

SAN MANUEL FIRE DEPARTMENT
Fire*Rescue
District Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Manuel Fire Department District was called to order at 6:15pm.

Members Present: Michele Gonzales-Castro
Liana Romero
Dan Riekofski

Members Absent: Manuel Laguna
Frank Zazueta

Staff Present: Ernest Ivy, Fire Chief
Rick Ramirez, Asst. Chief
Jessica Castro, Engineer

The roll was taken, and a quorum was present to conduct business. Dan Riekofski called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Minutes:** Minutes for December 2025 were reviewed. Michelle Gonzales-Castro made a motion to approve the Minutes as written. Liana Romero seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the Minutes as correct.

Old Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- **Call to Public:** Two members of the public were in attendance. Chimene Have spoke for the allotted 3 minutes. She spoke briefly about the Firewise program. She also mentioned the First Friday events which has goals to include fundraising for a possible fireworks donation.
- **Profit and Loss Statement:** Profit and Loss Statement for December 2025 was reviewed, and Michelle Gonzales-Castro made a motion to approve the statement. Liana Romero seconded the motion, and the Board approved the statement unanimously.

- **Chief Update:**

- Chief Ivy spoke about the refurbished fire tender. It was returned for more upgrades which are being made at no additional charge. Total cost is \$39,655.22
- For calendar year 2025, the SMFD responded to 522 calls. This was about 40 more than year 2024.
- Renewing Insurance through the Mahoney Group is in process.
- Minimum wage for Arizona has now changed to \$15.15.
- FF1 and FF2 classes are being held next month. San Manuel has four employees attending. Classes are held on Saturday and Sunday. SMFD will host a weekend in February.
- Officially, BHP properties and the 7 Sky Motel is now part of the San Manuel Fire district.

- **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss Dan Riekofski adjourned us at 6:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, at 6:15pm.