance.

38 (c) The patient receives advanced life support services or is
39 transported by the advanced life support unit.

40 2. Advanced life support is requested by a medical authority or by the
41 patient.

42 3. The ambulance attendants administer one or more specialized
43 treatment activities or procedures as prescribed by the department by
44 rule.

45 G. An ambulance service shall charge the basic life support base rate
46 as prescribed by the director under any of the following circumstances:

47 1. A person requests an ambulance by dialing telephone number 911, or
48 a similarly designated telephone number for emergency calls, and ~~the ambulance~~
49 ~~service meets~~ ALL OF the following APPLY:

50 (a) The ambulance is staffed with two ambulance attendants certified by
51 this state.

52 (b) The ambulance is equipped with all required basic life support
53 medical equipment and supplies for the basic life support medical attendants
54 in the ambulance.

55 (c) The patient receives basic life support services or is transported
56 by the basic life support unit.

57 2. Basic life support transportation or service is requested by a

1 medical authority or by the patient, unless any provision of subsection F of
2 this section applies, in which case the advanced life support rate ~~shall~~
3 ~~apply~~ APPLIES.

4 H. For each contract year, the Arizona health care cost containment
5 system administration and its contractors and subcontractors shall provide
6 remuneration for ambulance services for persons who are enrolled in or
7 covered by the Arizona health care cost containment system in an amount equal
8 to 68.59 percent of the amounts as prescribed by the department as of July 1
9 of each year for services specified in subsections F and G of this section
10 and 68.59 percent of the mileage charges as determined by the department as
11 of July 1 of each year pursuant to section 36-2232. The Arizona health
12 care cost containment system administration shall ~~make annual adjustments to~~
13 ~~ANNUALLY ADJUST~~ the Arizona health care cost containment system fee schedule
14 according to the department's approved ambulance service rate in effect as
15 of July 1 of each year. The rate adjustments made pursuant to this subsection
16 are effective beginning October 1 of each year.

17 I. In establishing rates and charges, the director shall consider the
18 following factors:

19 1. The transportation needs assessment of the medical response system
20 in a political subdivision.

21 2. The medical care consumer price index of the United States
22 department of labor, bureau of labor statistics.

23 3. Whether a review is made by a local emergency medical services
24 coordinating system in regions where that system is designated as to the
25 appropriateness of the proposed service level.

26 4. The rate of return on gross revenue.

27 5. Response times pursuant to section 36-2232, subsection A, ~~paragraph~~
28 ~~2-PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4.~~

29 J. Notwithstanding section 36-2234, an ambulance service may charge an
30 amount for medical assessment, equipment or treatment that exceeds the
31 requirements of section 36-2205 if requested or required by a medical
32 provider or patient.

33 K. Notwithstanding subsections D, F and G of this section, an ambulance
34 service may provide gratuitous services if an ambulance is dispatched and the
35 patient subsequently declines to be treated or transported.

36 Sec. 6. Section 36-2242, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

37 36-2242. Temporary authority to operate in urgent circumstances;
38 application; application to provide permanent service

39 A. If the director determines that there is an immediate and urgent
40 need for service to one or more points or within an area lacking adequate
41 ambulance service, the director may, at ~~his~~ ~~THE DIRECTOR'S~~ discretion and
42 without a hearing or other proceeding, grant an ambulance service, ~~FIRE~~
43 ~~DEPARTMENT, FIRE DISTRICT OR FIRE AUTHORITY OR A LICENSED HOSPITAL~~ temporary
44 authority to provide the needed service. The temporary authority is valid for
45 the period specified by the director, not to exceed ninety days, and may
46 ~~not be renewed~~ ~~BE EXTENDED FOR AN~~ ~~ONE~~ ~~ADDITIONAL~~ ~~NINETY DAY~~ ~~PERIOD OF TIME AS~~
47 ~~DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.~~

48 B. An applicant for temporary authority pursuant to this section shall
49 submit to the director a verified written statement setting forth the
50 circumstances of the immediate and urgent need for service. The director shall
51 prescribe a temporary schedule of rates and charges ~~which shall~~ ~~THAT DO~~ not
52 exceed rates and charges established by the director for similar services.

53 C. The department may make an independent investigation to
54 determine whether there is an immediate and urgent need for the authority
55 requested.

56 D. During the period of temporary authority, a person granted temporary
57 authority shall file an application for a certificate of necessity to conduct

1 the service if ~~he~~ **THE PERSON** intends to continue the service after the
2 temporary authority expires. A grant of temporary authority pursuant to this
3 section does not create a presumption that permanent authority for the
4 service should be granted.

5 Sec. 7. Section 36-2246, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
6 read:

7 **36-2246. Fire districts; rural ambulance services; request**
8 **for information; format**

9 A. The department shall implement a format to govern its requests for
10 information from each fire district that holds a certificate of necessity to
11 operate an ambulance service under this chapter that substantially conforms
12 to the annual report prescribed by section 48-251.

13 B. The department's request for financial information from each fire
14 district that holds a certificate of necessity to operate an ambulance service
15 under this chapter shall substantially conform to the accounting method
16 prescribed by section 48-251.

17 C. The department's request for information from each rural ambulance
18 service that holds a certificate of necessity under this chapter shall include
19 the minimum information the department requires under section 36-2232,
20 subsection A, paragraphs ~~5-and-6~~ **7 AND 8**.



Pima County Fire Chiefs' Association



February 23, 2022

Attention: Arizona Fire Chiefs' Association (AFCA)
Professional Firefighters of Arizona (PFFA)

Re: Letter of Support for HCR 2004

The Pima County Fire Chiefs' Association (PCFCA) is comprised of Fire Chiefs throughout incorporated and unincorporated Pima County, the State's second largest county with a population of over 1.047 million residents. The membership includes the leaders of federal, state, local, tribal, volunteer, and corporate fire protection, and emergency medical services (EMS) providers collectively serving to protect and enhance the welfare of not only the residents of Pima County, but its many visitors.

The PCFCA underpins a collective effort to seek consistency of service delivery not only throughout Pima County, but the State of Arizona. Much like every county within the State, Pima County's geographic makeup is diverse and ranges from a few densely populated urban or suburban areas, to vast swaths of unpopulated or lightly populated rural or frontier areas.

Sadly, diversity of this kind lends itself to inconsistencies in service delivery from one area of Pima County to the next, which results in disparate and often tragic outcomes for victims of emergencies in underserved areas of Pima County when compared to the more populated areas. Without the critical funding assistance proposed through HCR 2004 to aid in providing timely and consistent emergency service delivery throughout Arizona, this trend will undoubtedly continue, and lives will be lost as a result.

For these reasons, the PCFCA and the southern Arizona leadership of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) would like to express its greatest level of support for HCR 2004.

Respectfully,

Norman K. "Brad" Bradley III
Chair - Pima County Fire Chiefs' Association

Josh Campbell
President - Tucson Firefighters Local 479
So. Arizona Field Representative - International Association of Firefighters

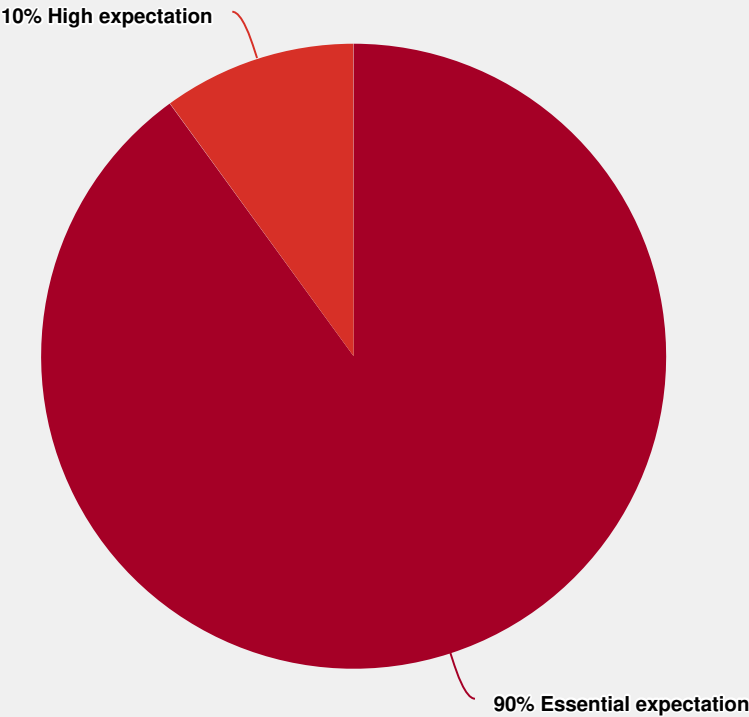
Report for GRFD Community Expectations & Programs Survey

Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%	<div></div>	
	Complete	<div></div>	20

Totals: 20

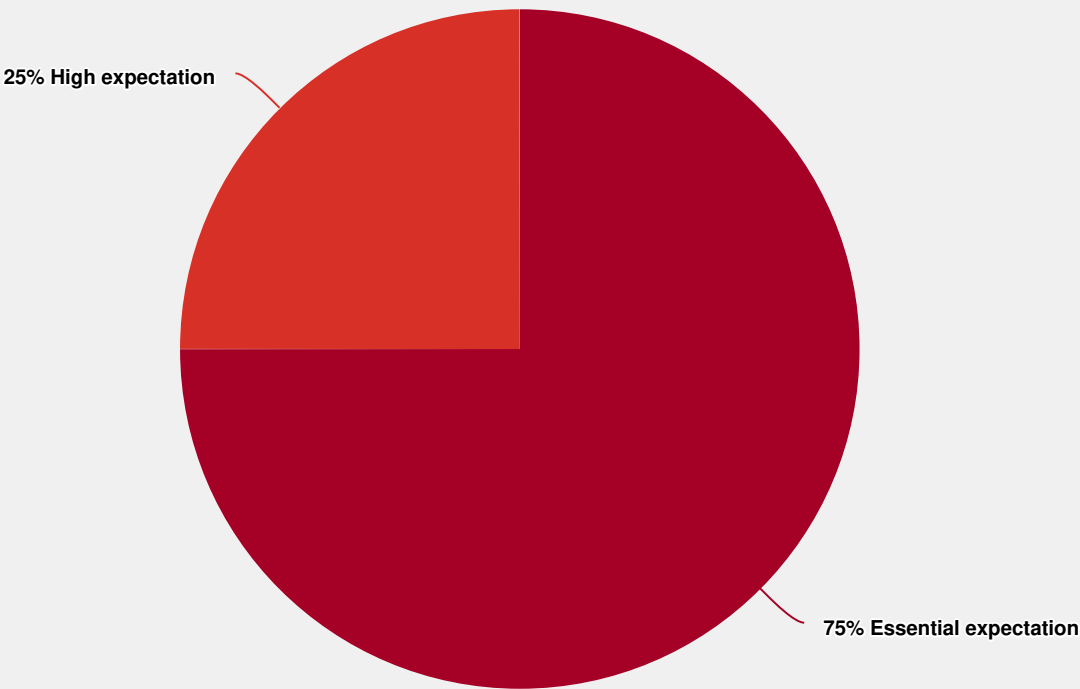
1. Maintaining adequate staffing, apparatus, and equipment for emergency response.



Value		Percent	Responses
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High expectation	<div><div></div></div>	10.0%	2

Totals: 20

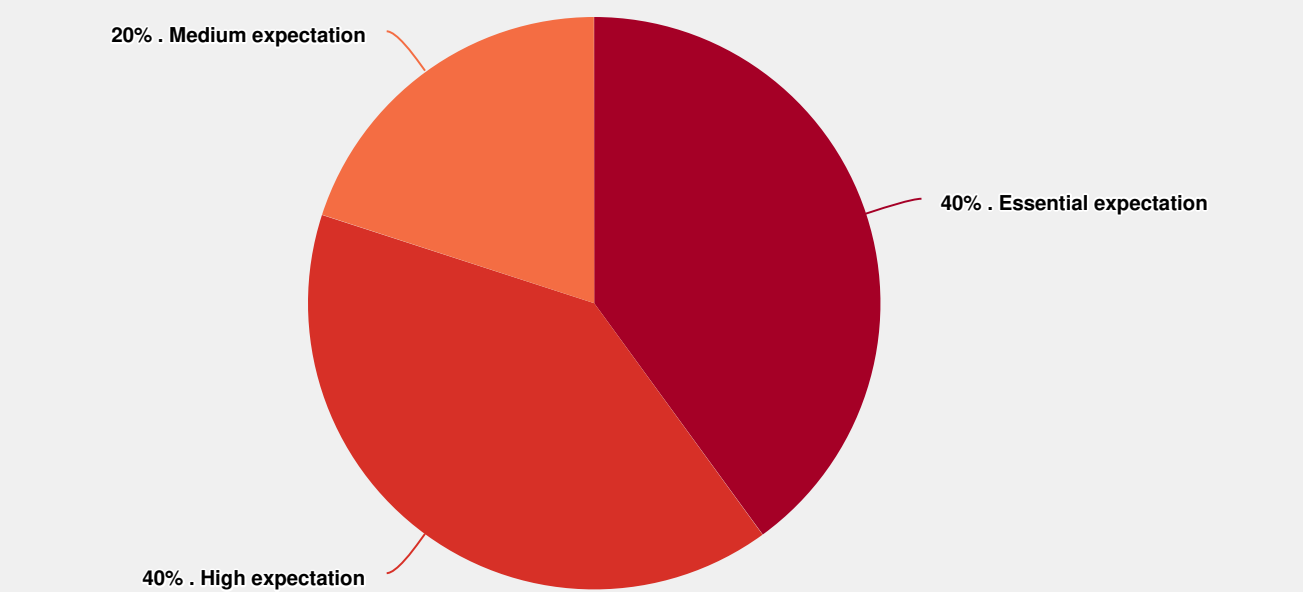
2. Ensuring a high level of competency/training of personnel.



Value		Percent	Responses
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High expectation	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	5

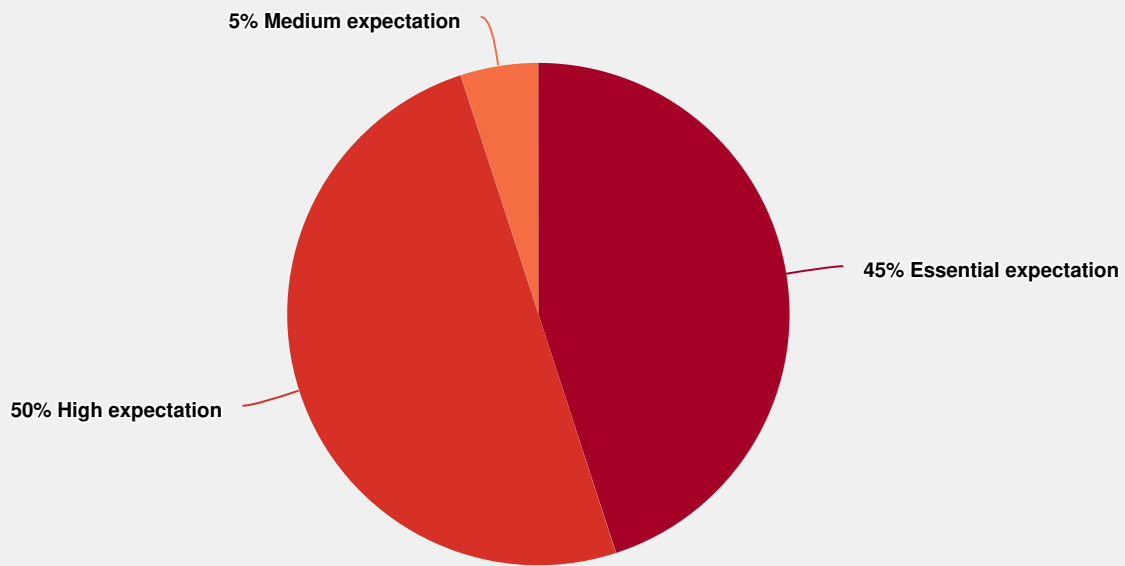
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3. Providing for community involvement and presence at schools, community events, neighborhood activities, etc.



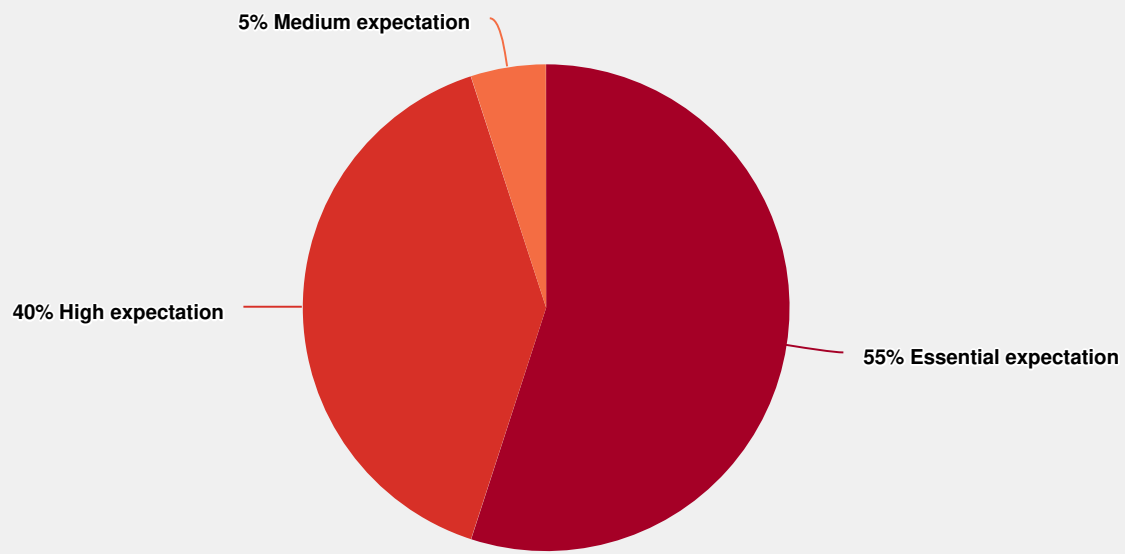
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. High expectation	<div><div></div></div>	40.0%	8
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4. Providing a high level of community risk reduction for the community by enforcing fire codes and providing public education/community-involved prevention programs.



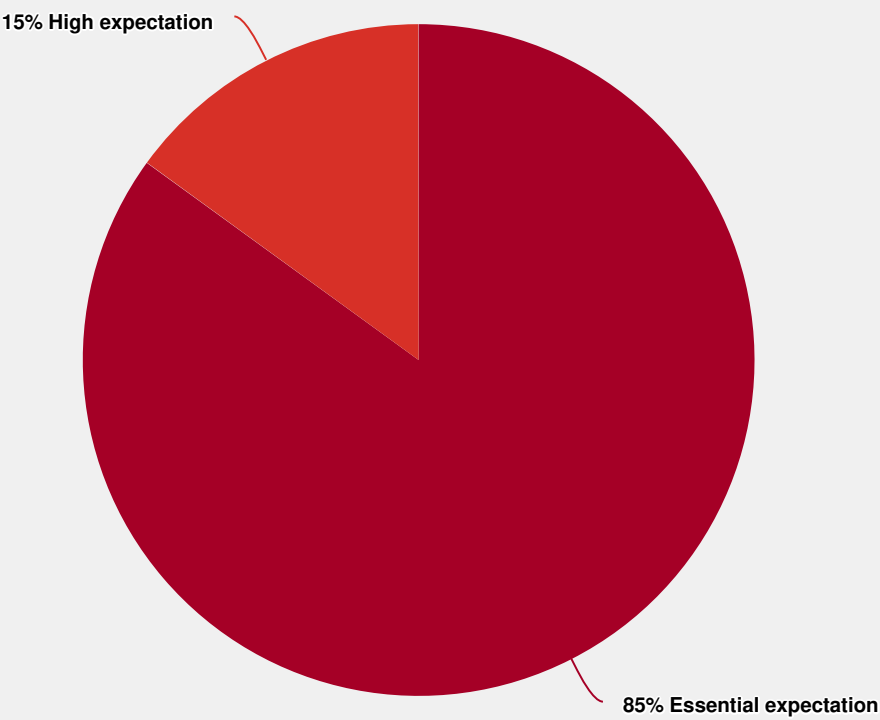
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High expectation	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	50.0%	10
Medium expectation	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	5.0%	1
Totals: 20			

5. Maintaining a high level of fiscal responsibility and transparency



Value		Percent	Responses
Essential expectation	<div><div></div></div>	55.0%	11
High expectation	<div><div></div></div>	40.0%	8
Medium expectation	<div><div></div></div>	5.0%	1
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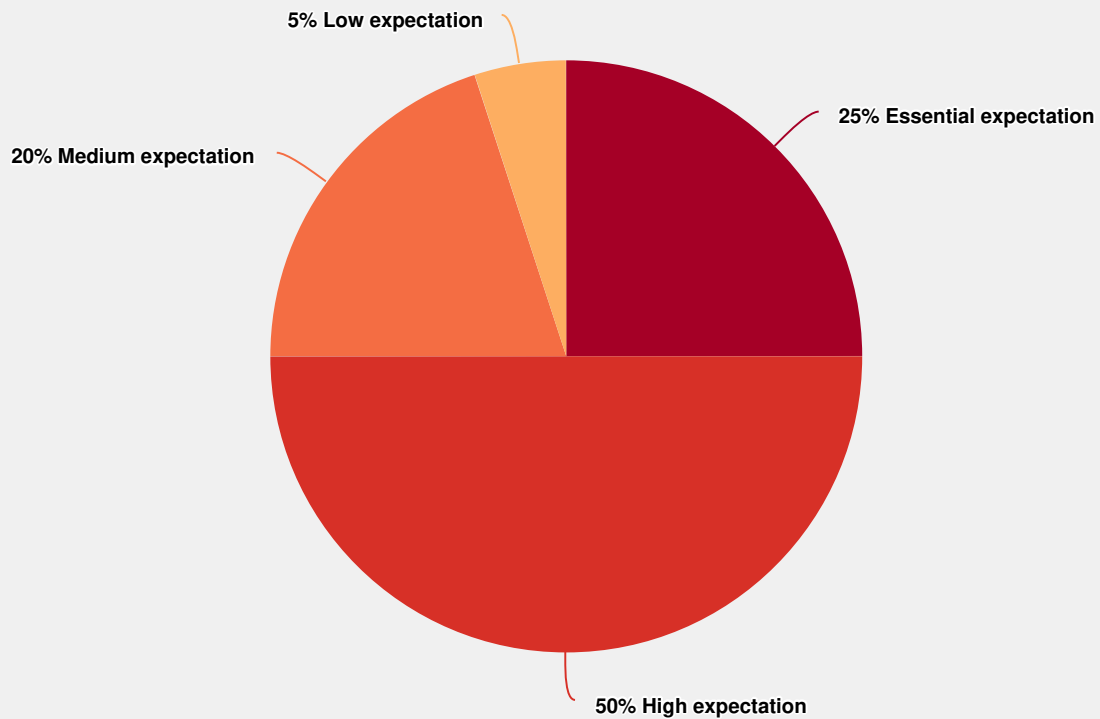
6. Ensuring for maximum safety of firefighters.



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Essential expectation	<div><div></div></div>	85.0%	17
High expectation	<div><div></div></div>	15.0%	3

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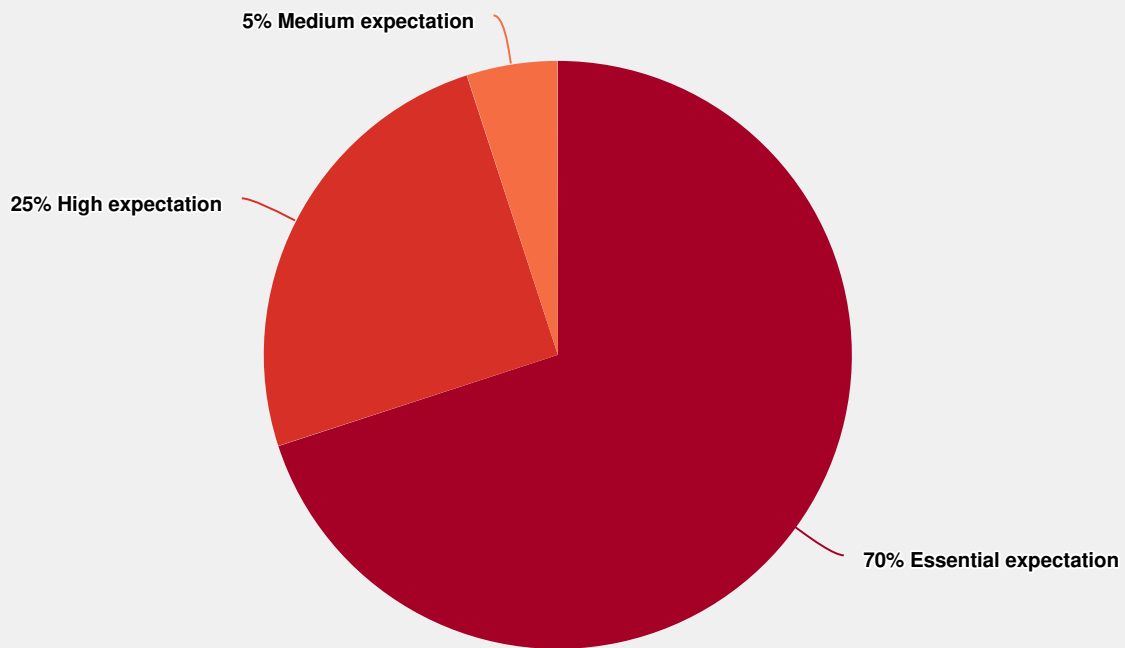
7. Providing non-emergency services such as smoke detector battery change and reptile removal



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Essential expectation	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	5
High expectation	<div><div></div></div>	50.0%	10
Medium expectation	<div><div></div></div>	20.0%	4
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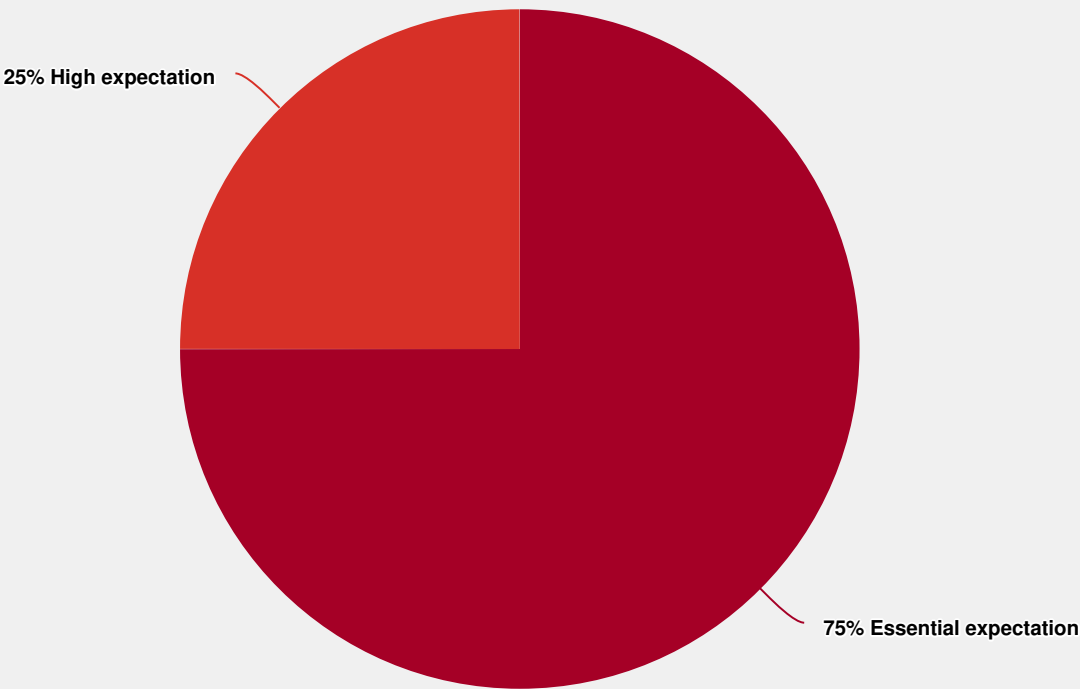
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8. Ensuring that firefighters are adequately compensated to maintain retention/experience.



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Essential expectation	<div><div></div></div>	70.0%	14
High expectation	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	5
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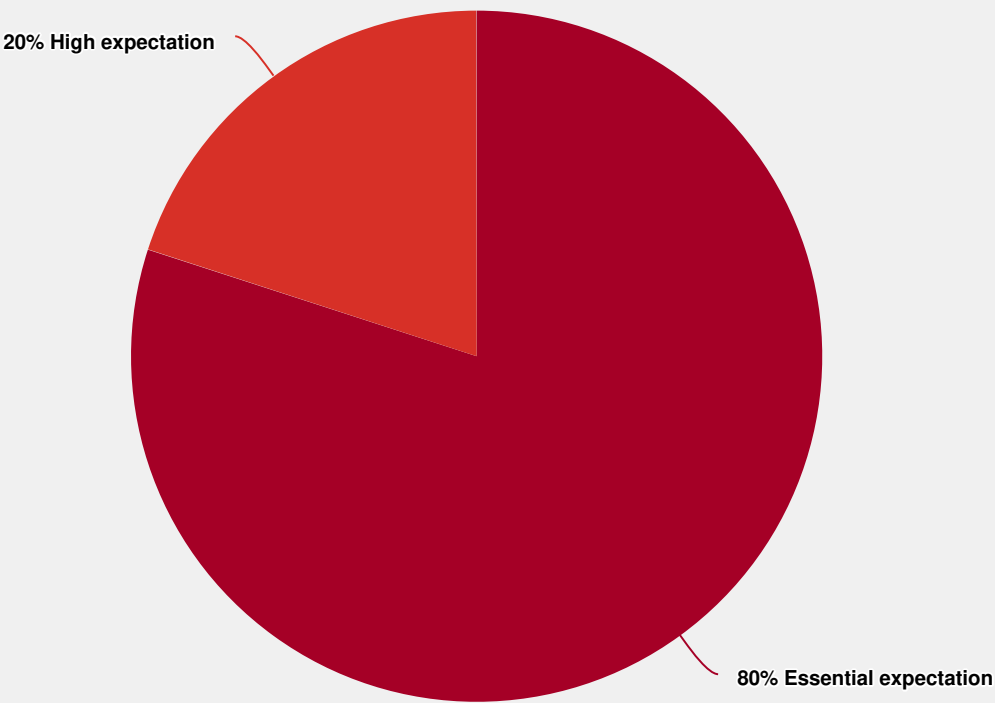
9. Appropriate and expedient response time to emergencies.



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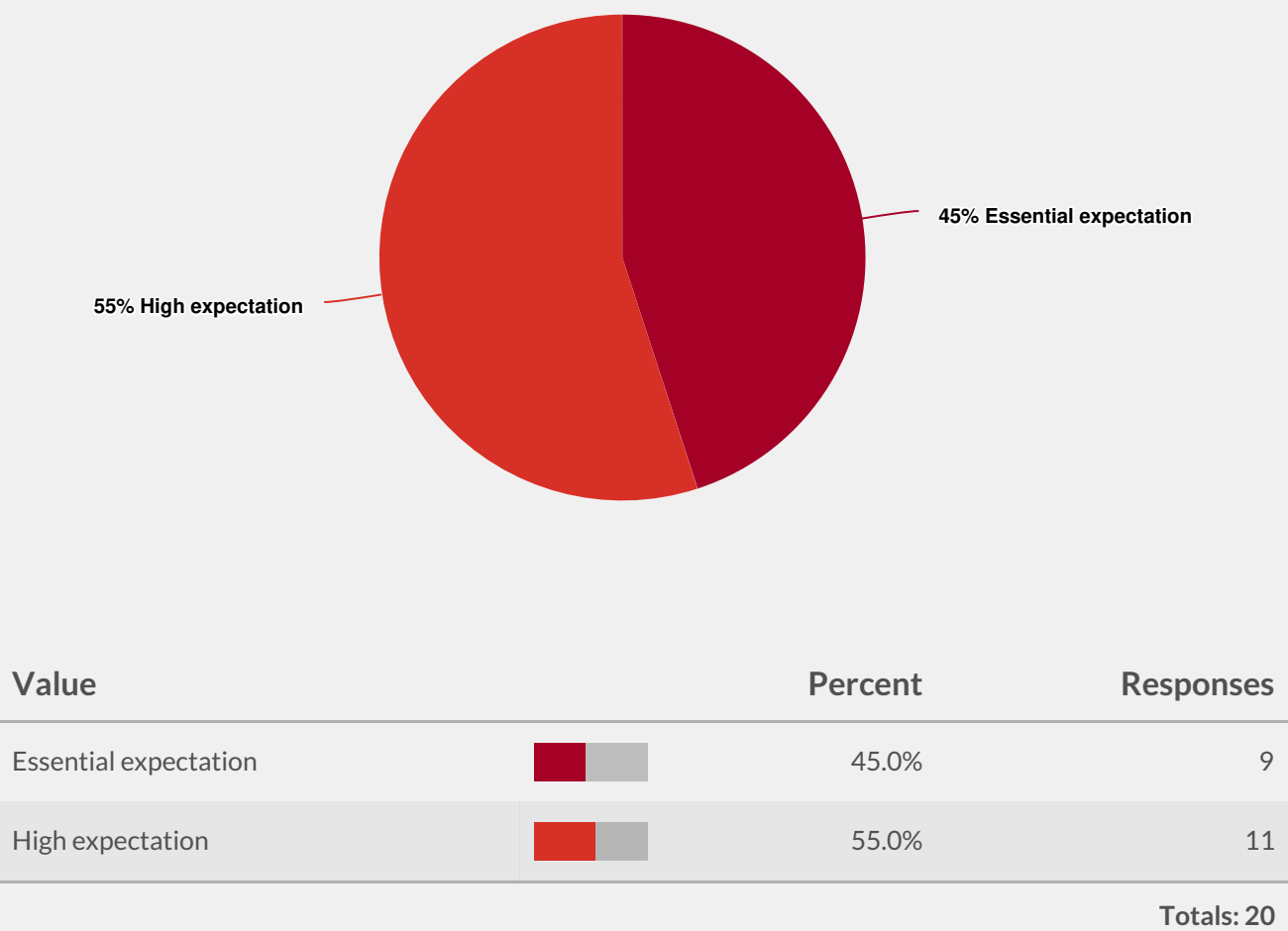
10. Ensuring GRFD provides the most effective, evidence-based emergency medical services.



Value		Percent	Responses
Essential expectation	<div><div></div></div>	80.0%	16
High expectation	<div><div></div></div>	20.0%	4

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11. Professionalism of GRFD personnel.



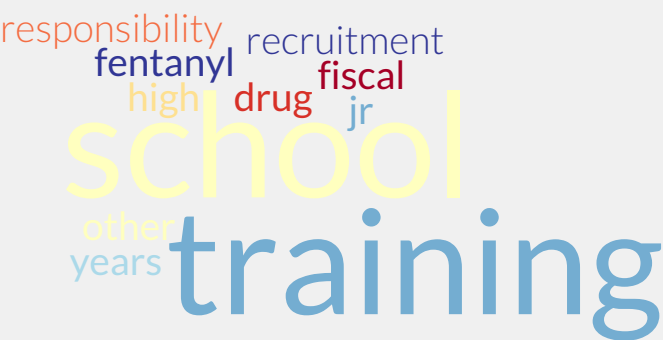
12. Additional expectation not listed.



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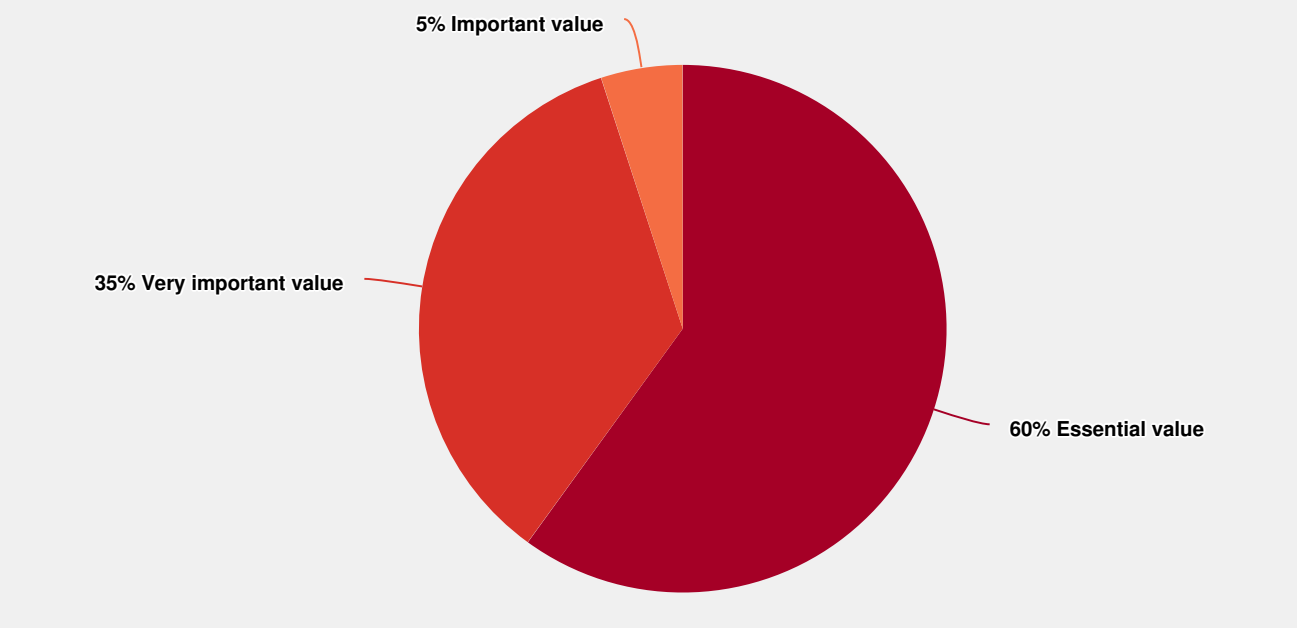
3	Fire Fighting is turning to be similar to law enforcement. It is essential to be transparent and ethical in services.
5	None
7	Drug overdose response and treatment.
8	High Integrity
15	Continual improvement effort to stay the best
16	Good presentation. Take advantage of volunteers. Keep the community informed
17	Because I have had to use Golder Ranch services, I have been very impressed the response time and professionalism.
18	Fiscal responsibility
20	Provide affordable services to low income and uninsured individuals, such as your fixed rate ambulance program.

13. Additional expectation not listed.



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5	None
7	In school training any recruitment
9	None
17	Fentanyl and other drug training with Jr High and High School years
18	Fiscal responsibility

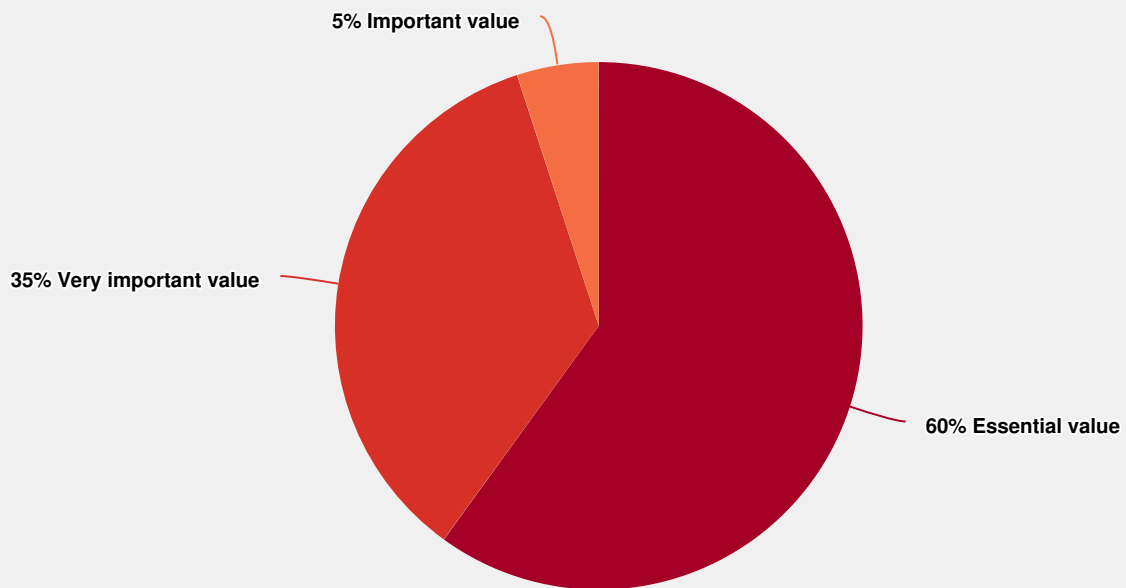
14. Fire Investigation



Value		Percent	Responses
Essential value	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	60.0%	12
Very important value	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	35.0%	7
Important value	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	5.0%	1

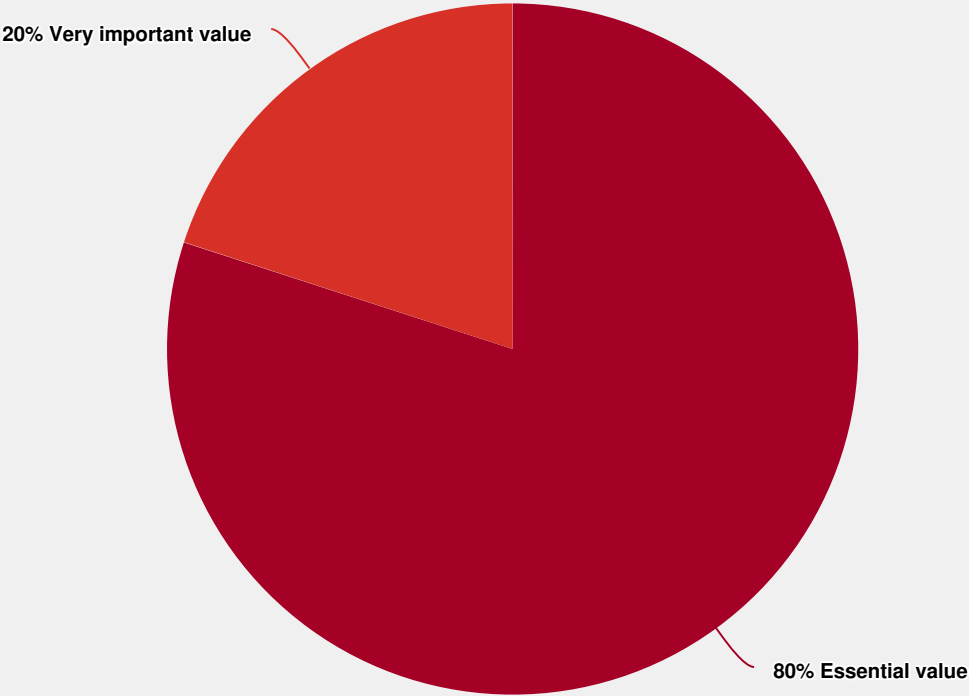
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15. Domestic preparedness and planning – large scale natural and man-made disasters



Value		Percent	Responses
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Important value	<div><div></div></div>	5.0%	1
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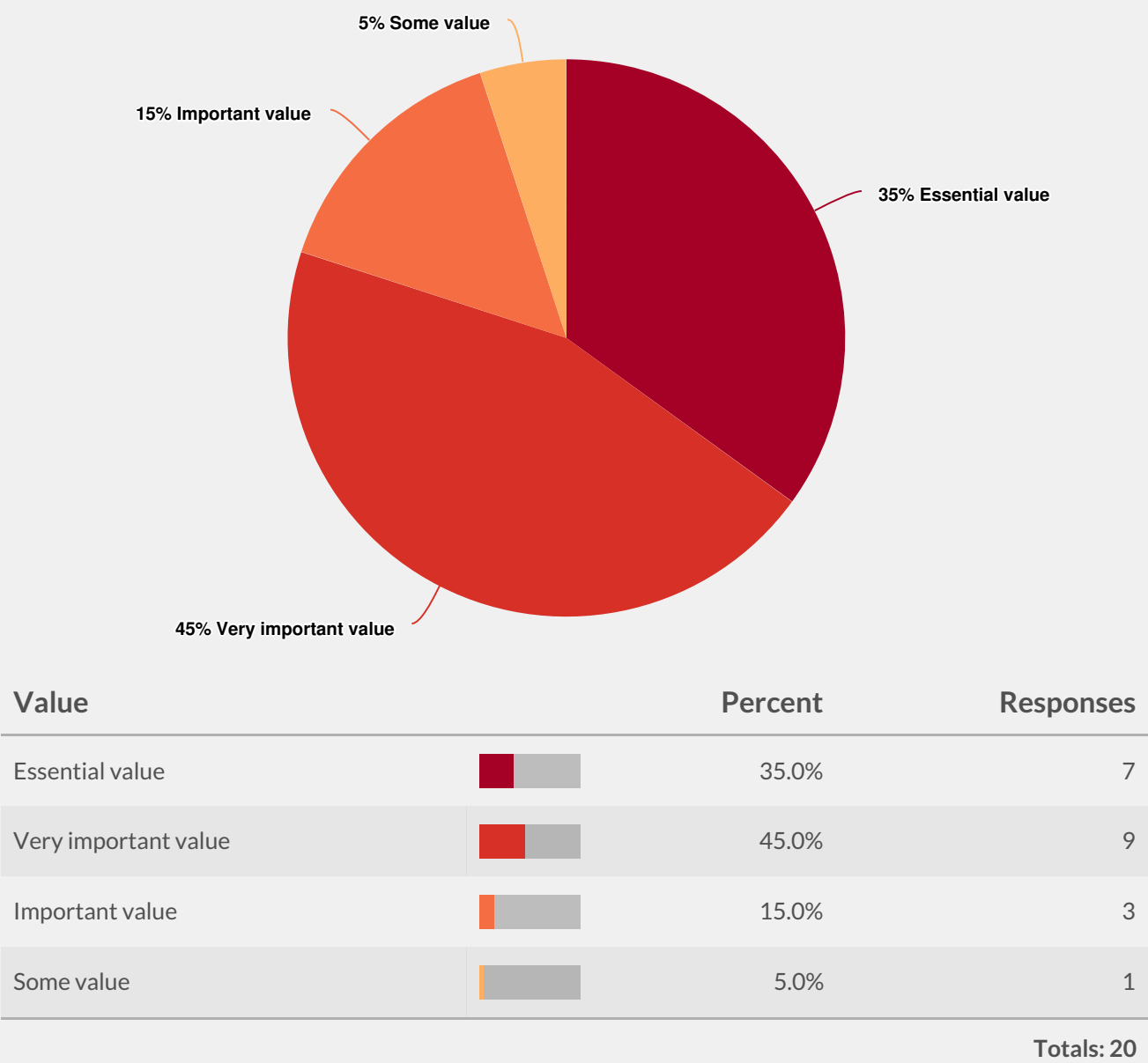
16. Fire services



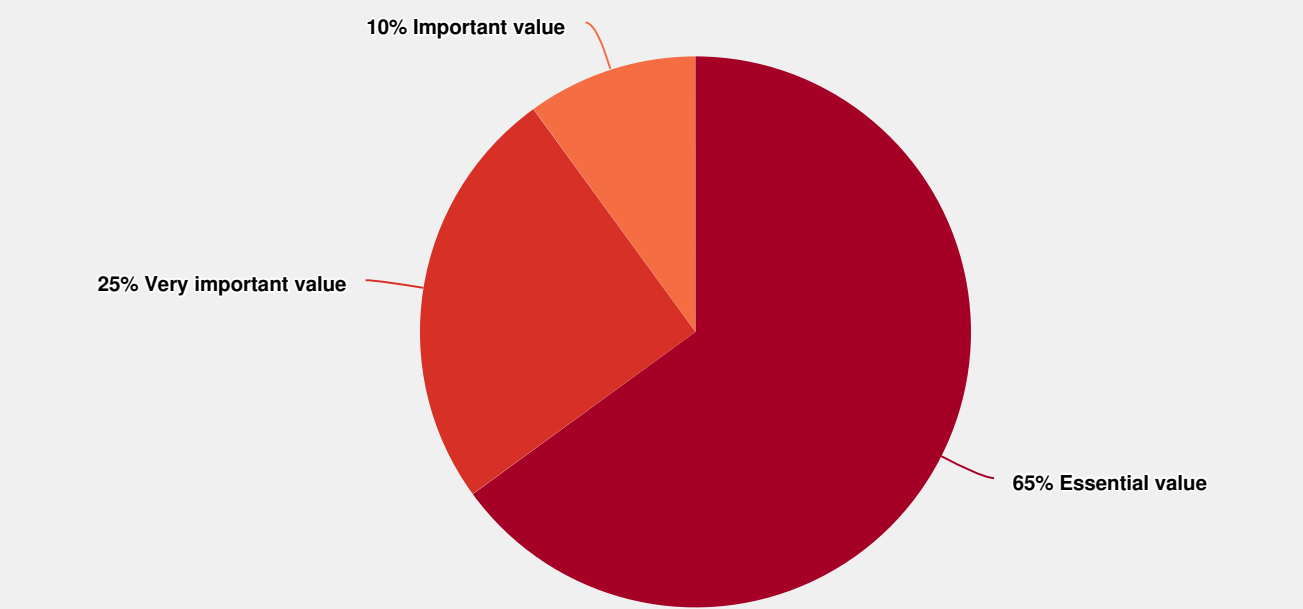
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Essential value	<div><div></div></div>	80.0%	16
Very important value	<div><div></div></div>	20.0%	4

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17. Community involvement and presence at community events, neighborhood activities, etc.



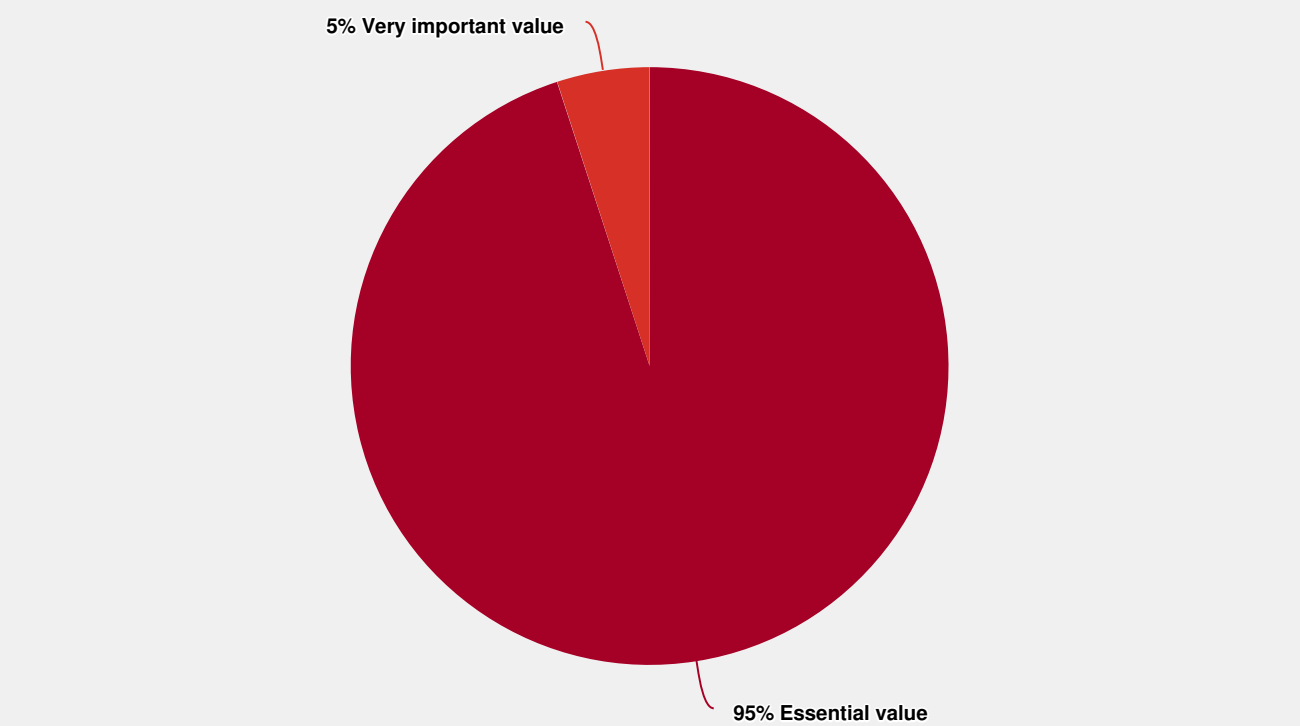
18. Special Operations – Hazardous materials emergencies and technical rescue



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Essential value	<div><div></div></div>	65.0%	13
Very important value	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	5
Important value	<div><div></div></div>	10.0%	2

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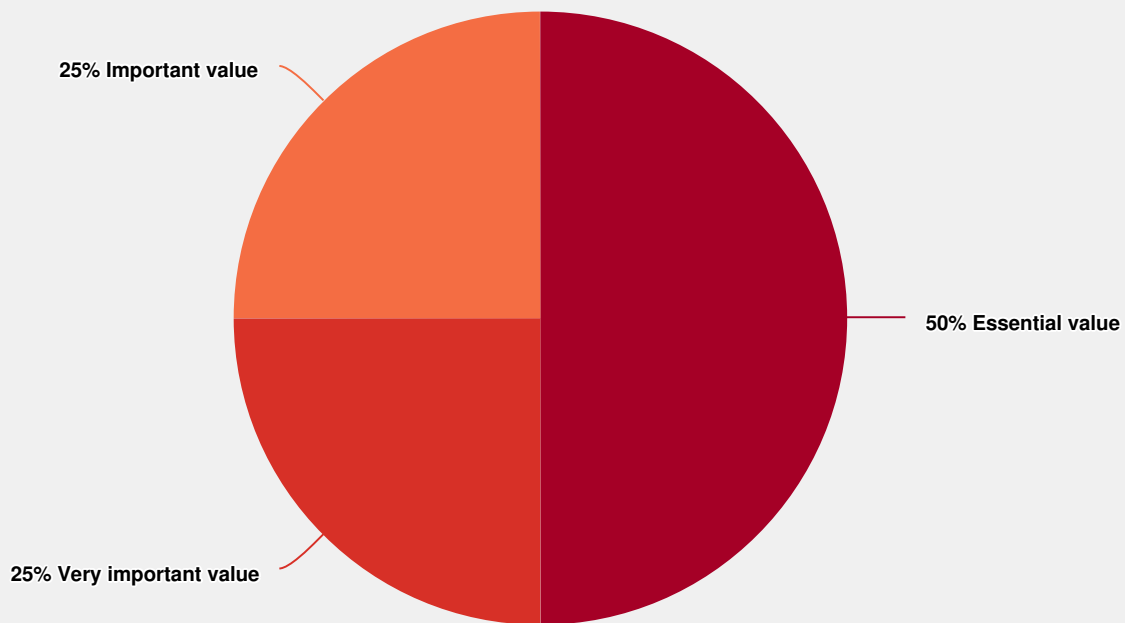
19. Emergency medical services



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Very important value	<div><div></div></div>	5.0%	1

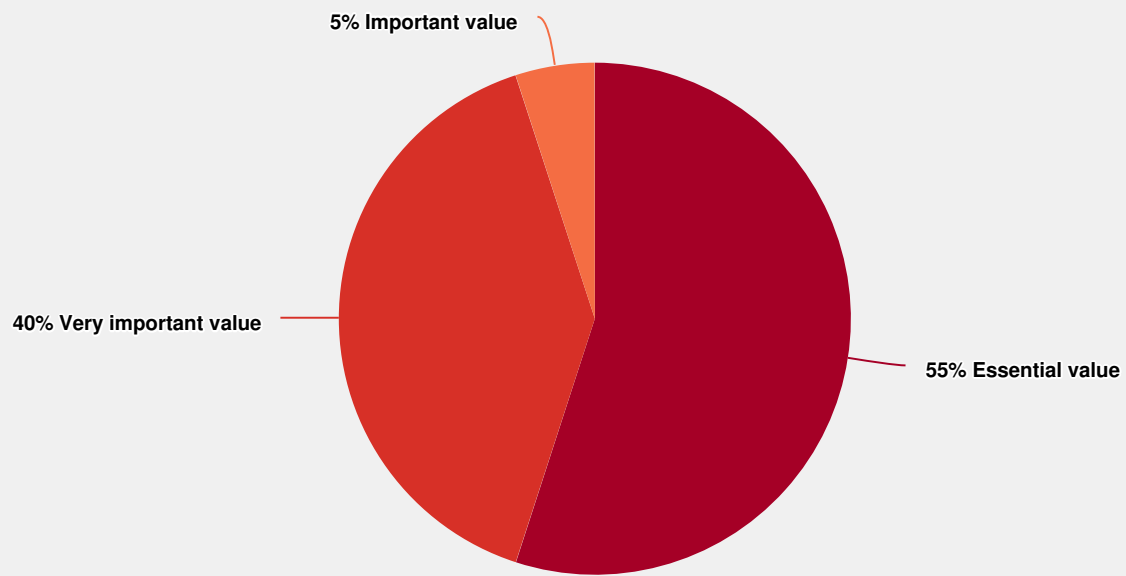
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20. Public education such as CPR classes, in-school fire prevention classes and other outreach programs



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Essential value	<div><div></div></div>	50.0%	10
Very important value	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	5
Important value	<div><div></div></div>	25.0%	5
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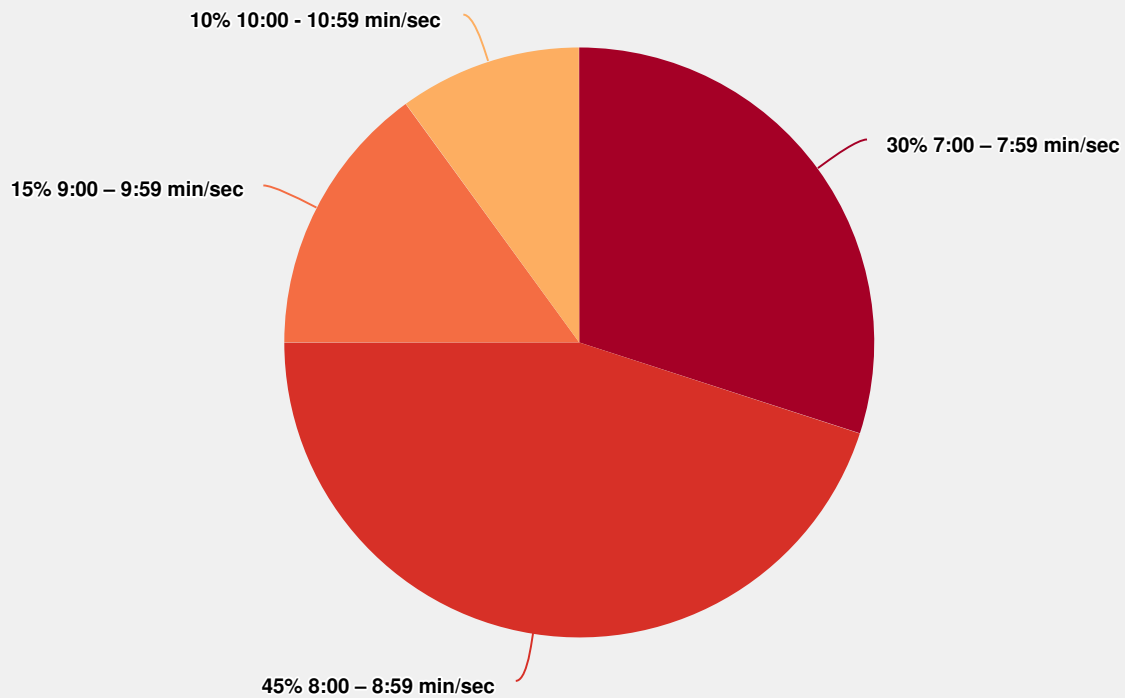
21. Wildland fire prevention and mitigation



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Essential value	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	55.0%	11
Very important value	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	40.0%	8
Important value	<div><div></div><div></div></div>	5.0%	1

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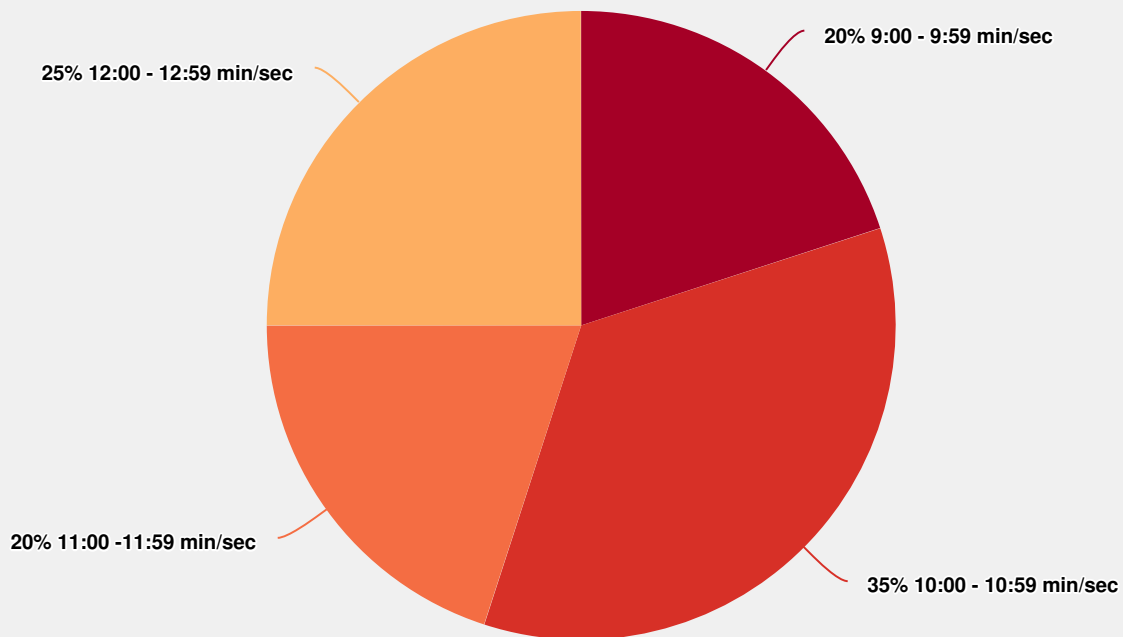
22. What total response time at the 90th percentile (from receipt of 911 call to arrival) do you expect for GRFD to arrive at an emergency scene in the developed urban/suburban area of GRFD?



Value		Percent	Responses
7:00 - 7:59 min/sec	<div><div style="width: 30%;"></div></div>	30.0%	6
8:00 - 8:59 min/sec	<div><div style="width: 45%;"></div></div>	45.0%	9
9:00 - 9:59 min/sec	<div><div style="width: 15%;"></div></div>	15.0%	3
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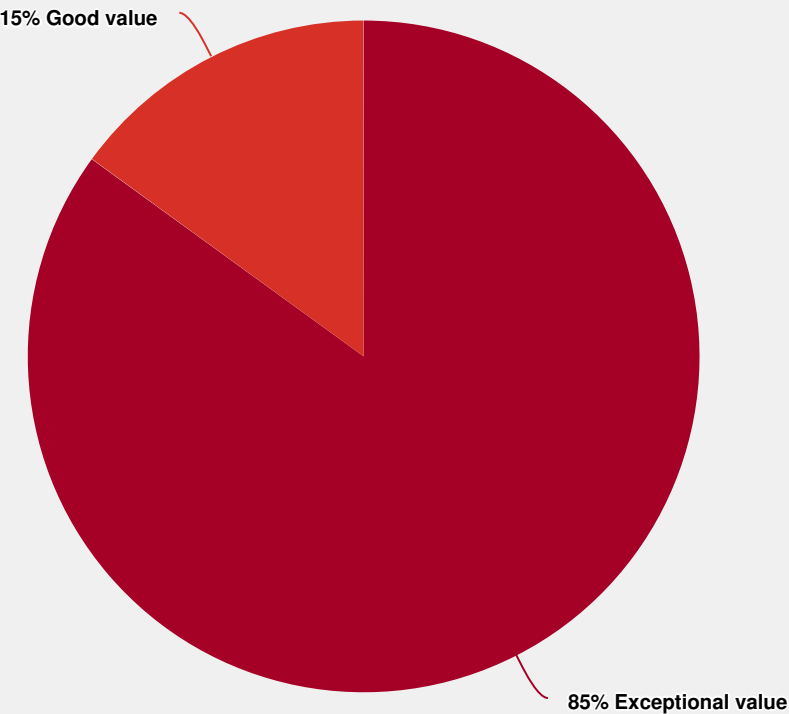
23. What total response time at the 90th percentile (from receipt of 911 call to arrival) do you expect for GRFD to arrive at an emergency scene in the rural, lightly developed area of GRFD?



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10:00 - 10:59 min/sec	<div><div style="width: 35%;"></div></div>	35.0%	7
11:00 - 11:59 min/sec	<div><div style="width: 20%;"></div></div>	20.0%	4
12:00 - 12:59 min/sec	<div><div style="width: 25%;"></div></div>	25.0%	5

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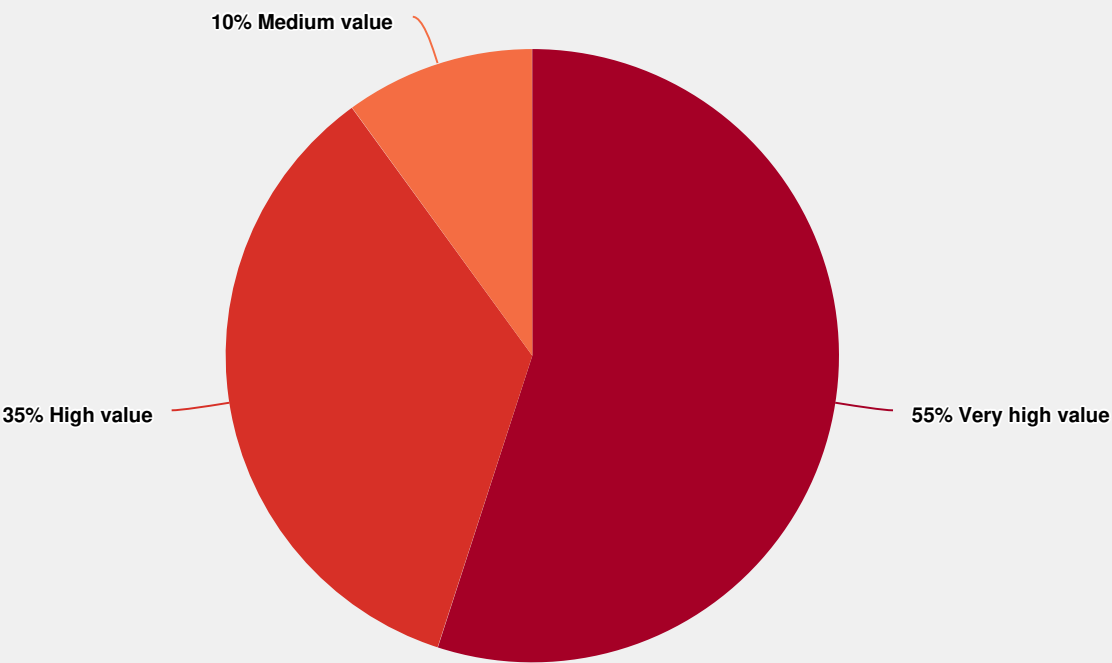
24. In comparison to other local and regional governmental services, what is the value that GRFD provides to the community in return for the associated taxes paid to support GVFD?



Value		Percent	Responses
Exceptional value	<div><div></div></div>	85.0%	17
Good value	<div><div></div></div>	15.0%	3

Totals: 20

25. Please indicate the value you found in today’s workshop.



Value		Percent	Responses
Very high value	<div><div></div></div>	55.0%	11
High value	<div><div></div></div>	35.0%	7
Medium value	<div><div></div></div>	10.0%	2

Totals: 20

26. Any additional comments you want GRFD to know.



ResponseID	Response
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7	Thank you all for what you do.
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8	The consultant talked Too much
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9	None
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10	Great session
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11	GRFD is the best fire district we have ever lived. Connection with the community is excellent and the service level is well above what we have experienced in previous states we have lived.
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15	GRFD is a valued and valuable part of the greater community. You are appreciated
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16	Keep up the good work
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17	Happy to be part of this group. I have a true dedication to Golder Ranch Fire.
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**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pat Abel, Assistant Chief

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: PLANNING ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

ITEM #: 7B

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

This allows for the logistics/planning assistant chief to provide updates to the governing board on the following areas:

- Assistant Chief's Activities
- Planning
- Logistics
- Facilities Maintenance
- Fleet
- Supply
- Fire and Life Safety

RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

Logistics & Planning – Patrick Abel

February 2022

Assistant Chief's Activities for the Month

Meetings Attended and General Information

- I participated in the weekly Fire Chief's command staff meetings.
- I participated in the monthly Fire Chief's status meeting with all managers and division chiefs.
- I conducted weekly meetings with Planning and Logistics to coordinate on operational and maintenance budgets, capital and bond projects throughout the fire district, and coordinated with direct reports on Facilities Maintenance, Fleet, Fire Supply, and Fire & Life Safety activities and needs.
- We are in full swing of budget development for next fiscal year. Planning and Logistics have been working on the capital improvement plan (CIP) and (O&M) budgets.
- I continued to serve on the IMPACT of Southern AZ Board and was recently approved by the board to serve an additional year as a board member.
- Chiefs Karrer, Miller and I attended the Arizona Fire Chiefs Presidential Forum in Prescott, AZ. We discussed challenges across the state, networked, discussed opportunities, and interviewed two vice presidents for the upcoming International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) election.
- I attended Zoom meetings and phone calls that were conducted to coordinate with the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association on Statewide Mutual Aid progress.
- The Arizona State LAST (Local Assistance Support Team) TEAM assisted several fire agencies that experienced line of duty deaths and retired firefighters who passed throughout the state this past month to ensure the fallen firefighters and their families receive the appropriate honors.
- Station 374 (Sun City fire station) – The construction process has continued to move forward for the expansion areas (Decontamination and Turnout rooms). Challenges have continued with lead time on materials and keeping the subcontractors on the project. I continued to participate

in weekly contractor/architect meetings to discuss project progress and needs. Below are a few photos of the construction progress.



Turnout/decon exterior walls



Turnout/decon interior framing walls



Half bay enclosure wall



Initial progress on bay ventilation



Interlock/vestibule to bay

- Station 378 (SaddleBrooke Ranch) - The appraisal and all the documents for the state land purchase process went before the AZ State Land Board on February 10th for review and possible approval. The packet was approved unanimously. The State will have six months to complete the auction process and sale of the land. It should not take the entire six months to complete the process. I am hoping by July, at the latest, this process will be completed so we can begin work on our Station 378 construction project.
- Station security and concrete bond project status – Station 377 work has been completed.

Work Completed	Work in Progress	Work on Hold
Station 373 - Saddlebrooke	Station 370 – Catalina	Station 372 – SaddleBrooke Preserve
Station 375 –Rancho Vistoso	Station 374 – Sun City	Station 378 – SaddleBrooke Ranch
Station 376 – La Cañada		
Station 379 - Shannon		
Station 380 - Magee		
Station 377 – Linda Vista		

- **Congratulations to Chief Grant Cesarek who is our most recent National Fire Academy – Executive Officer Program Graduate.**

The Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program is the pinnacle of the U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) commitment to support the needs of fire and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies in preparing executive officers to meet the ever- changing demands of the dynamic communities in which they serve. The culminating portion of the EFO Program is comprised of three capstone pillars to demonstrate bold and imaginative solutions to critical issues cultivated by the executive throughout the program. EFO students integrate, synthesize, and apply the knowledge, skills, and perspectives acquired throughout the EFO Program and demonstrate mastery of all program elements. This is a huge accomplishment and we are proud of Chief Cesarek and his achievement.



Planning

Deputy Chief Grant Cesarek

- Attended Inagural Chief Fire Officer Program course through the Arizona Fire Chief's Association
- Assisted the FLS Division with hiring process for Fire Inspectors to fill open positions.
- Attended all monthly required meetings.
- Completed AREST training with the EMS Division.
- Started budgeting process with assistance from finance, specifically working on Capital Improvement Budget.

- Received cost projections for bond project in Fleet.

Headquarters Update (Hanley Building)

- Set up meeting for engineers to go onsite to evaluate current electrical and mechanical systems to assist them as they complete their designs.
- Electronic communications with architects as their conceptual designs are being completed.
- Conducted in-person meeting with architects, they have a great plan to modernize the building internally.
- Building plans are being drafted, upon completion, they will be sent to approval process at Oro Valley for approvals.
- Building layout and conceptual photos available.

Logistics

Division Chief Michael Price – Logistics, Fleet, Equipment, and Facilities

- Service Desk (within OPIQ) was used for 132 service requests in February:
 - Fleet: 62 requests
 - Facilities: 53 requests
 - Supply: 17 requests
- The Aerial Apparatus Committee began looking into aerial purchase options; the committee went to Phoenix and was able to look at two demo trucks touring the country



- Met with engineers and architect at Hanley Bldg.
- Met with facility techs for Capital Improvements for FY 22/23
- Monthly OPIQ meeting
- Working on proposal for changes to internet and cable for stations

- New EC 377 F-150 in service



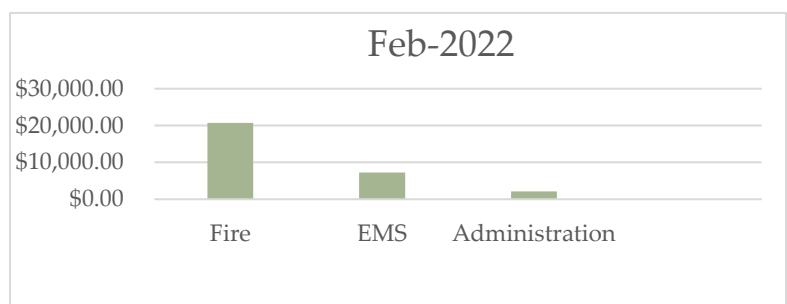
Facilities Maintenance

- All ice machines were serviced (semi annual)
- Paid balance on Wolf Range Fire Station 373
- Repair bay heaters fire station 375
- Repair Reznor heater Fleet
- Replace dryers fire stations 379 and 380
- Repair make up air unit at Training building
- Overhead door repaired at fire station 373

Fleet

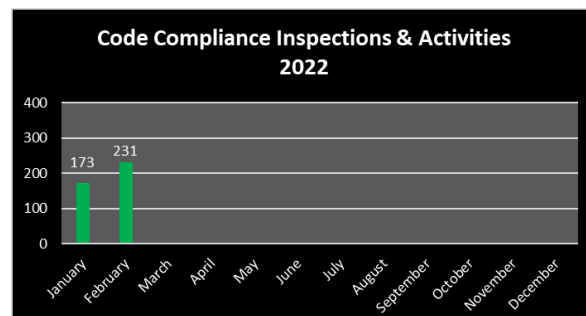
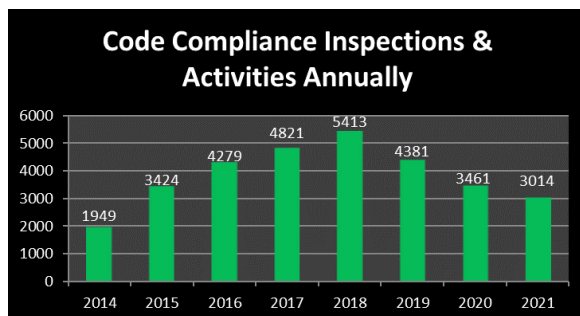
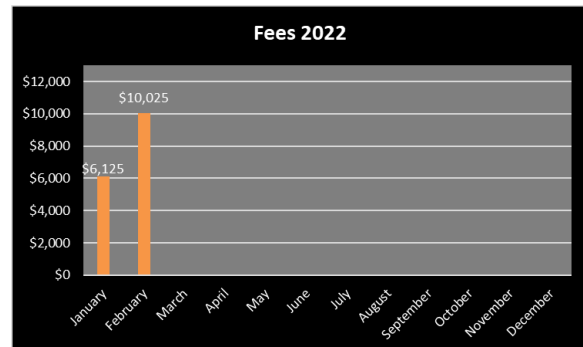
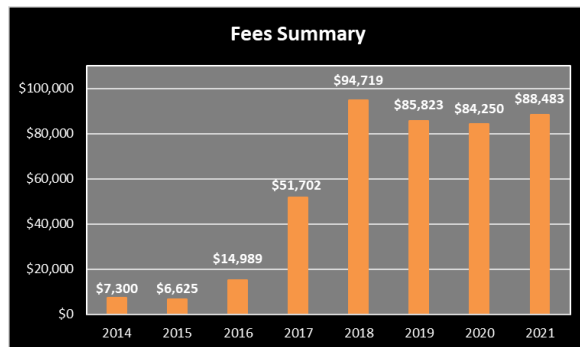
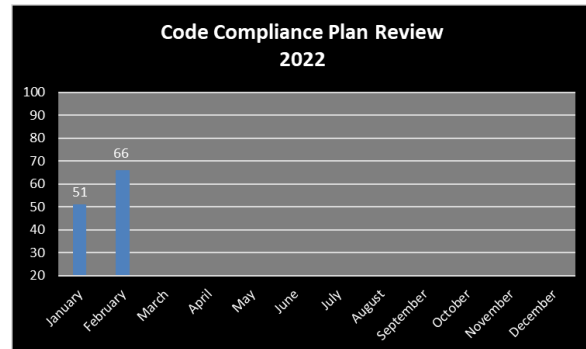
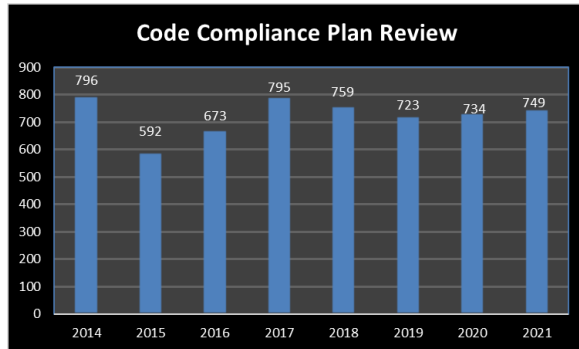
Monthly vehicle parts costs

- Administration - \$2,130
- EMS - \$7,217
- Fire – \$20,684



Procurement/Communications Specialist

- Ongoing purchasing
- Purchase of new Fit Testing Machine



Top 3 Inspections	Quantity
Residential	54
Commercial	35
Prevention/re-inspection	29

Commercial Projects Summary

Inspector Zones:

- Zone 1 - B. Druke = Station 370, 372, 373, 374, 378
- Zone 2 – S. Horbarenko = Station 375, 377
- Zone 3 – S. Horbarenko = Station 376, 379
- Zone 4 – B. Hurley = Station 380

New projects for this month = **Green**

Oro Valley		Pinal County	
Station 374 Remodel 1130 W Rancho Vistoso	Shell Building Fire Alarm 13101 N. Oracle Rd.	Chirreon Energy 1.5 Miles West of Oracle/Edwin	SB The Preserve Fire Alarm 66567 E Catalina Hills
ROCHE Bldg 2 T.I. 1910 E Innovation Park	TOV ADA Bathrooms 11000 N La Canada	SBHOA2 Mesquite Fire Alarm 38691 S Mountain View	Golder Ranch Vineyard 64496 E Edwin
Oro Valley Dental Group T.I. 750 E Pusche View	Shell Building L.I. 7315 N Oracle	SaddleBrooke Boiler T.I. 64500 E SaddleBrooke	
Basis Administration T.I. 10134 N Oracle	Walmart T.I. 2150 E. Tangerine	Marana	
Quiktrip T.I. 11045 N Oracle	Sprouts T.I. 7665 N Oracle		
Flex Gymnastics T.I. 11085 N Oracle	La Posada Sales Office T.I. 9740 N. Oracle Ste 102	Pima County	
Episcopal Church 12111 N La Cholla	Davis Pediatric T.I. 10520 N La Canada	Dr. Chin Dentistry T.I. 7520 N Oracle Ste 200	Guadalajara Grill T.I. 7360 N Oracle
Petsmart Fire Alarm 10625 N Oracle	Poolwerx T.I. 7918 N Oracle	Tierra Antigua 7378 N. La Cholla	Landlord Improvement 7350 N La Cholla
The Back Alley T.I. 2060 E Tangerine Ste 182	ROCHE Building 3 T.I. 1910 E Innovation Park	AMG Medical Aesthetics T.I. 7356 N. La Cholla	Overton Self Storage 2925 W Overton
OVPD Generator 1920 E Tangerine	Steam Pump Garage T.I. 10901 N Oracle	Shell Building 7490 N Oracle	Thornwood Care Home 7480 N Thornwood
ROCHE Building 4 T.I. 1910 E Innovation Park	Hoppy Vine T.I. 1215 N. Oracle Ste137	Hardin Brother's Repair Garage 16255 N. Oracle	Catalina Licks T.I. 16130 N Oracle
ROCHE Ammonia Plant 1910 E Innovation Park	Fry's T.I. 3770 W. Ina	United Urology Medical T.I. 7470 N Oracle Ste 202	Flourish Yoga T.I. 3605 W Cortaro Farms Ste 115
PRCA MPR 9500 N Oracle	Saffron T.I. 7607 N Oracle	United Urology Surgical T.I. 7470 N Oracle Ste 201	Nicos T.I. 15665 N Lupine
PRCA Modulers 9500 N Oracle	Splendido Remodel 13500 N Rancho Vistoso	La Luna Salon T.I. 7344 N Oracle	
OV Self Storage 9255 N Oracle	Desert Palms PT T.I. 12142 N Rancho Vistoso	Subdivisions (Sprinklers Required)	
Linda Vista Luxury Rentals 375 E Linda Vista	Integris RX T.I. 12450 N Rancho Vistoso	Tranquillo (del Webb and R.V.) approx. 270 homes	Shannon 80 (Shannon and Naranja) approx. 80 homes
Oro Valley Public Works T.I. 680 W Calle Concordia	Sun City Activity Center T.I. 1495 E. Rancho Vistoso	OV Town Centre (Oracle and Pusch) approx. 77 homes	Capella M (Naranja and La Cholla) approx. 48 homes
Design Center T.I. 8454 N Oracle	Aspen Dental T.I. 10580 N Oracle Ste 100	Who Received Project Final Inspection	
Snooze T.I. 7315 N. Oracle Ste 161	Sherwin Williams T.I. 10605 N. Oracle	Kohl's Fire Alarm 7785 N Oracle	ICON Electric Vehicles T.I. 10565 N Oracle Ste 155
Saguaro Aquatics T.I. 9260 N Thornydale		SGT. Kernel's Popcorn Cafe T.I. 15930 N Oracle Ste148	UPS T.I. 7966 N. Oracle
		Poochini's Pet Grooming T.I. 7705 N Oracle Ste 125	

Fire Marshal (FM) Akins' Activities

- Completed agreement with Brycer regarding the Compliance Engine.
- Working with Brycer on a weekly basis to prepare for the April 1st "go live" date of Compliance Engine.
- Weekly communication with Fairfield Inn regarding fire alarm status of 2nd floor.
- Reviewed multiple FLS policies.
- Attended the HazMat Risk Assessment meeting, a sub-committee of the CRA-SOC committee.

- Attended Grading Pre-construction meetings with TOV and applicants.
- Attended Development Review Committee meetings with TOV and applicants.
- Attended weekly La Posada meeting with TOV.
- Attended GRFD Planning and Logistics weekly meetings.
- Attended GRFD Fire Chief Status meeting.
- Attended GRFD BC/DC meeting.
- Conducted FLS monthly meeting.
- Attended Oral Board Interviews for the inspector hiring process.
- Attended meeting with Omni Representative and Fire Alarm Contractor regarding future re-model to Omni main building.
- Attended meeting with owner and contractor for a new business in District.

Education/Committees/Training Activities

- FM Akins and Inspector Hurley completed the red card pack test for fire investigators
- FM Akins, Deputy Fire Marshal (DFM) White, and Inspectors Druke and Hurley attended the Joint Fire Investigation meeting with NWFD, OVPD, and PCSO
- DFM White Attended 2 days of EDUCODE conference in Las Vegas

Fire Investigations

Date	Type of Call	Property Use	Estimated Property Loss	Estimated Content Loss	Estimated Property Save	Estimated Content Save
1/2/2022	Dumpster Fire	Multi-family Dwelling	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
1/19/2022	Building Fire	Multi-family Dwelling	\$14,659	\$25,653	\$718,289	\$340,821
2/16/2022	House Fire	One-Two Family Dwelling	\$210,950	\$232,505	\$0	\$117,030
		TOTAL	\$226,809	\$258,158	\$718,289	\$457,851

- On February 12th, 2022 a mobile home fire was reported in the Rincon Valley Fire District.
 - GRFD assisted Northwest Fire District with the fire investigation
- On February 16, 2022 a house fire was reported in the Golder Ranch Fire District.
 - The cause of the fire was the improper use of a heating appliance
 - The origin of the fire was on the exterior side of the structure
 - This fire is classified as unintentional



- On February 20th, 2022 a vehicle fire was reported in the Northwest Fire District.
 - GRFD assisted with the fire investigation
- On February 23rd, 2022 a house fire was reported in the Northwest Fire District.
 - GRFD assisted with the fire investigation
- On February 28th, 2022 a mobile home fire was reported in the Northwest Fire District.
 - GRFD assisted with the fire investigation

Can you spot the violation?



Answer to last month:



Answer: Remove object from sprinkler head.
NFPA 13 Section 9.1.1.8 Sprinkler System Attachments.

GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Tom Brandhuber, Assistant Chief

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: ESSENTIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

ITEM #: 7C

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

This allows for the business/personnel assistant chief to provide updates to the governing board on the following areas:

- Assistant Chief's Activities
- Essential Services
- Board Services
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology (IT)

RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

Essential Services – Tom Brandhuber

February 2022



Assistant Chief's Activities for the Month

- Attended District board meeting
- Attended Chief Karrer's direct reports meetings
- Attended Leadership team meeting
- Participated in HB 260 support at the capital
- Participated in HB 2431 stakeholders input meeting
- Participated in insurance benefits review meeting
- Participated in Article 9 re-write committee
- Participated in SORC/CRA community meetings
- Held direct reports meeting with my staff
- Held discussion on hospital wall time for ambulances
- Held Arizona Ambulance Association monthly meeting

Strategic task for Work Plan Objective 1.4: Embrace the principles of continuous improvement, as identified within the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) Accreditation Process.

1. Community Risk Assessment – Standards of Cover Project:
 - The tentative completion date is May 2022 – behind schedule, probably June completion due to Eric’s surgery.
 - All Risk Assessments were completed except for Structural Fire Risk Assessment
 - Working with Operations to go a bit more in-depth with this.
 - Surveying roughly 10% of the commercial buildings in the District.
 - It should be complete with this portion by the end of March.
 - In April, I will bring Risk Assessments to the main committee to start the standards of cover.
2. ISO upgrade project:
 - a. Working with Operations to improve our NFPA 1710 time compliance – turnout times and travel times for structure fire type calls.
 - b. I am presenting to BCs and soliciting suggestions for improving these at the March 2 BC/DC meeting.

Strategic task for Work Plan Objective 4.1: Standardize District updates and ensure accountability for sharing/participating as appropriate.

1. Work Process Improvements projects
 - a. Goals
 - i. Repeatable workflows based on position rather than people.
 - ii. Standardize and formalize workflows so we do not operate on tribal knowledge.
 - iii. Automate as much as possible.
 - b. Job Responsibility Mapping project
 - i. The purpose of this project is to map responsibilities throughout the organization and redistribute them by position.
 - ii. When a person moves to a new position, they do not retain previous duties or responsibilities because they have the knowledge. Responsibilities remain with the position.
 - iii. Rough draft map developed, currently on hold due to Eric’s surgery.
2. Tuition Reimbursement Policy improvement
 - a. I am attempting to develop a policy that will better enable the District to budget for these expenditures.

- i. Rough draft policy developed.
- ii. It is going through review process currently.
- iii. Hope to have new policy completed for Board approval in April.

Board Services

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS)

- There was no PSPRS Local Pension Board meeting held in February.

Meetings, Trainings, and Events

- Board Services Specialist Hernandez attended the Fire Chief's status meeting with all division chiefs and management.
- Board Services Specialist Hernandez attended the PSPRS Winter Conference virtually along with HR and the other members of the PSPRS Local Pension Board.
- Board Services Specialist Hernandez went on a ride along at station 380 C-Shift. It was a great experience for her to see what is done day-to-day in a station and learn more about the Operations side of the District.
- The Culture Committee has met to plan for this year's Employee Recognition Ceremony. February 7th Records Specialist (RS) Ortiz distributed the survey to all GRFD employees. Employees were given two weeks to submit a response. On Wednesday February 23rd the committee met to review the results. February 28th RS Ortiz distributed the regular memo announcing the firefighter of the year, employee of the year, community hero award and community recognition award. This year's event will take place in-person Friday April 1st 6:00 p.m. at the district's training campus. Save the Date's will be sent out soon and invitations will be distributed shortly thereafter.

Records Specialist Ortiz responded to 29 records requests for the month of February.

The breakdown is as follows:

Environmental Reports	1
Outstanding Code Violations/Inspection Report	-
Fire Reports	2
Incident Reports	3
Medical Records	21
Billing Records	-
Other	2

- District attorneys requested additional documents regarding a current lawsuit. RS Ortiz worked with Fleet and DV Hilderbrand to gather the requested records.
- A journalist requested all records regarding the Converus eye detect system used in the district hiring process. After RS Ortiz collaborated with IT, Finance and Human Resources to gather the information requested, the requestor decided to cancel the request based on the fees charged for records.
- RS Ortiz worked with Manager Braswell and Manager Delong to respond to additional inquiries based on a previous records request submitted by KVOA news.
- February 21st Assured Document Destruction shredded 39 boxes of records on site. Per Arizona Revised Statute, RS Ortiz submitted their corresponding certificates of destruction to the Arizona State Library of Archives.
- RS Ortiz continues to create the monthly type count report of the District's call load statistics, submit the district's monthly NFIRS data, assist in posting and distributing regular memos and operational directives, order office supplies for administrative and operational staff, send out copies of thank you notes/cards to the recipients and their supervisors.

Administrative Specialist Ramos continued with her daily duties by providing assistance to Board Services, IT, Facilities/Logistics, EMS, and command staff when needed.

- Admin Specialist Ramos continued to receive service ticket requests for kitchen items for stations and place orders for items requested.
- She continued to work with vendors to research and order other products for stations as well.
- She continued to assist Facilities and IT in processing invoices, quotes, and following up on existing contracts.
- She also continued to reconcile Facilities and IT's credit card purchases.
- She continued to assist Chief Abel, Chief Price and Logistics with various tasks related to the bond projects.
- Admin Specialist Ramos has enjoyed being present and interacting with co-workers in person again.

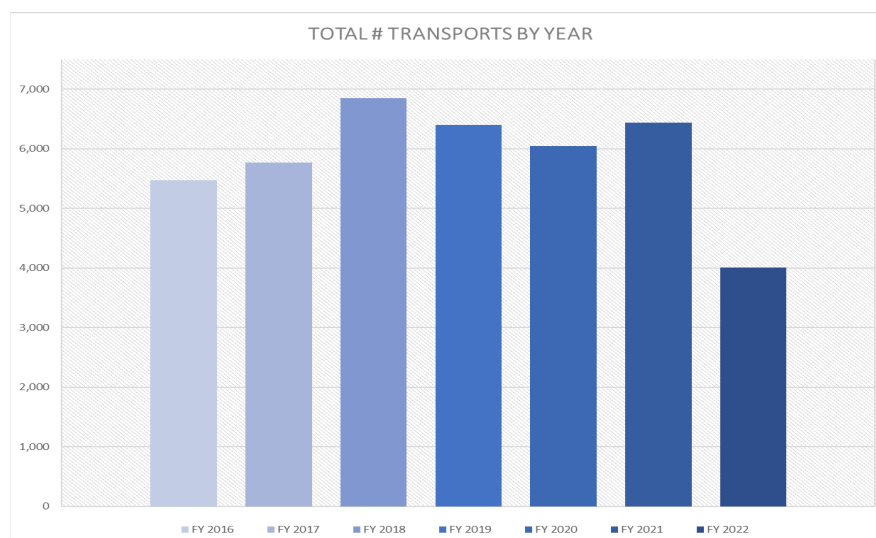
Board Services Specialist Hernandez continued to learn more about Board Services duties and assist chiefs and management with various clerical tasks.

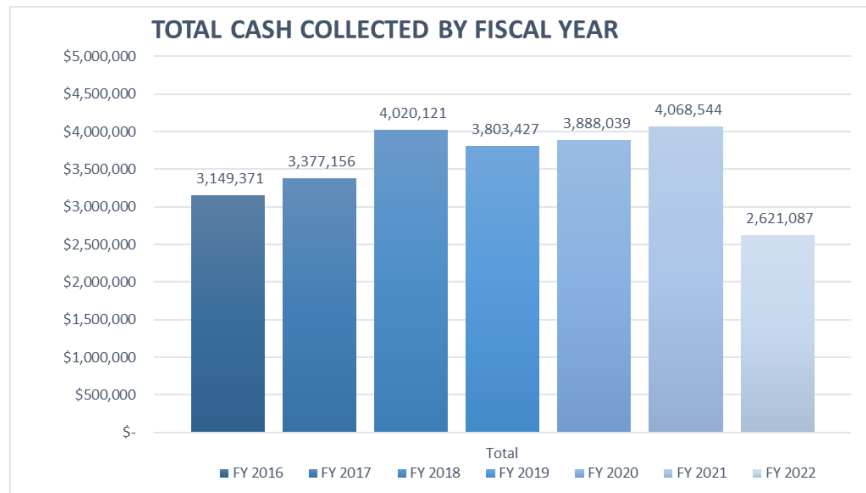
- She worked with HR to prepare the agenda and documents for the PSPRS Local Board meeting scheduled for March 2nd.
- 55 sets of fingerprints were taken in February. Our temporary front desk employee, Shelley, has continued to do a great job taking over that duty.
- Board Services Specialist Hernandez continued to create purchase orders and reconcile credit card transactions for Board Services, Administration, and Chief's accounts.

- She continued to send out regular memos and administrative and operational directives upon direction from various chiefs and management.

Finance Report

- As we approach the second half of FY 2023, it has become very evident that the trend for ambulance transport volume is more, more and more. GRFD and our ambulance billing partners, AVRFD and RVFD, have all seen a 10% or more increase in transport volume at the middle of FY 2022; putting our ambulance billing department at the limit of what we would consider to be optimal transport volume. Ten thousand billed transports has always been considered to be the limit of what we can efficiently bill for with a Billing Specialist and a Billing Supervisor. Once we cross that threshold, we have moved into the uncharted territory. Presumably, we will see a decline in cash collected per transport due to a lack of resources necessary to follow up efficiently with insurance denials. Also, burnout becomes a real issue as the volume of transports permits less and less PTO. Work on weekends and late evenings start becoming the norm. As we get closer to the 10,000 transport per year threshold, the need to add a second ambulance biller is going to become more acute. The good news, however, is that a third member of the billing staff can easily be paid for out of the additional revenues derived not just from ambulance transport revenues, but also from the fees paid to GRFD by AVFD and RVFD. Cash collections per transport will also rise and cross training can bring an efficiency to the billing department we have not seen for some time. Additional staff would also permit the utilization of PTO, thereby, reducing the pressure of burnout.
- These charts illustrate where just GRFD transport volume and revenues are at YTD thru December 2021 relative to the previous 6 years. While we may have had a dip in transport volume and revenue in 2019 and 2020 owing largely to the pandemic, the volumes in 2021 and 2022 clearly show the trend is more transports and more revenues lay ahead for our billing department.





Human Resources

HR participated in all regularly scheduled meetings, and completed all regular duties. Additionally, we were involved in the following:

Recruitments

- External/Internal:
 - HR Generalist – in process
 - IT Specialist
 - Recruit FF Academy – in process
- Future Upcoming:
 - IT – GIS Analyst – job description in draft process
 - Finance position – Budget/Finance Analyst – job description in draft process
 - Logistics – Supply
- New Hires:
 - Inspectors (3) – in process (March 21, April 4)

Projects

- Provided leadership training to future Captains, at the request of current Paramedics
- Zoom call with Eller/UA, with Professional Development, regarding leadership training opportunities for Golder
- In Feb, HR traveled to Drexel Heights Fire District to wish a fond retirement to Laurie and meet the new HR Manager Lisa Creager
- Salary survey – for uniform and non-uniform
 - 2/7 – uniform is ready for review by the fire chief
 - 2/18 – non-uniform will be ready for review by the fire chief
 - 3/4 – Golder has requested updates to the draft salary surveys
 - TBD – anticipated presentation date to the Board
- Benefits Open Enrollment planning

- 2/7 – kick off meeting
- 3/9 – renewal rates review meeting
- Researching a more appropriate HRIS and payroll system. Goals:
 - Streamline processes
 - Remove duplicated efforts
 - Reduce errors
 - Create a more user-friendly system for employee engagement and access
 - Provide better analytics
 - Provide better tracking
 - Provide accurate reporting
 - Move HR and Payroll to a more electronic warehousing system and away from paper to assist with space limitations
- Coordinating with Fleet to update job descriptions to support future career growth
- Job Descriptions being moved to Procedure Handbook in Lexipol
- New Performance Evaluation committee – paused
 - Next steps:
 - Determine committee members, schedule first meeting
- Policy reviews and updates – *please see policy section of board packet*
 - With assignment changes, Lexipol, the policy system has been re-assigned to HR. HR is working with Division Chief of Essential Services Eric Perry to assist with this project.

Employee Recognition

Congratulations on your Golder anniversary and thank you for being such amazing team members!



GRFD Employee Years of Service Recognition - March			
Last Name	First Name	Date of Hire	Years Of Service
Brown	Joseph	03/10/2008	14
Burris	David	03/10/2008	14
Chavez	Anthony	03/10/2008	14
Creviston	Kason	03/10/2008	14
Ellis	Scott	03/10/2008	14
Kroger	Adam	03/10/2008	14
Newburn	Darrell	03/10/2008	14
Sanchez	Rene	03/10/2008	14
Scafede	Bryan	03/10/2008	14
Karrer	Randy	03/01/2010	12
Bishop	Jake	03/05/2018	4
Bonilla	Matthew	03/05/2018	4
Boyd	George	03/05/2018	4
Campbell	Kyle	03/05/2018	4
Deadman	David	03/05/2018	4
Drury	Tyler	03/05/2018	4
Fernandez	Armando	03/05/2018	4
Gretta	James	03/05/2018	4
Jameson	Jolyn	03/05/2018	4
Lopez	Jacob	03/05/2018	4
Myers	James	03/05/2018	4
Rios	Anthony	03/05/2018	4
Roemer	Patrick	03/05/2018	4
Rosas	Ilina	03/05/2018	4
Selby	David	03/05/2018	4
Bela	Artan	03/09/2020	2

Information Technology (IT)

The GRFD IT Applications group has been working on the following projects:

- The applications group has been focused on dealing with ongoing tickets, doing regular maintenance, and dealing with documentation on new issues.
- We have completed all IT integrations to get Telestaff back up and running. We were able to re-establish the connection between Telestaff and our servers. We will also make sure that all security protocols are up to date. We are currently finalizing some steps to have Telestaff up and running for All Personnel.
- With the request of the Public Safety and Training Department, IT was tasked to create a QR code that would serve as the easiest way for people to find all of our Social Media links. This QR has currently been used by Training for Job fairs and we have seen some amazing

feedback from it. We have talks hopes this QR code will be featured in our vehicles and spread all over the stations. You can try it with your camera on your smartphone.



The GRFD IT Systems group has been working on the following projects:

- The Systems group has been focused on setting up hardware and software for users related to the new organizational move.
- We have just completed the new station desktop replacements. With the new upgrade, we are utilizing an HP Z2 fifth-generation desktop with an i7 processor that has 16GBs of ram and has a larger hard drive for storage. This unit is a vast improvement over our old model that the stations are currently using and will serve the district well until the next cycle. We are currently in the testing phase of deployment to make sure any issues that come up with the new upgrade are resolved before full deployment to all the stations is started.
- We have started the new microwave connect the new headquarters building (Handley administration building). This will be a long process consisting of multiple network and software upgrades. We hope to have some connectivity to the new building in March.
- We have started the deployment of our new in-vehicle cellular router the Sierra MP70. The Sierra MP70 is a high-performance vehicle router mainly used in public safety, transit, and field services. It offers high power, long-range Wi-Fi. Its download and upload speeds are much faster than the current standard of cradle points. The programming also includes the Wi-Fi set up so that the suppression staff may keep a wireless connection on their ePCR tablets when needed. We are partnering with the fleet department (as they take care of the installation) to verify that the Sierra MP70 and MDT are running as expected.

GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Scott Robb, Assistant Chief

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RESPONSE/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

ITEM #: 7D

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

This allows for the operations assistant chief to provide updates to the governing board on the following areas:

- Assistant Chief's Activities
- Emergency Response
- Professional Development
- Health and Safety
- Wildland
- Honor Guard/Pipes and Drums
- Special Operations
- Community Services and Public Relations

RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

Emergency/Life Safety Services – Scott Robb

February 2022

EMS

Community Integrated Healthcare Program (CIHP)

- No new patients added to the program.

COVID-19 Response

- Remaining current in regards to safety recommendations and changes from the CDC.

EMS Training

- EMS week completed for Recruit Academy 22-01
- Working on 4th quarter skills lab for April

Other items of interest

- Worked and completed IAP for the 24 HOP Bike Race in Willow Springs
- Worked and completed IAP for the Cologuard Classic
- First draft of the CIP completed
- [Zoll-EPCR Workgroup](#) continued to work towards streamlining our patient reporting
- Working on O2 replacement program
- Working on streamlining our biohazard station pickup program
- Continued to work on the division's budget
- Continued to work on EMS Divisions Org. chart with responsibilities



40 Hour Certified Paramedic Program

- Class of four students
- Program started on February 28th
- Program ends September TBD

Cohort Paramedic Program

- Class of five students

- Finishing up clinicals
- Class completion mid-April TBD

Monthly EMS stats

Month of February details

Transports+/- From Last Month

MD372	0	0
MD376	0	0
MD379	0	0
PM370	58	-7
PM371	0	0
PM372	0	-1
PM373	55	-32
PM374	0	0
PM375	95	3
PM376	77	14
PM377	79	3
PM379	0	-0
PM380	99	-2
PM381	21	21

Interfacility +/- From Last Month

0	0
0	0
0	0
3	3
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0
5	-1
4	3
0	-2
2	1
1	1
0	0

Transports+/- for the Month

Total Transports for the Month to Date: 484

+/- From Last Month **-1**
 Total Responses 499
 Transport % 97%

Interfacility +/- for the Month

Total Interfacility for the Month to Date: 14

+/- From Last Month 4

Fiscal year details 2021-22 through January

Transports

Fiscal Year to Date: 4,497
 Last Fiscal Year to Date: 4,218
 +/- From Last Year: 279
 Total Responses: 4,565
 Transport% 99%

Interfacility

Transports Fiscal Year to Date: 120
 Last Year to Today Last Year: 47
 +/- From Last Year: 73

EMS Team

- Collaboration with Professional Development on transitional CEP Academy
- Collaboration with Professional Development on the upcoming CRD to begin on 3/7/22
- Emergency Department wait times has significantly Improved (proof that collaboration and transparency create solid partnerships)
- Several meetings with all hospital partners and EMS agencies to collaborate on finding long term solutions for quicker and more efficient patient transfers
- Handtevy updates are complete will be pushed to the App in the next week or so
- Worked with Stryker for CIP project
- Worked with ZOLL for CIP project
- (6) personnel completed Handtevy Instructor certification
- Amber Prince did several car seat installs

Professional Development



Class 22-01

Courses/Training

- Annual Pack Test completions were due at the of February
- Annual OSHA training due April 1, 2022

Academy 2022-01

- 6 Paramedic firefighters working through the 6-week academy and completing many skills including:
 - Ladders
 - Water Supply
 - Extrication
 - Live Fire
- Graduation is scheduled for March 3, 2022 at the CDO Bible Church in Oro Valley

2021-01 Probationary Year

- Module II is now complete and all probationary firefighters have moved into Module III
- Module III books are due March 7, 2022
- Module III testing will take place March 14-16, 2022

Miscellaneous

- Working on the development of quarterly Engineer CE's
- Updating the Engineer, Paramedic, and Fire Captain Task Books

Car Seat Program

- 5 car seat installs were done in the month of February
- Car seat technicians Autumn Zoechbauer and Amber Prince completed their recertification, good for the next two years

Health and Safety

Health and Safety

- Mask mandate
 - Change of status, memo distributed
- Line Identifier Tags
 - Didactics released on Vector Solutions, once suppression completes assignment (100% compliance) tags will be distributed
- Fitness requests
 - Still working on inventory, uniformity for all stations
 - Eight sets of dumbbells on order from Again Faster
- Return to Work packets updated, notice on status of light duty personnel
- Attended mental health/ substance abuse conference in Phoenix, two more scheduled this fiscal year to assist employees in these topics
 - Health and Safety/ Peer Support

Wildland

- There are no changes to the Pinal County Wildland rotation.
- There are no trucks or team members currently on any fires.
- C-Shift Brush 370 was requested for a Mutual Aid brush fire in Avra Valley's fire district on 2/15/22. Captain Port, Engineer Rhein, Paramedic Hoffman, and Probationary FF Peeler responded in BR 370- type 6 #1935. Captain Port took over command and BR 370 was led by FF Type 1 Hoffman. The fire was extinguished and mopped up and was 36 acres in size. During that fires AAR (after action review) a second brush fire was spotted and Avra Valley Fire requested mutual aid from BR 370 again. BR 370 arrived on scene and was given the assignment to hold and extinguish the western flank of the fire. Captain Port was the West Division and BR 370 crew attacked the fire by pumping and rolling the type 6 where possible, and finished extinguishing the fire with hand tools and bladder bag pumps. That fire ended up being roughly 50 plus acres.
- The wildland team completed the district-wide wildland refresher for all stations and shifts. All Wildland pack tests have also been completed.

Honor Guard/Pipes and Drums

Expenditures

- Honor Guard
 - 0 expenditures this month: Monthly total: \$0.00
 - Hotel room (Selsor) for AZFF Memorial in Phoenix
 - New Honor Guard uniform pants (Van Deren)
- Pipes and Drums
 - 0 expenditures this month: Monthly Total: \$0

Events

- Honor Guard
 - National Wildland Fallen Firefighter Memorial Video: 3 members participated (Selsor, Miller and Rhein)
 - Honor Guard Meeting - February 11, 2022- 6 Honor Guard members attended.
 - The team, along with guidance from Chief Robb, has selected Honor Guard member Ryan Hoffman to be the newly appointed Honor Guard command staff trainee.
 - Per Chief Robb's suggestion, the Honor Guard will be developing a roles and responsibilities Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Commander and Vice commander roles.
- Pipes and Drums
 - There were no events for the month of February.
 - A meeting was held in which several members learned how to play the Bass drum and were signed off to fill in for events as needed. These members included: Ignacio Gamez

and Alec Cameron. During this meeting, there was discussion and practice for several upcoming events in March.

- Adam Lundeberg participated in a practice held by Northwest Fire District (NWFD) in preparation for St. Patrick's Day.

Special Operations

Special Operations

- The team participated in the regional drill with Pacific Rail
- Two members are attending Hazmat class (Sam Garcia/Jacob Lopez)

Community Relations

Meetings, Trainings & Events Attended for the Month

- 2/1-2/6- CRM Braswell worked with Battalion Chiefs to ensure that the annual smoke alarm battery replacement program for the Vistoso Highlands Area was another successful outreach effort and it was thanks to crews and their hard work.
- 2/1- CRM Braswell attended Fire Chief status meeting.
- 2/3- CRM Braswell attended GRFD Culture Club meeting.
- 2/8- CRM Braswell met with Chiefs Perry and Brandhuber to discuss planning for the upcoming community and business meetings to get their feedback on our future planning.
- 2/8- CRM Braswell and HR Manager Delong participated in a Zoom meeting with representatives from the United Way who wanted to discuss possible partnerships with our organization and our employees on philanthropic efforts in our community.
- 2/9- CRM Braswell attended a planning meeting for the upcoming Guns and Hoses kickball tournament with OVPD.
- 2/10- CRM Braswell and Administrative Assistant Leonard assisted with set up for the Business and Government meeting as well as the Resident meeting. CRM Braswell also attended the Business and Government meeting but was unable to attend the Resident meeting. There were meaningful presentations from Chief Perry at both and good feedback was provided by those in attendance.
- 2/11- CRM Braswell attended a lunch meeting with Oro Valley Chamber executives.
- 2/14- CRM Braswell attended a planning meeting with Chief Robb at Oro Valley Police Headquarters to discuss a possible theft prevention public service announcement. The police have asked for assistance to film and produce something that they could share on their social media platforms.
- 2/15- CRM Braswell assisted representatives from the Forest Service with producing a Wildland Firefighter Memorial Video that will be shared at their annual training in the spring.

The GRFD and NWFD honor guard members participated as well and the video was filmed at NWFD training. This was a great joint effort.

- 2/16- CRM Braswell attended a lunch meeting with a representative from Northwest Healthcare.
- 2/16- CRM Braswell attended the executive and general board meetings for the Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- 2/17- CRM Braswell met with Chief Pearce to discuss the opportunities for identifying and tracking professional relationships within the organization to maximize communication and productively.
- 2/17- CRM Braswell met with crew at 380 at their request to discuss best practices for de-escalating customer complaints and how to manage difficult communication on scenes.
- 2/17- CRM Braswell met with a representative from Beads of Courage virtually to discuss a possible partnership.
- 2/18- CRM Braswell met with representatives from NWFD to discuss continued best practices for community relations and public education and opportunities for partnership.
- 2/21- CRM Braswell met Kindergarten Teacher Veronica Butcher at Ironwood Elementary and 3rd Grade teacher Shauna Thomas at Harelson Elementary to deliver books they won as part of the Love of Reading Giveaway. Both teachers and classes of kids were very excited. Both school districts shared this exciting news via their social media platforms and also reached out to me personally to learn more about the program that we just launched this year. We are looking forward to continuing to give books to kids in order to inspire a love of reading and also share fire and injury prevention messaging.
- 2/22- CRM Braswell and Chief Robb met with Oro Valley Police to shoot a video public service announcement for them that they can use on their social media platforms.
- 2/24-2/27- CRM Braswell was out of the office.

GRFD on the News and on Social Networking

Below are some of the highlights from February 1, 2022- February 28, 2022 regarding notable media and social media outreach.

- On February 15th, Chief Steve Lunde spoke to KOLD and FOX affiliates regarding preparations for the upcoming wildland season. This particular day was very windy and a Red Flag Warning had been issued so that was also a topic of their conversation.
- On February 16th, GRFD responded to a house fire and provided video and updates via social media platforms. As a result, all three local television stations mentioned the fire on their scheduled broadcasts.
- On February 23rd, KOLD Channel 13 mentioned the kickball tournament between GRFD and OVPD as part of a fundraising effort to benefit Amphitheater School District's Project Graduation.

Golder Ranch Fire District Call Load Breakdown

February 2022

CALL TYPE	370	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380	TOTAL
Aircraft											0
Brush / Vegetation				1							1
Building						1					1
Electrical / Motor											0
Fires - All Other	1									1	2
Gas Leak											0
Hazmat											0
Trash / Rubbish	2				1						3
Unauthorized Burning											0
Vehicle								1			1
Total Fire	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	8
Animal Problem											0
Animal Rescue											0
Assist -Other	6	5	31	20	20	15	6	17	10	3	133
Battery Change	1	5	29	3	14	1	4	5		1	63
Bee Swarm											0
Defective Appliance		1									1
Invalid Assist	2	1	30	2	16	1	9		5	9	75
Snake	1	1	1	2	1	2	1		2		11
Lockout										1	1
Fire Now Out					1		1				2
Total Service Calls	10	13	91	27	52	19	21	22	17	14	286
Alarms (Fire, Smoke, CO)	5	1	5	3	4	5		1	4	1	29
Cancelled / Negative	8	1	5	4	8	5	2	3	7	14	57
Smoke / Odor Invest.	1		1	1		2	1			3	9
Total Good Intent	14	2	11	8	12	12	3	4	11	18	95
Motor Vehicle Accident	3		1		2	2	7	2	1	1	19
Rescue-high, trench, water					1						1
Interfacility Transport	3				5	4				2	14
All Other EMS Incidents	69	10	101	72	114	48	98	22	76	145	755
Total EMS Type	75	10	102	72	122	54	105	24	77	148	789
TOTAL ALL	102	25	204	108	187	86	129	51	105	181	1178
Percentage of Call Load	9%	2%	17%	9%	16%	7%	11%	4%	9%	15%	100%
Average Calls Per Day	3.64	0.89	7.29	3.86	6.68	3.07	4.61	1.82	3.75	6.46	42.07
Patients Transported			484								
Last 12 Month Call Load			18435								
Last February Call Load			1136								

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Christian, Finance Manager

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

ITEM #: 8A

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

Presented are the monthly financial reports and cash reconciliation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Motion to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial report as presented.

Golder Ranch Fire District
Summary Budget Comparison - SUMMARY BUDGET TO ACTUAL **BOARD PACKET**
From 2/1/2022 Through 2/28/2022

Account Code	Account Title	Current Period Budget	Current Period Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
5000	Labor/Benefits/Employee Development	2,125,914.06	2,019,594.13	20,268,755.77	19,362,278.51
6000	Supplies/Consumables	110,440.86	81,350.91	902,026.88	678,155.35
6500	Vehicle / Equipment Expense	71,764.67	32,961.72	574,117.36	455,271.11
6750	Utilities / Communications	34,626.96	32,160.56	282,142.78	278,359.64
7000	Professional Services	84,612.17	85,301.06	890,297.36	591,710.39
7500	Dues/Subscriptions/Maint. Fees	28,298.59	18,558.61	252,888.72	239,818.84
7750	Insurance	7,000.00	2,369.00	124,694.00	118,262.37
8000	Repairs / Maintenance	40,015.82	31,329.60	394,503.06	296,827.76
9000	Debt Service	242,846.46	274,781.12	372,266.68	403,141.57
9500	Capital Outlay	484,499.58	120,402.96	4,195,996.64	933,188.99
9900	Interest Expense	28,381.00	28,328.56	847,637.47	841,678.34
Report Difference		(3,258,400.17)	(2,727,138.23)	(29,105,326.72)	(24,198,692.87)

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION OR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING AN UPDATE TO POSSIBLE PENDING LITIGATION

ITEM #: 8B

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

This item allows the Golder Ranch Fire District Governing board to obtain legal advice regarding possible pending litigation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) for the purpose of legal advice with the attorney.

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Maggie Hernandez, Board Services Specialist

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM #: 9

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

This agenda item allows an individual Governing Board Member to recommend item(s) to go on future agendas.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.2(H), the Board will not discuss the items(s) at this time because it would be a violation of the Open Meeting Laws and no voting action will be taken on the recommended item.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Call to the Public

ITEM #: 10

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

BACKGROUND

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. The Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the Call to the Public, which are not on the agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law; however, individual members of the Board are permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct staff to review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.