



Northwest Fire District Governing Board

13535 North Marana Main Street
Marana, Arizona

SCHEDULED

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Date: April 23, 2024
To: Governing Board
From: Brad Bradley, Fire Chief
Department: Fire Chief
Agenda Item Fire Chief's Board Report

ACTIVITIES:

Academy 24-01 – Recruitment began on Monday, March 11 for our next Firefighter Recruit Academy. As of April 11th, we have received 175 applications. We are planning on an academy of 15 recruits with a tentative start date of October 1, 2024, and graduation in early April 2025.

HB2719 – (Bond elections; date; voter turnout) HB2719 passed the Senate Rules Committee with a party-line vote. It now awaits a full Senate vote. Should it pass the Senate, it is likely that Governor Hobbs would veto the bill. I will keep you posted on any progress.

Meet & Confer – Labor and Management met on April 3rd to review once more the items agreed upon as well as the direction of the Board as it relates to a wage market adjustment. We will bring a MOU for 2024-2026 before the Board for approval prior to budget adoption.

Officer Training – The Training Division coordinated a spring continuing education day for company officers. I provided a presentation that covered Leader's Intent, automatic aid, mission focus, chain of command, and budget basics just to name a few. The Assistant Chiefs joined me for a Q&A session with the officers where we answered questions and dispelled rumors.

Town of Marana – I attended the Marana State of the Town luncheon with members of staff and Labor. I was also a guest on Mayor Honea's podcast. We discussed the value of the District and Town having a common fire code, the excellent relationship between police and fire in our community, development, accreditation, ISO, and the Family Care Center among other things. The episode is linked [here](#).

Training Center – We anticipate the grading permit will be approved by the Town of Marana in the next few days. Our colleagues at the Town are doing everything they can to expedite the permit approvals process for this project. The latest projections show a tentative completion date of September 10, 2024. Chief Draper and CORE will continue to hold weekly Owner/Architect/Contractor (OAC) meetings to monitor progress. Specifically, they will be monitoring weather as we approach monsoon season and the potential impacts rain could have on the placement of aggregate base course (ABC), gutters, curbing, and concrete work. We are still tracking on a presentation to the Board after the Install Relocated and New Utilities (ID-51) scheduled for later May or early June. In the meantime, staff and I will continue to keep you updated.

GOALS:

To save lives, protect property, and care for our community.

Attachments

Memo 24-052