

Valley Safety Officers Meeting
August 19, 2009

Attendees:

Jeff Mitchell – Mesa (CHAIR)	Don Hilderbrand, Phoenix	Daniel Seville, Phoenix
Kevin Bailey, Chandler	Jason Jessamine, Buckeye Valley	Jeffrey Snyder, Scottsdale
Jackson Bearden, Surprise	Robert Olmstead, Sun Lakes	Justin Swensen, Goodyear
Dawn Bolstad-Johnson, Phoenix	Brian Parks, Phoenix	Hugh Zembruski, Sun City
Mike Duran, Phoenix	Kevin Pool, Surprise	

Halo Strap

The Halo Strap will be recommended to ROCC to be included in the RIC bag inventory.

RIC Bags Consistency

Discussion took place on the Dräger SCBA and importance of the universal fit for buddy breathing. Recommend to ROCC for approval, for Home Agency to have extra regulator and mask in RIC bag.

ACTION: Brian Parks to take lead on getting all to get universal fittings.

Bay Door Accidents`

Red light/green light system works well. Timer on garage door to be adjusted, this is the cheapest solution.

Safety Day/NFFF Tucson Fire

Jeff Snyder gave a summary of the safety day/NFFF Tucson Fire on June 1. STILT Fire web site has details.

2009 FDSOA Annual Safety Forum

The dates were changed to September 21 – 25, 2009 at same location (Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL). Early bird sign up is still in effect. Please support Chief McLeod as he is running for the next term as Chairman of the FDSOA.

Engine 910 incident

Chief Brian Parks gave an update of the E910 incident. There are always lessons to be learned from every incident. Investigation is ongoing and he will continue to keep us updated.

PFD May Day

Brian Parks shared information on a may-day call at a small house fire. A firefighter with low air exited the home and was thought to be missing. Radio communications – call for help soon.

Round Table

Hugh Zembruski reports Sun City completed the installation of drive cams in vehicles. This shows the front road and cab view only. This shows 8 seconds prior to incident and 4 seconds afterward. This is helpful to insurance companies. Reflective chevron to be added to back of units.

Jeff Snyder announced Sun City has a new Fire Chief, Jim Haner. Safety is very important to him.

Brian Parks of Phoenix is now in Resource but always a Safety Guy.

Kevin Pool announced Surprise is going through re-organization. Jack Bearden is the new Safety Officer. Welcome Jack.

Kevin Bailey was promoted to Chandler's Assistant Chief. Congratulations Kevin. A new Safety representative will be attending these meetings.

Dawn Bolstad Johnson will be attending a workshop for Fire retardant studies. This is the study of toxins in fire retardants and safety of firefighters and investigators.

Don Hilderbrand shared the experience of the hazard of lint build up in dryer vents at fire stations. Mystery odors often come from stoves and dryer vents. Be aware to keep dryer vents clean and clear.

Buckeye Valley Fire has two new TLO Officers.

Phoenix Fire Incident Safety Officers Program is going on September 8-9 for five weeks. Instructor is Amos Chamer 602-262-6393 Training Academy.

Next meeting will be October 21, 2009 in the Great Room at Phoenix Fire. If anyone has anything interesting to share and would like it on the agenda, please contact Jeff or Trish.