

Resource Management Section /Valley Support Services Group meeting minutes 2/26/10

On January 14th, the Executive Board of the AZ Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) met in Bullhead City and approved our request to become a Section under them. This new Section, officially called the Resource Management Section, will allow the Valley Support Services Group to expand into a state-wide organization. In doing this, we'll be able to reach out and share everything we're doing now with anyone who wants to do the same. As I think most of us in the fire service have 2 things in common – learning and helping, we now are able to do that with every department in Arizona, no matter how big or small. Please open the link below to see our site. I'll be working with AFCA to build the site and try to make it something that is an asset to us and the organizations we represent. At minimum, I want to post the summary of our meetings; future, scheduled meetings; and names and contact numbers/email addresses of our members and departments. I will also check to see if the AFCA website is capable of maintaining a Forum where we can post questions and discussions about things, and provide web links to vendors, suppliers and other resources that are out there.

<http://www.azchiefs.org/default.asp?pageid=47&deptid=1>

With that said, we had a meeting at H&E Equipment in Phoenix on Friday, Feb. 26th. The meeting was well attended by members of Glendale, Maricopa, Goodyear, Peoria, Chandler, Daisy Mountain, Gilbert and other departments (sorry if I left anyone out). The folks at H&E were excellent hosts, providing a great lunch and tour of their facility after our meeting. The minutes of the meeting are below:

2-26-10 Meeting Minutes:

Introduction: Introduction and welcome to the group from Steve Feniello Goodyear Fire Department. Also a Thank you to H&E Services for hosting the meeting and introduction of H&E personnel Chris Cimini-Sales Manager/ Richard Maudsley-Service Manager/ E-ONE Robert Wertz-Area Manager.

H&E Services: Chris Cimini talked about H&E's commitment to servicing all fire apparatus, and the switch from their being primarily a crane rental/servicing business to include becoming an authorized dealer/service center for E-ONE Mfg. Richard Maudsley talked about their shop, warranty work, and the good working relationship they have with E-ONE. Richard also talked about their EVT-Master Tech, Mike Mickelson that they hired and relocated to Arizona. They also have 2 other Techs as well that have EVT-Certifications and are sending them to more schooling to continue educating their technicians. Richard also had talked about their 24hour/365days outcall emergency service and trailering capabilities via their lowboy trailer for towing certain apparatus (height limited). They also covered their mobile pump testing trailer that can be towed to any department. 3 pump tests per day can be done with their mobile pump testing trailer. Robert Wertz-E-ONE talked about the parent company "American Industrial

Partners” that are their financial backing as well as acquiring Horton Emergency vehicles. Robert also talked about their streamlined manufacturing processes and in-house complete body builds. E-ONE now offers a downsized, 180” wheelbase, entry-level residential fire engine that the City of Maui, HI purchased from them recently.

Discussion Points from the Group -

Ground-ladder Halyards: Group discussed ground ladder halyards and what each of our departments are doing for rope on ground ladders. Gilbert FD had a couple issues with halyards breaking during routine training and almost injuring a couple of their line personnel. They carry their ground ladders on the outside of their apparatus and are exposed to more weather than some of the other departments that house them inside ladder compartments. Goodyear FD switched all of their ground ladders over to the “CMC 3/8” NFPA approved Ladder Line” during 2008 ground ladder testing. Peoria FD also uses the CMC 3/8” Ladder Line as well as some of the other valley departments. The NFPA 3/8” Ladder Line can be purchased from the Arizona Hiking Shack, and probably others. AHS stocks the rope in spools.

Surplus Equipment: Goodyear FD inquired about what everyone else was doing to surplus equipment that they weren’t using anymore. Some City’s allow their departments to sell/auction these items with the money going right back to the Fire Department General Fund instead of the City general fund. Peoria FD stated they can loan equipment to other departments or they put them up for auction but the funds generated go back to the City General Fund. Chandler FD uses Sierra Auctions and funds go back to the City General Fund. Daisy Mountain FD uses Western States Auctions as they advertise over a larger area than Sierra auctions and have bigger audiences.

BattleFogger: Goodyear FD brought the issue up about their smoke machine - the fluid got so warm that it softened the tank enough causing the cap vent to fail and the tank sucked in so deep that it collapsed the center part of the tank. This caused it to crack and leak all the fluid out onto the electronics below it. GFD has made contact with the manufacturer and is awaiting feedback from them at this time to see if there is a fix or recall on the reservoir cap to remedy this issue. LaMaitre Inc. is the manufacturer of this fog smoke machine. Other valley departments use these same machines and have not had any issues.

Open Discussion: Peoria FD is looking for a heavy-duty, metal building for their (temporary) Station FS199 up by Lake Pleasant. The station experiences high winds and they need something more wind proof. Someone said that MetalWeld www.metal-weld.com 623-979-1117 manufactures heavy-duty structures and that they hold up well. Another topic that was brought up was from Maricopa FD Lonnie Inskeep - they had lost their 3rd fire engine (E-ONE) that is equipped with the Cummins IS series engines, apparently due to dust getting inside them. H&E Service Center and E-ONE are working together to come up with an answer. Maricopa was

successful in getting one of their fire trucks replaced from E-ONE - positive results from Dealer and Manufacturer working together to get results for the Maricopa FD.

H&E Services Tour: H&E Services provided lunch and had a drawing for a free pump test via their mobile pump testing trailer. They later demonstrated the setup of their mobile pump test trailer with a Maricopa FD truck. Afterwards, they gave a tour of their shop facility which was impressive and can house the largest ladder trucks inside when in for service. They advised they will help with any of our apparatus service needs no matter what the brand of manufacturer.

Next Meeting and Minutes: Next meeting will be held at United Fire 335 North 4th Avenue Tucson, AZ 85705 April 30th 2010 Phone# 520-622-3639 Barry Richardson will be the main contact.

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