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# *Southern Arizona Safety Officers*

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**Minutes                      Friday, October 30, 2009      Tucson Fire   0830**

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Welcome

Minutes of Sept 18, 2009 approved

Education: Reading FF and Rehab Dodson Chapter and Protocol Review

Life Safety Initiatives Covered:

1. Define and advocate the need for a cultural change within the fire service relating to safety; incorporating leadership, management, supervision, accountability and personal responsibility.
2. Enhance the personal and organizational accountability for health and safety throughout the fire service.
4. All firefighters must be empowered to stop unsafe practices.
6. Develop and implement national medical and physical fitness standards that are equally applicable to all firefighters, based on the duties they are expected to perform.
8. Utilize available technology wherever it can produce higher levels of health and safety.

Good discussion ensued, ways to assure proper rehab were discussed.

March—Safety Day

Many choices need to be made. Will it be one or two days? Will there be a Chief Officer track? Do we do an ISO or HSO course? If you have input, please email [ed.nied@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:ed.nied@tucsonaz.gov)

NFFF Golf/Dinner

This year, June 11 and 12. Also have safety day conf 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and Combat Challenge 12 and 13.

MRSA Update

Tool is done, but going through some IT corrections. Hope is absolutely no later than Jan 1.

ISO Classes

Need one? Group felt we did. Looking at Feb 2010, more info to follow.

HSO Class

Nov 19 and 20, Tucson Fire Department Fire Central Training Room.  
No cost, lunch provided Thurs courtesy of Pima Fire Chiefs.

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You can take the class, but must be a ProBoard Certed ISO by taking FDSOA exam prior to taking HSO exam.

Courage to be Safe—

Please continue to teach wherever possible. Also, make sure to upload into system.

FGS

Redmond presentation and drilling in two weeks. After that, hopeful release Jan 2010.

NFA is on board.

Roundtable

RM-Monthly safety mtgs being held. CISM team up. Officer retreat next week.

TAA-working on physical issue for FF

GRFD- CTBS taught during Capt cert, 7<sup>th</sup> sta opening in Nov.

DHFD- transitional class just done for 3. Stat #5 to open in Jan

RVFD- working on defensive operations issue.

NWFD-DPS meeting on highway safety went very well. Looking to bring it out to all.

TFD- in the new Fire Central bldg. Cardiac study done and now awaiting results. Injury study in planning stages.

Next Meeting Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Rincon Valley FD. Location TBA.