



# The Review

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## Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Vacation Day	3/5
L/M Meeting, Spring Hazardous Fuel Mitigation Meeting, Elks Lodge FF of the year	3/6
Prescott Area Leadership Required job Shadow - I'll be shadowing the Director of the Phoenix Zoo	3/7
AFSI meeting Phoenix, Meeting in Phoenix	3/8

## Board Meetings

March 26 at Administration

1600 CVFD

1630 CAFMA

1800 CYFD

## Chief's Desk

**Quote of the week:** "Determination gives you the resolve to keep going in spite of the roadblocks that lay before you." Denis Waitley

I'd like to congratulate Engineer Jaron Kirk on his promotion to Captain Kirk! His first day will be next week as Captain at 58 on A-Shift. Dennis Brown will be promoted to Captain upon Captain McConnell's retirement at the end of June. Dave Edwards will be promoted to Captain upon Captain Johnson's retirement in March of 2019. Engineer promotions will work the same way.

With the departure of our Tech Manager, we will be running a little lean on personnel in Tech Services until after our IT Audit is complete. MerIT Technologies will be handling more of the IT side for us in the intervening time to ensure systems stay running and IT projects are completed. As part of the audit process, we are going to ask the third party contractor to assist us in defining the manager position, along with input from our Tech staff. Please be patient as we work through this process.

You may have read a few articles in the Daily Courier lately concerning the results of our recent audits as well as updates on how the CAFMA structure is performing. For those who have not, please click on the links below:

<https://www.dcourier.com/news/2018/jan/25/fire-boards-audits-come-back-clean/>

<https://www.dcourier.com/news/2018/feb/25/cyfd-tax-rate-expected-level-out-trend-down/>

<https://www.dcourier.com/news/2018/feb/25/central-arizona-fire-and-medical-authority-official/>

<https://www.dcourier.com/news/2018/mar/01/fire-boards-hear-final-recap-audit-reports-address/>

At our board meeting Monday night, our outside third party Accountant, Stephen Crandall owner of SC Accounting Services, outlined for the board

how equity is assigned to the two Districts under the Authority model. His methodology was designed with input from the federal Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as well as the Arizona Auditor General's office. As he stated in the meeting, it is illegal under AZ statute for one entity to subsidize another. Understanding the law, which we have since the inception of CAFMA, we made sure from the beginning that one agency would not subsidize the other. With the formulary developed by Mr. Crandall we are further able not only to avoid one subsidizing the other, we are able to clearly show how that cannot happen. Part of this is due to an assignment of equity under the joint venture. If anyone has questions, or would like further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact staff.

On another note, the accusations of criminal wrong doing concerning the admin building continue - as you can read in the below article:

<https://www.dcourier.com/news/2018/mar/02/fire-boards-attorney-responds-fire-districts-alleg/>

I wasn't going to cover this stuff anymore, but since it's in today's paper, I will follow-up.

As pointed out in the article, Mr. Jacobs insists on making public accusations. On numerous occasions over the last 18-24 months, Mr. Jacobs has stated that he is going to take his evidence to an appropriate legal authority, but he has yet to follow through. He has maintained that only DPS can investigate as, in his opinion, law enforcement in Yavapai County as well as the Yavapai County Attorney's office would have a conflict of interest. This matter has been addressed internally and it is clear that there was no wrong doing related to the checks embossed for the purchase of the building, and that all appropriate approvals were made.

Mr. Jacobs is not the only person making these accusations. During call to the public at the January meeting, Personal Injury Attorney Chris Jensen on behalf of his clients, Director ViciLee Jacobs and Director Tom Steele, made statements in support of Mr. Jacobs's accusations. Unfortunately, some of his remarks were incorrect and had to be amended the next day as he did not read the minutes thoroughly. He missed page eight of the April 19, 2016 meeting minutes in which a motion was made by Director Packard, and seconded by Director Jacobs to approve the purchase contract for the new administrative building - that motion passed unanimously.

Under state law, the accusations that Mr. Jacobs continues to espouse are not properly before the board or within the board's jurisdiction, and as such are not appropriate for call to the public. He knows his remedies, but would prefer to continue a public trial via call to the public - which is inappropriate. Attorney Cornelious addressed Mr. Jacobs's and Mr. Jensen's accusations concerning the purchase of the building as well as assertions of check forgery in his response to the public at Monday's meeting. Again, it remains clear all appropriate processes, laws and policies were followed. If you'd like to hear his response, please look for the video from the meeting which should be available sometime next week. As we move forward, neither Mr. Jacobs nor Mr. Jensen, or anyone

else for that matter, will be allowed to pontificate during our board meetings regarding these continued false accusations.

For his part, former board member Bob Page has denied, or at least stated he can't remember, phone conversations he had with me and Attorney Cornelious in which he expressed support for the purchase of the building. During those conversations he requested we pass on his support for the purchase to the board at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, which we did as you can read in the meeting minutes. Additionally he can't remember how our internal check signing process works - seems odd since he spent eight years on the board. When it was requested he turn in his key for the embossing machine after his tenure as a board member, he stated he never received one. Even after being presented with the document containing his signature acknowledging he had in fact received the key, he maintained that he didn't remember. It appears however, according to the most recent affidavit he signed, that he can remember every detail of a conversation with CTC in 2016, but only specifically what Mr. Jacobs said during the meeting - just an interesting side bar.

Legislatively, H2151, the omnibus clean-up bill for Joint Exercises of Power passed out of the Senate Committee hearing unanimously on Wednesday this week. The bill is poised to pass out of the senate and be signed by the Governor. S1114 and H2152, both bills are related to fingerprint checks. There will be one minor amendment in the language, but they are expected to pass without issue and be signed by the Governor.

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## Fleet Update: Fleet Manager Domenic Scaife



**Update from month of February:** Engines 552 and 51 were in for service as well as WT-57 and numerous staff vehicles. We have completed the Darley pump retrofit on Patrol 61. Please note that there is a small difference in these pumps (see below for more details).

**Outside agency repair:** One of Walker fires water tenders was in for service. We ended up replacing the pump on it due to excessive corrosion and rust.

**Update on the new apparatus order:** Pre-delivery inspections on the Ladder Truck and the type 3 are scheduled for the last week of March. Our two new pumpers are coming right along. MDT mounts and Radios are installed on one engine and almost complete on the other. We are now going to begin mounting equipment etc. They should be ready in April.

**Next on our fleet list:**

- E-62 service and repairs
- E-54 service and repairs
- P-59 repair pump bearing and water leak
- P-62 Pump replacement from Cascade to Darley
- Equipment inventory and order for new engines
- In service work for new trucks
- Groom Creek fire pump tests
- Copper Canyon foam system issue and pump test
- Walker Ambulance no start in cold weather
- 502- coolant loss issue
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**NEW DARLEY PUMPS:** The main change in operation of the Darley pump vs. the old Cascade pumps is the primer system. It is an exhaust primer instead of an electric primer pump. From what I have seen they work way better than the older electric primers and are less prone to failure. You will see some brief to the point training come out on the primer system from our training division. Please pay attention to the training and put it to use on these new pumps. Remember that you may not have this system on your truck now, but we will be swapping out three more of our pumps on patrols in the near future.

**Fuel Additive:** I was asked recently about placing fuel treatment such as Stabilizer at our stations. First and foremost the majority of our diesel fuel that we put in our fleet is treated for winter and then also for summer use by the supplier. We have a concoction of Diesel additive that we use in the shop when we perform a service. It is used as a priming agent in the fuel filter. Diesel engines can't have fuel filters installed dry so we fill them with our fuel additive before putting them on the truck. This gives our engines a large dose of additives and detergents right through the injectors on start-up as well as the first couple of minutes of run time and it cycles back to the fuel tank. So with that in mind I think we are fine on the vehicle side of things. I believe the bigger concern was equipment like small motors, strikers etc. You may have noticed that about six or seven years ago problems with our extrication units became a thing of the past. This is not only because we have the units on a replacement schedule, but also because at each vehicle service Dave Beck pulls the units and goes through them thoroughly. At that time, he drains the fuel and puts new treated fuel in the extrication motor. Because of the success we've seen with the above practices, we may now be placing a bottle of stabilizer at each station so that you can treat your fuel supply, (jerry cans) both standard fuel and two stroke mix. As always read the instructions and remember more is not better.

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