

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA  
REGULAR SESSION**

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:00 a.m.  
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

**DUE TO COVID-19 AND RELATED PRECAUTIONS IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE IS PROHIBITED  
VIRTUAL MEETING- PLEASE SEE DETAILS BELOW**

*Pursuant to ARS § 38-431.02, ARS § 38-431.03 and ARS § 38-431.05, the Golder Ranch Fire District Governing Board will meet in Regular Session that begins at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The meeting will originate at the Fire District Administration Board Room, which is located at 3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona. The order of the Agenda may be altered or changed by direction of the Board. The Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which are not open to the public, on any agenda item pursuant to ARS § 38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the Fire District Attorney on the matter(s) as set forth in the agenda item. The following topics and any reasonable variables related thereto will be subject to discussion and possible action.*

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS**
- 4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

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**5. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. PRESENTATION BY PINAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR JEFFREY MC CLURE PROVIDING AN INTRODUCTION AND AN UPDATE OF CURRENT EVENTS IN PINAL COUNTY
- B. PRESENTATION FROM MARK READER (STIFEL) ON AN UPDATE ON THE CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION CONCEPT TO FUND THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS) UNFUNDED LIABILITY USING BOND ISSUANCE AT A LOW INTEREST RATE
- C. PRESENTATION BY HERMAN RASCON ON THE USDD SYSTEM



## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

*The consent portion of the agenda is a means of expediting routine matters, such as minutes or previously discussed or budgeted items that must be acted upon by the Board. Any item may be moved to Regular Business for discussion and possible action by any member of the Board.*

A. APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

B. APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION

## **7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - CHIEF KARRER

- UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
  - MEETINGS, TRAININGS, AND EVENTS ATTENDED
  - POLITICAL & PUBLIC SAFETY INTERACTIONS/UPDATES
  - DISTRICT ACTIVITIES
  - PERSONNEL
  - COMMENDATIONS/THANK YOU CARDS RECEIVED
- BOARD SERVICES REPORT – MANAGER PAINTER
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – MANAGER BRASWELL
- LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – PRESIDENT JONES

B. BUSINESS/GOVERNMENTAL/PERSONNEL ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – CHIEF BRANDHUBER

- UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS
  - ASSISTANT CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH
  - HUMAN RESOURCES
  - FINANCE
  - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

C. LOGISTICS/PLANNING ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT - CHIEF ABEL

- UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
  - ASSISTANT CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH
  - LOGISTICS

D. EMERGENCY/LIFE SAFETY SERVICES DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT - CHIEF ROBB

- UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
  - DEPUTY CHIEF'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH
  - EMS
  - FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY SERVICES
  - HEALTH AND SAFETY
  - HONOR GUARD/PIPES AND DRUMS
  - OPERATIONS
  - SPECIAL OPERATIONS
  - TRAINING
  - WILDLAND



## **8. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED AND REDESIGNED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR NON-UNIFORM PERSONNEL
- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF A BUDGET STUDY SESSION FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET
- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0001 DECLARING THE LISTED DISTRICT ITEMS AS SURPLUS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THE DECLARED SURPLUS ITEMS IN A WAY THAT BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT
- D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A CHIEF OFFICER POSITION
- E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION OR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING AN UPDATE ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, NOTICE OF CLAIM RECEIVED, AND POSSIBLE PENDING LITIGATION *\*\*Note – executive sessions are confidential pursuant to Arizona law.*

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*This provides an opportunity for the Board to direct staff to include items on future agendas for further consideration and decision at a later date or to further study the matter.*

- Regularly scheduled meeting – April 20, 2021

## **10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

*This is the final opportunity, on this agenda, for a member of the public to address the Governing Board. Please refer to agenda item four (4) for additional clarification and direction.*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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Wally Vette, Clerk of the Board  
Golder Ranch Fire District

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Posted By: Brooke Painter 3/9/2021 at 3:30 p.m.





**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Brooke Painter, Board Services Manager

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Fire Board Reports

ITEM #: 3

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

**BACKGROUND**

This item allows for the Fire Board Members to report to the public and/or staff any events, meetings, conferences, etc. they may have attended and/or points of interest that took place throughout the month.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Call to the Public

ITEM #: 4

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

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**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY PINAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR JEFFREY MC CLURE PROVIDING  
AN INTRODUCTION AND AN UPDATE ON CURRENT EVENTS IN PINAL COUNTY

ITEM #: 5A

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

**BACKGROUND**

Pinal County Supervisor Jeffrey McClure would like to introduce himself to the governing board and provide an overview of current events in Pinal County.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.

# **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT**

## **BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION FROM MARK READER (STIFEL) ON AN UPDATE ON THE CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION CONCEPT TO FUND THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS) UNFUNDED LIABILITY USING BOND ISSUANCE AT A LOW INTEREST RATE

ITEM #: 5B

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

### **BACKGROUND**

The historically low interest rate on long term debt for Fire Districts has presented a unique opportunity to refinance the Unfunded Actuarially Accrued Liability (UAAL) associated with the PSPRS pension obligation. For several months now, the District has been positioning itself to do just this. Now that the state legislation is nearly in place to permit the District to refinance its pension obligation, it's time to take a look at the most up-to-date data on how much the UAAL is and where it will be if or when the legislation passes.

Mark Reader of Stifel will give the Board an update on options available to the Fire Board.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

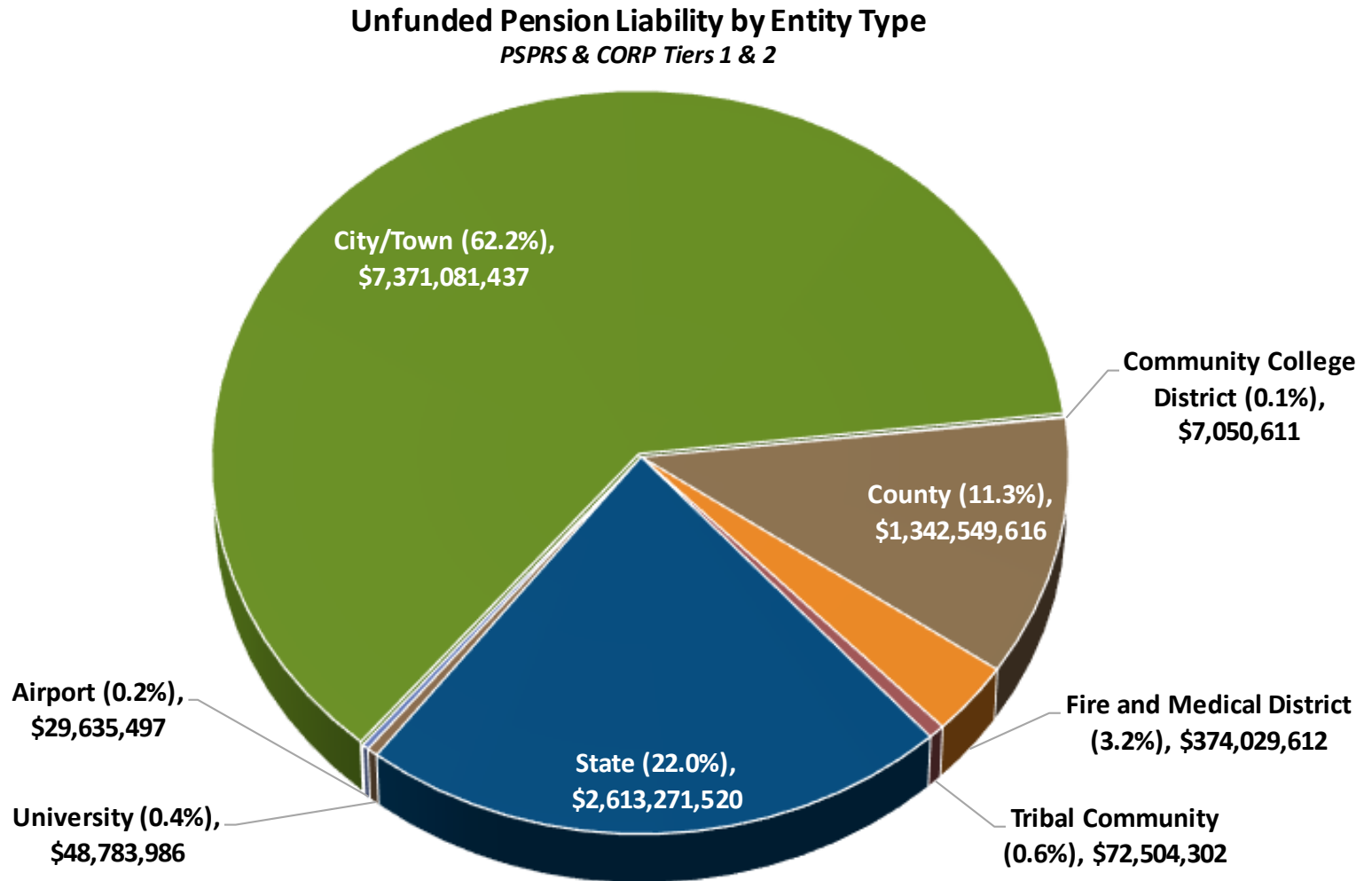
No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



## Golder Ranch Fire District

*Pension Plan Liability Management*

March 4, 2021

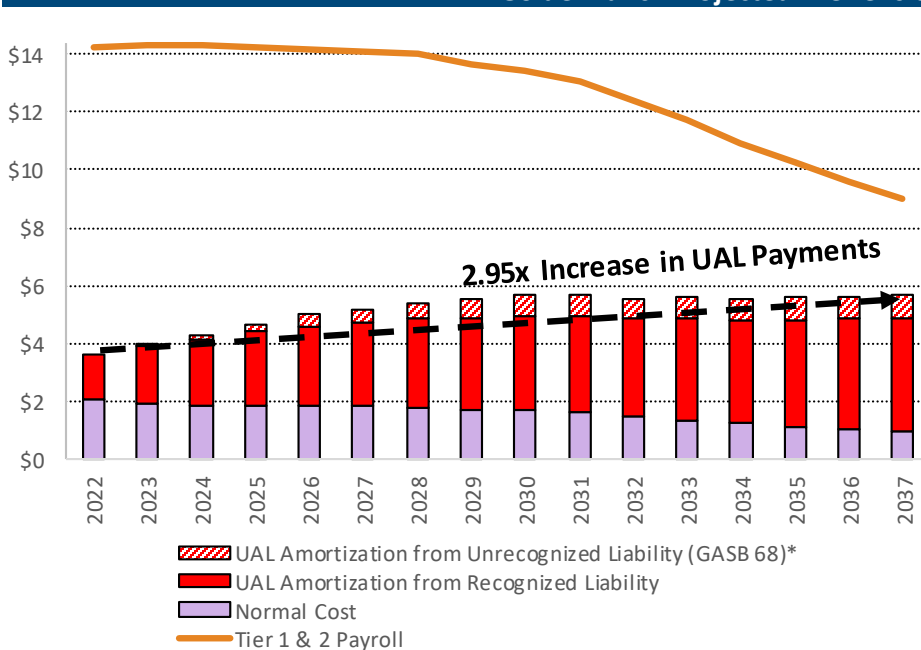


# Golder Ranch Fire District PSPRS Pension Debt Profile: What are we currently paying?

## Golder Ranch Fire District PSPRS Pension Debt Profile - Tier 1 and Tier 2 Legacy Costs

Pension Plan	June 30, 2020 Recognized Liability <sup>1</sup>	Timing Adjustment to 7/1/2021	Unrecognized Unfunded Liability	PSPRS Amortization
PSPRS – Fire Department	\$23,268,747 (69.9% Funded) Accrual Rate: 7.3%	\$1,014,948 Accrual Rate: 7.3%	\$4,307,804 Accrual Rate: 7.3%	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16 years, 2037</li> <li>Escalating annual amortization ranging from \$1,525,356 (2021/22) to \$4,688,062 (2036/37)</li> </ol>
Total Unfunded Liability				\$28,591,499

## Golder Ranch Projected Fire Pension Payments per PSPRS (Graph in \$mil)<sup>1</sup>



FY	Total Payroll	Normal Cost	% of Payroll	Total UAAL Amortization	% of Payroll
2022	\$14,220,651	\$2,053,462	14.44%	\$1,591,676	11.19%
2023	14,281,690	1,898,037	13.29%	2,071,890	14.51%
2024	14,286,914	1,877,300	13.14%	2,427,967	16.99%
2025	14,226,613	1,860,841	13.08%	2,796,157	19.65%
2026	14,178,585	1,844,634	13.01%	3,137,199	22.13%
2027	14,078,364	1,821,740	12.94%	3,354,230	23.83%
2028	13,977,048	1,794,653	12.84%	3,616,841	25.88%
2029	13,658,331	1,737,340	12.72%	3,826,798	28.02%
2030	13,416,666	1,699,892	12.67%	3,961,966	29.53%
2031	13,066,768	1,622,893	12.42%	4,055,270	31.03%
2032	12,387,511	1,461,726	11.80%	4,100,025	33.10%
2033	11,716,622	1,363,815	11.64%	4,224,746	36.06%
2034	10,892,927	1,227,633	11.27%	4,329,393	39.74%
2035	10,233,910	1,134,941	11.09%	4,452,502	43.51%
2036	9,581,985	1,057,851	11.04%	4,577,749	47.77%
2037	8,963,291	985,066	10.99%	4,688,062	52.30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$203,167,876</b>	<b>\$25,441,824</b>	<b>12.52%</b>	<b>\$57,212,471</b>	<b>28.16%</b>

*\*The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 68 Report identifies liabilities that will be recognized by the pension fund in the coming years. By funding these known, but not yet recognized, liabilities now, the City would avoid these additional UAL amortization payments.*

1. Source: Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2020.

# Golder Ranch Fire District PSPRS Pension Debt Profile: How do we compare to our peers?

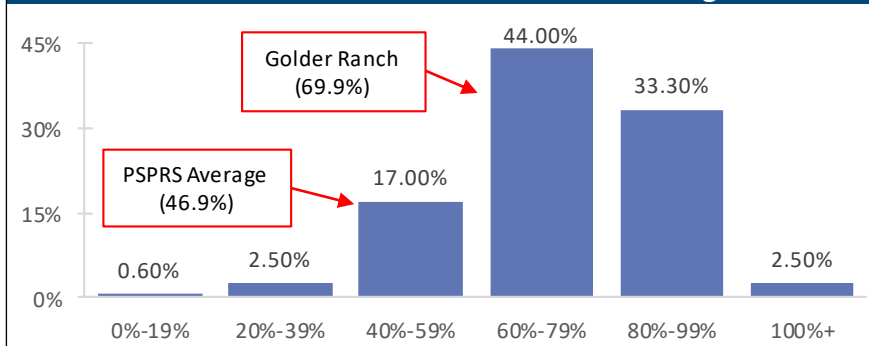
## Accruing at 7.30%, the District's pension payments are among the fastest escalating costs on the District's budget

- The District participates in Arizona PSPRS for its employees and retirees
- The District's plan is 69.9% funded as of 6/30/2020
- The plan's unfunded liability accrues at an assumed rate of 7.30%, well above what the District might pay on its debt
  - The actuarial rate was revised from 7.40% to 7.30% in the 2019 valuation, causing the UAAL to increase

### Overview of Key Terms.

- ♦ **Actuarially Accrued Liability ("AAL").** The present value of all future benefit payments payable to current and future retirees
- ♦ **Actuarial Value of Assets ("AVA").** The current value of all assets held/invested by PSPRS to generate returns and make benefit payments to retirees
- ♦ **Funded Ratio.** The ratio of AVA to AAL; 100% funding implies Assets = Liabilities
- ♦ **Unfunded Actuarially Accrued Liability ("UAAL").** The difference between the AAL and AVA

### Public Pensions: National Distribution of Funding Levels<sup>2</sup>



### Golder Ranch Plan Statistics (as of 6/30/2020)<sup>1</sup>

AAL	\$77,397,060
AVA	\$54,128,313
UAAL	\$23,268,747
Actuarial Rate	7.30%
Funded Ratio	69.9%

### Arizona PSPRS<sup>1</sup>

AAL	\$18,511,955,838
AVA	\$8,675,448,922
UAAL	\$9,846,607,738
Actuarial Rate	7.30%
Funded Ratio	46.9%

### Recommendation:

- ♦ **Refinance pension liability using other debt obligations to:**
  - Achieve 100% funding levels (top 2.5% percentile nationally); greater assets will also allow the pension funds to improve investment efficiency and liquidity for paying benefits
  - Lower borrowing rate on \$28.6 million unfunded liability from 7.30% to approximately 2.52% (depending on market conditions)
  - Generate budgetary stability and projected savings to address other needs and prevent crowding out of other priorities by escalating pension expenses

1. Source: Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2020.

2. Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, "The Funding of State and Local Pensions: 2015-2020." Alicia H. Munnell and Jean-Pierre Aubry.



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## **Do nothing**

- Continue to pay accelerating payments to PSPRS resulting in possible tax increase in the future, need to cut expenses, or potentially a combination of both

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## **Amend current PSPRS policy and budget more dollars towards the Unfunded Liability**

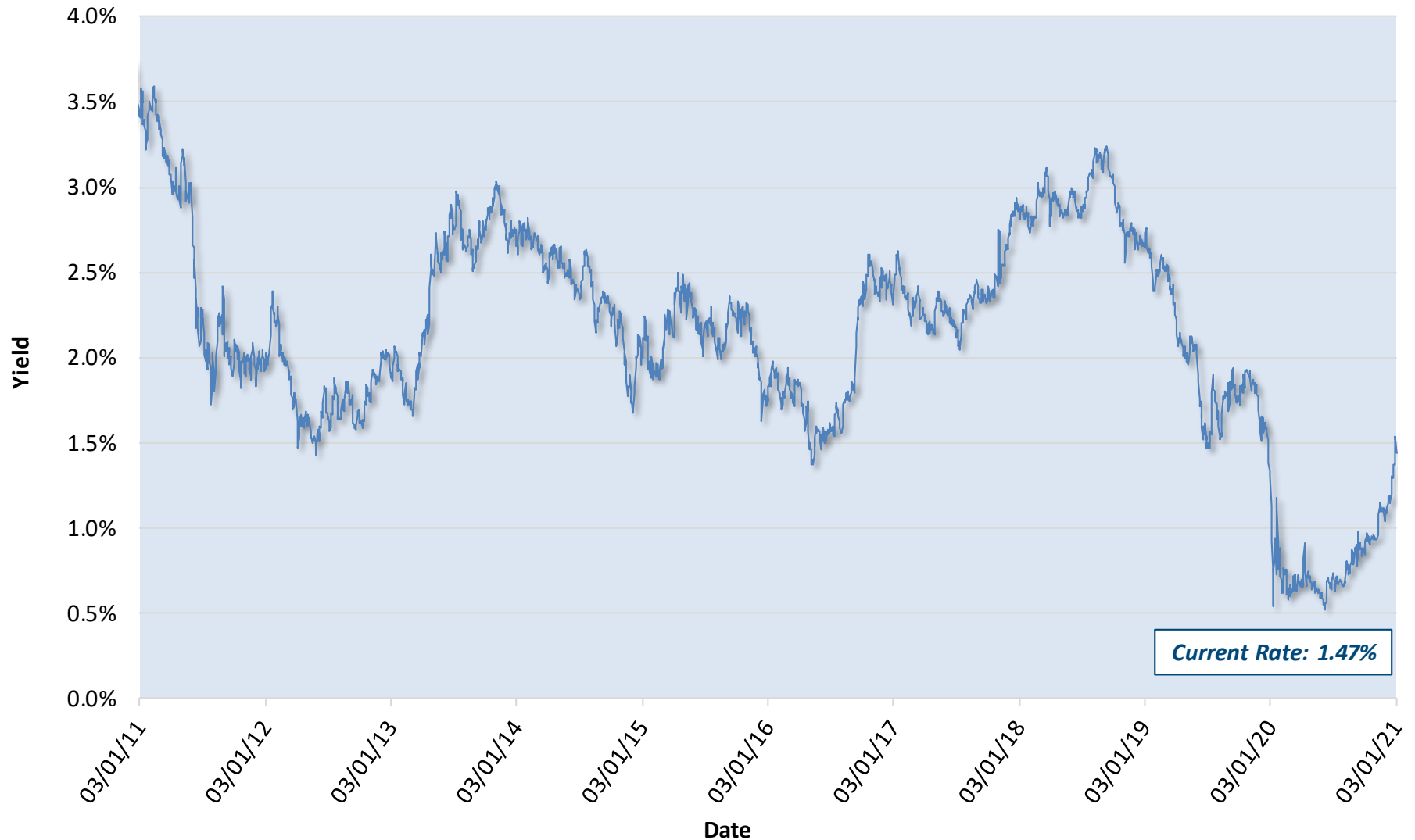
- Separate tax policy or other revenue increase, and/or cuts to essential City services

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## **Refinance debt to PSPRS accruing at 7.3% with taxable Obligations yielding approximately 2.52%**

- Address the legacy trajectory by “chopping down the future mountain” with fixed debt service payments and consider implementing a Contingency Reserve Fund to help manage future liability

**10-Year US Treasury Note: Past 10 Years<sup>1</sup>**  
(Data through March 3, 2021)



1. Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury.

# Use COPs Proceeds to Eliminate Current Pension Legacy Liability<sup>1</sup>

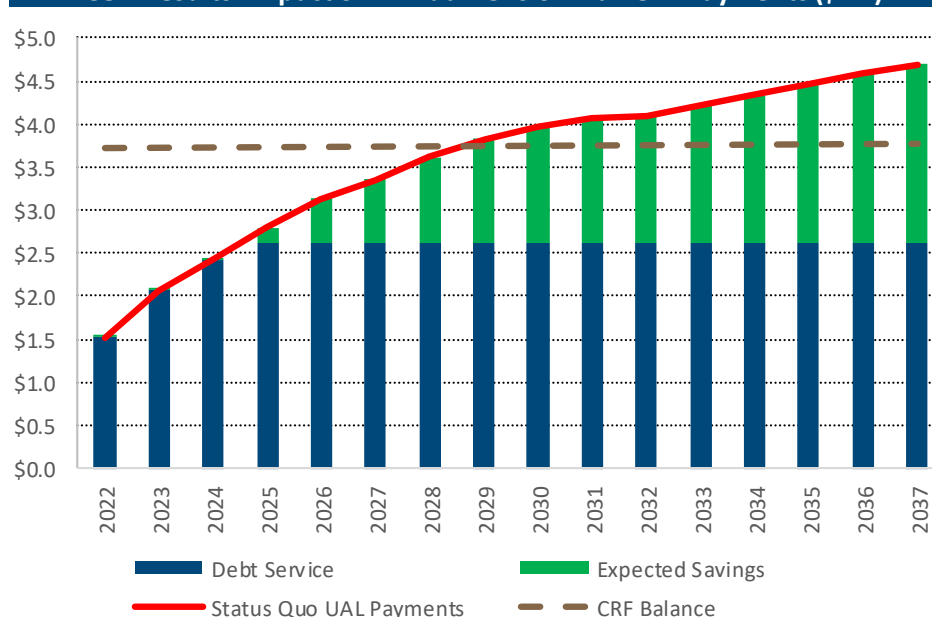
Issuing pension Obligations to fully fund the District's unfunded pension liabilities could allow the District to generate significant expected net present value benefit totaling \$16.99 million (59.43% of pension fund deposit), including establishing a Contingency Reserve Fund ("CRF") while leveling out year-over-year payments

- Reducing the District's upward curving pension UAAL payments could significantly lower the District's long-term unfunded pension liability cost while providing annual savings for the District to use each year at its discretion
- Our structure is designed to produce level annual savings while also providing contingency reserve funds for the District
- As summarized below, **this scenario could produce \$16,990,514 of expected total NPV savings**, including \$13,236,348 from reduced annual UAAL payments, \$3,729,326 from creation of a Contingency Reserve Fund, and \$24,841 from interest on the CRF assumed at 0.05%

## Summary Statistics: Funding Pension Plan UAL<sup>1</sup>

Dated Date	7/1/2021
Final Maturity Date	7/1/2037
All-In TIC	2.52%
Arbitrage ("Arb") Yield	2.29%
Average Life	9.298 years
Par Amount	\$32,955,000
<b>Pension Fund Deposit</b>	<b>\$28,591,499</b>
<b>Contingency Reserve Fund Deposit</b>	<b>\$3,729,326</b>
Expected Total Interest on CRF @ 0.05% Return	\$29,947
<b>NPV of Expected CRF Interest @ 2.29% (Arb Yield)</b>	<b>\$24,841</b>
Expected Cost Savings (UAAL – Debt Service)	\$17,123,659
<b>NPV of Expected Cost Savings @ 2.29% (Arb Yield)</b>	<b>\$13,236,348</b>
<b>Total Expected NPV Benefit (CRF Deposits + NPV of CRF Interest + NPV of Annual Savings)</b>	<b>\$16,990,514</b>
<b>Total Expected NPV Benefit (as % of Pension Fund Deposit)</b>	<b>59.43%</b>
<b>Actuarial Funding Status after Pension Obligations</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## COP Results: Impact on Annual Pension Plan UAL Payments (\$mil)<sup>1</sup>



1. Market conditions as of March 3, 2021. Spreads based on comparable recent transactions. Stifel does not guarantee to underwrite at these levels. All NPV values are discounted to July 1, 2021 (assumed transaction closing date) at a discount rate of 2.29%. Please refer to Stifel's risk disclaimers in this presentation. UAAL and amortization computed by Stifel using assumptions from the 2020 Actuarial Report, GASB 68 Report and annual UAAL payment data provided by PSPRS. UAAL payments shown are adjusted to reflect estimated payments made per District fiscal year based on Stifel's calculations and assumptions.

# Use COPs Proceeds to Eliminate Current Pension Legacy Liability: Analysis Results<sup>1,2</sup>

Fiscal Year Ending	Status Quo UAL Payments	Debt Service	Expected Benefit [Cash Flow]	Expected Benefit [PV @ 2.29%]
	[A]	[B]	[C]=[A]-[B]+[CRF]	[D]=PV[C]
Dated Date			\$3,729,326	\$3,729,326
6/30/2022	\$1,525,356	\$1,522,903	\$4,317	\$4,221
6/30/2023	\$2,071,890	\$2,068,893	\$4,863	\$4,648
6/30/2024	\$2,427,967	\$2,425,926	\$3,908	\$3,651
6/30/2025	\$2,796,157	\$2,613,182	\$184,843	\$168,864
6/30/2026	\$3,137,199	\$2,615,731	\$523,336	\$467,411
6/30/2027	\$3,354,230	\$2,614,983	\$741,116	\$647,125
6/30/2028	\$3,616,841	\$2,616,935	\$1,001,777	\$855,178
6/30/2029	\$3,826,798	\$2,615,213	\$1,213,457	\$1,012,729
6/30/2030	\$3,961,966	\$2,617,313	\$1,346,525	\$1,098,670
6/30/2031	\$4,055,270	\$2,615,271	\$1,441,872	\$1,150,173
6/30/2032	\$4,100,025	\$2,616,147	\$1,485,752	\$1,158,688
6/30/2033	\$4,224,746	\$2,613,659	\$1,612,963	\$1,229,782
6/30/2034	\$4,329,393	\$2,617,707	\$1,713,562	\$1,277,283
6/30/2035	\$4,452,502	\$2,617,937	\$1,836,442	\$1,338,284
6/30/2036	\$4,577,749	\$2,614,229	\$1,965,397	\$1,400,248
6/30/2037	\$4,688,062	\$2,616,464	\$2,073,477	\$1,444,234
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,146,151</b>	<b>\$40,022,492</b>	<b>\$20,882,932</b>	<b>\$16,990,514</b>

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2. Assuming no CRF draws and a 0.05% CRF earnings rate, we project that the District would earn \$29,947 of interest and achieve a \$3,759,273 CRF balance by 2037. Stifel is not providing investment advice.

# What are the risks associated with issuing pension obligations v. the status quo?

**Pension liability management carries four distinct types of risks: i) market risk, ii) actuarial risk, iii) sizing risk, and iv) other risks**

Risk Description	Status Quo	Pension Obligations
<b>Market Risk.</b> All pension plans are subject to changes in market conditions and year-over-year investment return performance. The assumed rate of return should ideally approximate a plan's long-term historical average returns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance studies allow actuaries to examine whether current return assumptions remain in line with actual performance. For example, many plans nationally have revised their actuarial rate to 7.00%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary risk is investment return performance over lifetime of obligations</li> <li>An issuer of pension obligations will remain better off for doing the bonding as long as investment returns remain above the bond rate</li> </ul>
<b>Actuarial Risk.</b> Any retirement system's independent actuaries calculate projections for plan assets and liabilities, and these projections are premised on a variety of assumptions such as investment returns, payroll increase, COLA, mortality, early retirement, and benefit payments. Annual employer contributions are calculated based on these assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actuarial risk is inherent to all pension funds, and all projections of future contributions and payouts</li> <li>Any revision or variance from these assumptions will alter projections and required contributions, regardless of the issuance of pension obligations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pension obligations address the unfunded liability at a given point in time by swapping the assumed rate of return with a market-based borrowing rate that is locked in at the time of issuance. Any new liability created by new actuarial assumptions will have to be amortized separately</li> </ul>
<b>Funding Target Risk.</b> The COP proceeds amount is calculated to achieve a specified funding target defined by the issuer. This amount is calculated based on known components of the issuer's unfunded liability at the time of pricing, which is subject to achieving defined assumptions in an actuarial report; actual experience may vary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funded ratio is subject to actuarial risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the actual unfunded liability upon closing of the obligations is higher or lower than the projected unfunded liability, the issuance of the COPs may result in a funding level that is above or below the target level defined</li> </ul>
<b>Other Risks.</b> Other risks may also exist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes in statutory and/or constitutional provisions, bankruptcy filing by a municipality, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changes a soft liability (pension) into hard liability (debt); could enhance the impact of statutory/constitutional/bankruptcy changes</li> </ul>

# Mitigating Risks: Contingency Reserve Fund

## The District can apply a portion of obligation proceeds to create a Contingency Reserve Fund that helps manage market and actuarial risks associated with COPs

- **What?** Helps mitigate risks associated with year-over-year volatility in investment earnings as well as changes in actuarial assumptions, such as assumed rate of return, COLA, mortality
- **How?** Use a portion of obligation proceeds to establish an initial balance in CRFs for the Police and Fire Plans, respectively
  - Apply a defined portion of ongoing year-over-year budgetary savings from the pension obligation (difference between what UAAL payments would have been versus debt service costs) to continue funding CRF
- **Why?** In years where investment returns do not meet defined/established benchmarks, and/or changes in actuarial assumptions cause a significant change in projected annual payments, the District can draw on the CRF to smooth the budgetary impact of funding additional contributions for the newly created UAAL
- **Why not?** Negative carry of issuing additional debt to fund an upfront deposit

**Rules for Investment of Proceeds.** This is akin to permitted investment guidelines for reserve/escrow funds

- Proceeds should only be invested in liquid and/or short-term products to ensure prompt availability of funds

**Rules for CRF Draws.** While there may be greater flexibility to accord broader rules for draws on an CRF absent obligation proceeds, in practice, permitting draws for any/every possible increase in payments could deplete the balance too soon

- The District may consider establishing a minimum fund balance threshold before which draws on the balance of the CRF could occur
- Draws may also be restricted to draws of investment income only, while the balance is untouched
- Establish periodic funded ratio thresholds, where CRF balance above a pre-defined level is drawn to supplement ARC

**Rules for Contingency Replenishment.** Could use ongoing pension obligation savings or use *sell the float* on other District held funds for periodic inflows

- The District must also consider mechanisms to build up and/or maintain the CRFs balance by securing a stream of steady cash flow beyond the initial deposit
- This entails defining the revenue and investment sources for fiscal transparency, and redirecting investment returns in excess of an established benchmark to the Contingency Reserve Fund

# Other Considerations: Proposition 207 Implications<sup>1,2,3</sup>

**Based on the State's revenue expectations once the recreational marijuana marketplace and tax is fully implemented, the District could expect to receive approximately \$347,229 of incremental, annual revenue**

- In November 2020, Arizona Proposition 207 (legalization and taxation of recreational marijuana) passed after receiving approximately 60% approval
- The State will establish a 16% excise tax on the sale of marijuana products, and provide incremental revenue to police and fire departments (31.4% of excise tax revenue) over time
  - According to a State Fiscal Analysis of the proposition based on revenues from recreational marijuana sales in Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and California, the State expects approximately \$161 million of annual revenue from the 16% excise tax once "the program becomes more fully operational" in Calendar Year 2023
  - This implies that **\$50,659,800 will be allocable to police and fire districts** in 2023
  - The 31.4% of revenue will be distributed to municipal police and fire departments **based on the number of individuals from each department enrolled in PSPRS**
  - As of 6/30/2020, the District had 253 total PSPRS members (active, inactive, retirees, Drop retirees, beneficiaries, disability retirees, and inactive/vested members), which represents 0.685% of PSPRS' 36,912 total members<sup>3</sup>
  - This implies **the District could expect to receive approximately \$347,229 annually from the 16% excise tax** (once the marketplace and tax are fully implemented, and assuming the State's Fiscal Analysis assumptions are met)
- Many jurisdictions that have recently legalized recreational marijuana have found **the runway to establishing retail sales infrastructure to be longer than, and tax revenues to be smaller than, originally projected**
- Nonetheless, this incremental revenue could be used to repay the District's unfunded pension liabilities more quickly than required
- However, **with the unfunded pension liability accruing at a rate of 7.3%, a significant portion of payments would go towards interest on the unfunded liability as opposed to the liability itself**
- **On the other hand, pension obligation proceeds would be used to reduce (or potentially eliminate) the known unfunded liability, ending the accruing 7.3% interest on a portion of unfunded liability and replacing it with a lower bond interest rate**

## **Arizona Proposition 207<sup>1</sup>** *Marijuana Legalization Initiative*

The law would allow limited marijuana possession, use, and cultivation by adults 21 or older; amend criminal penalties for marijuana possession; ban smoking marijuana in public; impose a 16% excise tax on marijuana sales to fund public programs; authorize state/local regulation of marijuana licensees; and allow expungement of marijuana offenses.

1. State of Arizona Secretary of State, 2020 General Election, Initiative, Referendum and Recall Applications. <https://apps.arizona.vote/info/IRR/2020-general-election/18/0>

2. Ballot Proposition 207: Smart and Safe Arizona Act Fiscal Analysis. <https://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/20novl-23-2020fn730.pdf>

3. Consolidated PSPRS and Golder Ranch Fire District Actuarial Reports dated June 30, 2020.



Certificates of Participation (“COPs”) are a source of financing for unfunded actuarial liabilities of pension funds and can serve a valuable function. However, the success of a COP financing is dependent on a number of assumptions proving to be accurate, and the failure of any of these assumptions is a risk that a government issuing COPs should consider.

Among the assumptions that are important to a COP financing, and the risks associated with those assumptions providing to be inaccurate, are the following:

- **Assumption:** The COP proceeds amount is calculated to achieve a specified funding target defined by the issuer. **Risk:** This amount is calculated based on known components of the issuer’s unfunded liability at the time of pricing. The projected unfunded liability at any given point in time is subject to achieving defined assumptions in an actuarial report, and actual experience may vary. If the actual unfunded liability upon closing of the bonds is higher or lower than the projected unfunded liability, the issuance of the COPs may result in a funding level that is above or below the target level defined.
- **Assumption:** The investment yield on the COP proceeds once deposited in the pension fund will equal or exceed the yield on the COPs. **Risk:** If the investment yield on the COP proceeds is less than the yield on the COPs, and the decline is not offset by positive changes in other assumptions, the issuance of the COPs may actually increase the unfunded actuarial liability.
- **Assumption:** Payroll increases during the term of the COPs will be as anticipated when the unfunded actuarial liability was estimated at COP issuance. **Risk:** If payroll increases during the term of the COPs exceed expectations, and the increases are not offset by positive changes in other assumptions, the COP proceeds will not suffice to cover the unfunded actuarial liability.
- **Assumption:** Cost of living adjustments (“COLAs”) will be as anticipated when the unfunded actuarial liability was estimated at COP issuance. **Risk:** If COLAs exceed expectations during the term of the COPs, and the increases are not offset by positive changes in other assumptions, the COP proceeds will not suffice to cover the unfunded actuarial liability.
- **Assumption:** Various assumptions used in calculating the unfunded actuarial liability – such as mortality rates, early retirement incentives, types of payrolls covered by the pension fund – will be as anticipated at the time of COP issuance. **Risk:** If there are reductions in mortality rates, increases in early retirement incentives, expansions of the payrolls covered by the pension plan during the term of the COPs, and these changes are not offset by positive changes to other assumptions, the COP proceeds will not suffice to cover the unfunded actuarial liability.

In addition to analyzing potential benefits that are based on achieving assumptions made in estimating the unfunded actuarial liability, we will also analyze potential budgetary benefits or losses based on various prospective levels of the pension systems’ earnings to assist you in gauging the likelihood of success of a COP transaction. It should be noted that potential budgetary benefits vary from year to year. Actual benefits or losses and the success of the COP financing cannot be known until the COPs have been paid in full.

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**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Herman Rascon, IT Manager

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY HERMAN RASCON ON THE USDD SYSTEM

ITEM #: 5C

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

**BACKGROUND**

As requested by the Golder Ranch Fire Board, the Information Technology Department will present an informational PowerPoint presentation on the Phoenix G2 Station Alerting System.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Brooke Painter, Board Services Manager

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2021 REGULAR SESSION  
APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM #: 6A – 6B

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☒ Legal Review

**BACKGROUND**

In compliance with A.R.S. §38-431.01, approval of:

- A. APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2021 REGULAR SESSION
- B. APPROVE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

Motion to approve the March 16, 2021 consent agenda.

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
February 16, 2021 9:00 a.m.  
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Fire Board Chairperson Cox Golder called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Board Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Board Vice-Chair Richard Hudgins, Clerk Wally Vette, Board Member Steve Brady, and Board Member Albert Pesqueira

Staff Present: Fire Chief Randy Karrer, Assistant Chief Patrick Abel, Assistant Chief Brandhuber, Community Relations Manager Anne-Marie Braswell (via Zoom), Finance Manager Dave Christian, IT Manager Herman Rascon (via Zoom), Board Services Manager Brooke Painter, and Legal Counsel Donna Aversa (via Zoom)

**2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS**

Clerk Vette, Chairperson Cox Golder, and Board Member Pesqueira all met with Union President Ben Jones. They all reported that they had very good conversations.

**4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no public issues presented.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. APPROVE MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2021 REGULAR SESSION

B. APPROVE MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2021 EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION** by Vice-Chair Hudgins to approve the February 16, 2021 Consent Agenda

**MOTION SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Hudgins

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

**6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Karrer presented the fire chief's report to the Governing Board. He reported that we received notice that Chief Joshua Hurguy gave his official notice that he will be leaving the organization. He has accepted a deputy chief position



in the Washington area. In the meantime, Chief Robb will take over Operations. Chief Karrer reported that he would like to do a community risk analysis and a new standard of cover. He stated that he has continued to meet with crews. He also attended Northwest Fire District Chief Doug Emans' retirement party. Chief Karrer clarified the timeline of Chief Hurguy's departure. Board Member Brady complimented the Burning Issues, he was happy to see it back. Chief Karrer noted that it was Manager Painter and Administrative Assistant Hernandez's undertaking. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.

- BOARD SERVICES REPORT – Board Services Manager Painter stated that her report was included in the board packet. Clerk Vette complimented Records Specialist Shannon Ortiz on the organization and filing of the permanent records. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.
  - COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – Community Relations Manager Braswell stated that her report was included in the board packet. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.
  - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT – IT Manager Rascon stated that his report was included in the board packet. Manager Rascon answered questions from Chairperson Cox Golder and Board Member Brady regarding the USDD package. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.
  - LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – Vice President Ryan Ward reported that the third annual Jose Samaniego Archery event would be on March 6. A lot of the money raised will be going to support foster care children. He stated that information could be found on the NTFAA website. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.
- B. EMERGENCY/LIFE SAFETY SERVICES ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Brandhuber presented the Emergency/Life Safety Services Assistant Chief's report to the Governing Board. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.
- C. LOGISTICS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Abel presented the Logistics and Special Projects Assistant Chief's report to the Governing Board. He added that on January 15 the crews moved back into Station 375. He wanted to give kudos to the crews who stayed in the trailer; they were great through the entire process. We are now moving onto the Station 374 remodel. Chief Abel stated that he believes Chief Hilderbrand and Manager Braswell are looking to have the "grand opening" of Station 375 sometime in April. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.



## 7. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN PIMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION AND ADMINISTRATION OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND TESTING CLINICS

Chief Karrer explained that this was an agreement that many of the districts in the region are entering into with Pima County as well. He stated that it allows employees (paramedics and EMTs) of Golder Ranch Fire District (GRFD) to provide immunizations and testing for the Pima County, when needed. GRFD will provide the personnel as needed, will pay the employees overtime, and then submit to the County for reimbursement. Board Member Pesqueira asked about the wide range of ranks that were included in the agreement; Chief Karrer answered his question.

**MOTION** by Clerk Vette to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Pima County Department of Health and Golder Ranch Fire District for the provisions and administration of immunizations and testing clinics

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Brady

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 002 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WSM ARCHITECTS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE REMODEL OF STATION 374

Chief Abel explained that this agreement was to provide architectural and engineering services for the expansion/remodel of Station 374. He said this would include the construction of a decontamination and turnout room, gated security, and a concrete surface for District apparatus. Chief Abel answered a question from Clerk Vette about the total construction cost for this project. Clerk Vette also asked about the possible savings in building Station 378, since it will be a copy of Station 379. Chief Karrer noted that because of COVID-19 and the rise in construction costs, we might not be able to do all that we wanted to do with the bond money.

**MOTION** by Vice Chair Hudgins to approve amendment 002 to the professional services agreement with WSM Architects for services related to the remodel of Station 374

**MOTION SECONDED** by Clerk Vette

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Manager Christian presented the monthly financials and reconciliation for Golder Ranch Fire District to the Governing Board. Chief Karrer reminded the Board that there is a COVID-19 policy in place until the end of March, which has adversely affected the overtime budget. He continued that we currently have some vacancies and that we



have been operating at minimum staffing; however, that would be mitigated with the graduation of the academy. Board Member Hudgins asked that Manager Christian add the total number of memberships to his report. There were no further questions or comments from the Governing Board.

**MOTION** by Clerk Vette to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial reports as presented

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Pesqueira

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

- D. EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION OR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING AN UPDATE ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, NOTICE OF CLAIM RECEIVED, AND POSSIBLE PENDING LITIGATION \*\*Note – executive sessions are confidential pursuant to Arizona law.

**MOTION** by Board Member Brady to enter into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) for the purpose of legal advice with the attorney at 9:52 a.m.

**MOTION SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Hudgins

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

Those present in the executive session were the Board Members, Chief Karrer, Attorney Aversa (via telephone), and Manager Painter.

*The Board reconvened into regular session at 10:20 a.m.*

*Chairperson Cox Golder reminded those in attendance Executive Sessions are confidential pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(C).*

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*This provides an opportunity for the Board to direct staff to include items on future agendas for further consideration and decision at a later date, or to study the matter further.*

- Regularly Scheduled Meeting – March 16, 2021
- Clerk Vette asked about the strategic plan and the timeline for it – Chief Karrer stated that he will be coming forth with a date soon
- Chief Karrer stated that Chief Robb is going to be running Operations and he will be looking at further adjustments to the organizational chart
- Chief Karrer stated that he will provide an explanation of response times, how they are calculated, and the USDD programs

## **9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no public issues presented.



## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Board Member Brady to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

**MOTION SECONDED** by Clerk Vette

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

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Wally Vette, Clerk of the Board  
Golder Ranch Fire District  
b/p



# **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT**

## **BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

ITEM #: 7A

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

### **BACKGROUND**

This allows for the fire chief to provide updates to the governing board on the following areas:

- Meetings/Trainings and Events Attended
- Political & Public Safety Interactions
- District Activities
- Personnel
- Commendations/Thank You Cards Received

Also, under this agenda item the Board Services Manager, Community Relations Manager and the Local 3832 President will present their reports to the governing board.

- Board Services Report – Manager Painter
- Community Relations Report – Manager Braswell
- Leadership Team Report – President Jones

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.





# CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief – Randy Karrer

*February 2021*

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## Meetings, Trainings & Events Attended for the Month

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I conducted command weekly staff briefings and direct reports meetings.

I conducted the monthly Fire Chief's status meeting with all managers and chief officers within the District.

We conducted the monthly governing board meeting via Zoom. The intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Pima County for immunization reimbursement was passed unanimously.

I met with the Board Chair Cox-Golder prior to the board meeting.

I attended our Operations team meeting.

I met with President Jones of the Local 3832. We discussed a variety of issues and scheduled meetings for the coming weeks. Later, we met again and with other local labor leaders to tour the new Southern Arizona Firefighters Association union hall.

Chiefs Cesarek, Robb, Pearce and I attended the Oro Valley Project Graduation golf tournament. This very important fundraiser has been significantly impacted by COVID. The tournament was held over a period of three days to provide for spacing of the participants. In speaking with the president of Project Graduation, Jim Miller, they are still hopeful that continued support from the community will be there to allow them to provide a safe environment for the graduates this fall.

I attended Northwest Fire District (NWFD) Assistant Chief Doug Emans' retirement luncheon. Doug started with NWFD in 1994 and was my immediate supervisor. As the years went on, I ended up being his supervisor. Doug is a talented leader that has worked very hard over the years and has earned his retirement.

I participated in a conference call with the executive board of the Arizona Fire Services Institute (AFSI) to discuss multiple legislative issues. I also served as Chairman of the AFSI. See attached agenda.

I attended and participated in an Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) mutual aid training meeting via Zoom.

I attended a breakfast meeting with the Pima County Fire Chiefs. This monthly meeting with the Fire Chiefs was extremely valuable and allowed for a much more manageable forum for discussions on best practice, collaborative efforts, and challenges the Pima County Fire Service has been facing.

I attended the Securis (workers' compensation pool) board meeting serving as a board member. The cost for our workers' compensation pool will be increasing this year by approximately 5%.

I attended the Oro Valley Council meeting virtually. The El Conquistador 9-hole golf course was on the agenda and there was significant participation from the public. The meeting went over four hours with many public speakers addressing the Council. In the end, the Council will be looking at costs and options regarding maintenance of the course, or having a third party maintain it.

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## Political & Public Safety Interactions & Updates

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Attached please find the Arizona Fire Districts Association (AFDA) legislative update and political report.

- I have been actively working with members of the AFCA and AFDA to introduce legislation that will clarify the roles of stake holders and their ability to address needs and concerns related to a Certificate of Need (CON). Please follow this link to view the legislation:  
<https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/55leg/1R/bills/HB2802P.pdf>
- I participated in several Zoom meetings and conference calls with AFDA and AFCA leadership regarding strategy on testimony and dialog with legislators.
- I testified on February 10th in the Senate Finance Committee on SB1298 related to Certificates of Participations (COPs) for fire districts. It passed 6-2-2. I was scheduled to testify on HB2455, which is the mirror bill of SB1298, but the bill was not heard in committee because of time constraints. It was rescheduled. I am thankful I was not

waiting at the Capitol for the committee meeting. Being in my office on Zoom allowed me to multitask, not to mention avoid the 4-hour burn and return to Phoenix. Please follow this link: [S1298i](#)

- I testified in the House Government and Elections Committee on HB 2455 regarding fire districts' pension liability and financing; this is the House COP bill. It passed out of committee 10-1. The COP bill will be on the floor in both the House and Senate. If passed, it will move to the governor to signature. I spent quite a bit of time speaking to our legislators about this.
- I testified in the House Health and Human Services committee meeting on HB 2802. It was not voted on and did not leave the committee.
- I had multiple conference calls with senators and representatives on multiple bills.
- I had multiple discussions and Zoom calls with legislators regarding the COP bill. Additionally, I personally delivered packets of information to them for better comprehension on the impact to GRFD.
- The Arizona Fire Marshal's Association is formally opposing SB1334 which allows for a larger variety of aerial fireworks. See attached.

I went to the Tucson legislative office to renew my agreement to be a speaker at the Arizona State Legislature.

I attended the planning session for the upcoming "Fire Chief's Academy" through the AFCA virtually. This was following input we received from city managers, town managers, and board of directors in what they would like to see in a fire chief. Thank you to Town of Oro Valley Manager Jacobs for participating. We will use this information to develop the program which we hope to deliver in spring of 2022.

I had dialog with Pima County Board of Supervisors Rex Scott's executive staff. Rex Scott replaced Ally Miller as the District 1 Supervisor in Pima County. Later, I met with Supervisor Scott and his executive staff via Zoom. We spent about an hour discussing our organization, the Big Horn Fire impact, the auto aid system, fire service in Pima County, and ways to work collectively to benefit the businesses and residents of District 1.

As I have previously reported, we have been experiencing significant difficulties and delays regarding systems and processes at our communications center at the City of Tucson. I have been working directly with Interim Director Kasmar, Tucson Fire Department (TFD) Chief Ryan and NWFD Chief Bradley to address our many concerns. We have all agreed that a more proactive fire department presence in that environment is needed to help drive and steer changes. At my direction, Golder Ranch Fire District (GRFD) will be taking a much more

aggressive and active role in the management of our contract with the communications center. A senior-level liaison (an assistant chief with decision-making authority) will be assigned to transition the contractual arrangement we currently have to a performance-based contract. Further, along with our automatic aid partners, TFD and NWFD, GRFD will provide a captain, acting as a supervisor, to be placed at the center 24 hours per day to monitor, guide, and assist dispatchers beginning July 1, 2021. This was discussed with the Board in the 2020 budget process and we will budget for this in the upcoming fiscal year 2021-2022. Working collectively with Director Kasmar, we strive to address not only the issues identified, but more importantly, the issues that we have seen impact our ability to provide service to our greater community. I had further dialog with Chiefs Ryan and Bradley again later in the month regarding the ongoing challenges at the communications center.

We continued to see a decline in COVID-19 related numbers to include transports. Although these were very encouraging, we continued to be compliant with the guidelines and recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Arizona State Health Department. On the February agenda was an IGA that will allow for us to provide immunizations to the community and be reimbursed by Pima County. This agreement, which we have been working on since December, is an essential part of the overall process. This will also have a reimbursement component that previously had not been included.

I had a video conference with Jennifer Schomberg, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Oro Valley (OVH) and Northwest Hospitals (NWH). We had a very in-depth conversation on wait times in the emergency rooms, COVID-19 vaccinations, expanding services, collaborative programs (community paramedic), and other items. She was very complimentary of our crews, explaining that she has had absolutely no complaints from either NWH or OVH ER staff regarding GRFD personnel. She made a point to say that our personnel are ALWAYS polite and courteous to her staff. She went on that our staff are direct when they need to be, but always professional. I have heard that that is not always the case for other fire agencies, which makes me very proud of our GRFD team.

I attended a “code save” recognition at Oro Valley Police Department (OVPD). Oro Valley Police Chief Riley presided over a meeting between an Oro Valley resident who experienced a heart attack and the first responders from OVPD, NWFD and GRFD who saved him. Chief Cesarek also presented a “code save” challenge coin to the officers and responders. This was a perfect example of our exceptional public safety and automatic aid responses system. OVPD responds to all EMS calls in the Town of Oro Valley and they were on the scene initiating CPR in less than 2 minutes. NWFD Engine 330 was the closest fire unit arriving moments later with GRFD Medic 377 on their heels arriving to provide rapid transport to the hospital. The

partnership between all the agencies saved this man's life. A 42-year-old father of two will be able to watch his children grow up and enjoy many years with his wife. This was such an awesome story and example of our innovative response system in Oro Valley.

I met with NWFD Chief Bradley and Rincon Valley Fire District (RVFD) Chief Kahle over lunch to discuss communications and mutual/automatic aid. Unfortunately, TFD Chief Ryan was unable to join us due to a last minute adjustment.

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## District Activities for the Month

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I attended the virtual "meet and greet" for the new academy recruits and their families. Although attending virtually was not as personal, or as effective as face to face, it was so energizing to meet and engage with those who are just beginning their career. Sometimes I think we forget how impactful the academy experience is for these young people. Also, it is a good reminder of how important it is for all of us to reflect on the culture we have at GRFD and how to make it better for those in the future. Of course, we have had our challenges, especially recently, but who has not seen challenges in these times. However, I truly believe that the foundational desire of every person at GRFD is to do exactly that, "make it better for those in the future!" Together we can! The academy began February 8th.

The command staff attended Academy 21-1 day one to introduce themselves. I addressed the academy and provided my "character spiel." See attached. I also provided a document that I adapted to the fire service entitled, "All I need to know I learned in Kindergarten."

I have engaged the services of consulting company, Ironwood Solutions, to write a grant for us under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Prevention Category. The scope of the proposed project would be to conduct a Community Risk Assessment and Standards of Cover. Our current community risk assessment/standards of cover document is very outdated from 2013, therefore, a more recent document is needed for Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating as well as any accreditation that we may receive. If are successful in the grant award, there will be a minimal matching fee. If we are not successful with the grant, there will be a cost. Either way, we need to complete the documents, but we are hopeful to be successful in the grant process.

Our Human Resources (HR) Division has been participating in an audit of our immigration documentation by a special agent from the Homeland Security Department. Several issues with I-9 forms were identified and have been addressed.

I attended our quarterly benefits utilization review meeting with our benefits broker, Ed Gussio, from Crest and Labor representatives, Pettit and Johnson. We have seen a significant increase in the utilization of our benefits which will likely translate into an increase in our benefit costs next fiscal year. We have been working on cost-saving strategies while avoiding any impact to our benefit package. I was also involved in several phone calls and conference calls with Ed Gussio and senior leadership from our provider, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. We have been working diligently to address not only the increases in healthcare costs, but also the relationship between our healthcare provider and workers' compensation pool.

I attended a presentation with the HR staff and Chief Brandhuber regarding a proposal from another healthcare broker. Although we have been happy with our current benefit structure and plan, we have been doing our due diligence to ensure we provide the best coverage to our personnel while remaining cost effective.

I attended a presentation with the HR staff and Chief Brandhuber regarding the administrative compensation survey from our consultant, Igor, with HR Knows. This very in-depth presentation outlined the changes to our step and grade system that mirrors what was done in suppression a couple of years ago. We have been diligently trying to address pay compression while also ensuring that we have a competitive wage scale. The Board will likely see this presentation at the March board meeting. The suppression compensation survey will be initiated at the beginning of the fiscal year.

I met with Finance Manager Christian, Chief Robb, and Chief Brandhuber to discuss adjustments in the current budget to absorb the unanticipated overtime costs we have experienced this past year. Much of the overtime costs were attributed to COVID-19, but some were simply from being short staffed. We have been submitting for grants and reimbursement from the federal government to help to offset some of the COVID costs, but we must take measures to better manage our overtime.

I reviewed the recommendations from the committee on the station 374 addition. This will include turnout gear storage, decontamination room, station security, and an additional storage room. The committee did a great job and we will be moving forward with drawings. This will be funded by the bond.

Our new office furniture was finally delivered and we were able to open our front lobby. This was part of our administration lobby remodel that was done to provide more security and separation for our administrative assistants that greet our constituents. This much-needed

improvement was part of the security enhancement project that has been going on throughout the District.

I released an adjustments of responsibilities and organizational chart adjustment. This will help to provide improved communication to the majority of the organization, address critical strategic priorities related to IT, geographic information system (GIS) and fire alarm communications liaison, while also allowing succession and mentoring of operational personnel. Please follow this link [Administrative Directive 21-001 Organizational Changes Effective February 15, 2021.](#)

I continued my efforts to meet with crews and individuals of the District. I had several meetings throughout the month. Community Relations Manager Braswell accompanied me to many of the meetings to take notes.

- I had breakfast with the station 373 crew and Battalion Chief Price. We discussed a variety of topics to include succession planning, future station construction, organizational changes, and leadership.
- I met with Chief Perry and Captain Wilson to discuss personal protective equipment (PPE), mentorship, and succession planning.
- I had a Zoom meeting with all the Operations battalion chiefs, division chiefs, and deputy chief. We discussed the temporary organizational chart, departure of Chief Hurguy, and the expectations moving forward. Several chief officers requested individual meetings which I have been facilitating.
- I met with several chief officers, including division chiefs, battalion chiefs, and captains regarding the recent changes, the reporting structure, and my message to the organization. I met with some individually and others as a group.
- I attended “Chats with the Chief” at stations 378, 370, and 372.

Administrative Assistant Maggie Hernandez was tasked with bringing back the “Burning Issues” newsletter. I provided my “article” to her, which was the Chief’s Message for the quarter. She did an awesome job with this! Please take a look: [Burning Issues - February 2021](#)

Please follow this link for the latest [News From The Ranch](#). Unfortunately, this was Chief Hurguy’s last video.

GRFD, NWFD and TFD fought a working trailer fire with extensions to another building in NWFD’s southern area. Our automatic aid system has definitely been exercised and we have been working to resolve minor differences in operating procedures.

We responded to a fatal mobile home fire in Catalina. Upon arrival, crews found a well-involved fire in a mobile home with a bedridden occupant still inside the residence. The crews encountered high heat and heavy smoke during the rescue operation, and unfortunately, the occupant had already expired prior to the rescue. We have been working with the Pima County Sheriff's Department on the investigation.

Congratulations to Firefighter Starkey and Fire Medic Wellman for delivering a BABY in the back of Medic 375! How cool is that! Nothing warms your heart more than placing a newborn in the arms of a new mother. Thanks to both of you for your compassion, skill, and heart! Great job!

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## Personnel Updates

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Our personnel involved in the Medic 373 motor vehicle accident have continued to improve. The family liaisons remained in place for detailed questions, however, both were excited to receive phone calls, text messages, etc. I spoke, or attempted to speak via text message, with both of our injured employees. Both were doing well and anxious to return to duty. We hope and pray for their continued recovery.

Chief Brandhuber and I conducted interviews for the Human Resources Manager position. Please follow this link for result of the process: [Regular Memo 21-007 HR Manager Promotion](#).

Several personnel were on scheduled paid time off (PTO) for the Rodeo holiday. We also had a significant amount of unscheduled, or last minute, PTO in suppression on that Friday, which required a significant number of overtime (OT) personnel (10 people on OT) to maintain minimum staffing.

Attached is the email sent by Chief Joshua Hurguy announcing his retirement from GRFD as well as his acceptance of a deputy chief's position near the Seattle, Washington area. Chief Hurguy has been an exceptional leader for our organization and a valuable part of the GRFD family for many years. We wish him and his family the absolute best in this new chapter of their lives. He will be missed!



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## Commendations and Thank You Letters Received for the Month

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- Thank you card for Captain Chris Charnoki, Engineer Andrew Smith, Firefighter Cody Tarbill, Captain Andrew Hatfield, Engineer Sean Sicurello, Fire Medic George Boyd, and Firefighter Kevin Weber.
- Thank you letter for Captain Peter Kintner, Engineer Nicholas Boone, Engineer Shane Van Deren, Fire Medic Jason Lowe, Firefighter Cade Powell, Captain Rene Sanchez, Engineer Jeremy Rinder, Fire Medic Daniel Wallace, Firefighter Randy Cramblit, Paramedic Tobin Johnson, and Firefighter Jose Zuniga.
- Thank you card for Captain Peter Kintner, Engineer Shane Van Deren, Engineer Nicholas Boone, Fire Medic Jason Lowe, and Firefighter Cade Powell. The resident included a \$100 donation check.
- Thank you letter for Captain Dean Stevens, Engineer Rob Morse, Fire Medic Jaclyn Frazier, Firefighter Keith Lushbaugh, Fire Medic Zach Lominac, and Firefighter Stefani Valenzuela.
- Thank you card for Captain Thomas Logan, Engineer Nicholas Boone, Engineer Lenny Fimbres, Firefighter Thomas “Bubba” Mathews, Fire Medic Candace Foster, and Firefighter Kyle Milligan.
- Thank you call for Captain Peter Kintner, Engineer Shane Van Deren, Fire Medic Jason Lowe, Firefighter Cade Powell, Fire Medic Brian Rinder, and Firefighter Chad Graham.
- Letter of praise for Captain Mike Leslie, Engineer Karl Rhein, Paramedic Colin Port, Fire Medic Ryan Hoffman, Firefighter Albert Ortiz, Firefighter Justin Morgan, and Firefighter Armando Fernandez.



# ARIZONA FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE

## Agenda

February 11, 2021 1000-1200

Zoom meeting

*In Coordination  
With:*

Professional  
Fire Fighters of  
Arizona

Metro Section Of  
The Arizona Fire  
Chiefs Association

Arizona Fire Chiefs  
Association

Arizona Fire  
District Association

Volunteer Fire  
Fighters of Arizona

- <https://grfdaz.zoom.us/j/91710032874?pwd=cGZsMlcxZDZPNmZkQm5peXZqNlpGdz09>
- I Welcome, introductions and comments.
  - II Legislative issues – All
    - SB1298/HB2455 Certificate of Participation (COP)
    - HB 2802 Certificate of Need (CON)
    - SB1334 Fireworks
  - III Fire Chiefs Academy development process - Freitag
  - IV COVID-19 Vaccine issues and discussion – Karrer
  - V
  - VI Standing Reports
    - Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence Hansen
    - EMS Sections Haro
    - Statewide Mutual Aid Rhoades
    - State Fire Marshal Office Peters
    - State Forester Truitt
    - Western Fire Chiefs Miller
    - Arizona Fire Marshals Association Rice
    - Metro Section Cameli
    - Professional Firefighters of Arizona Jeffries
    - Volunteer Firefighters of Arizona Apodaca
    - Arizona Fire Chiefs Association Freitag
    - Arizona Fire Districts Association Dalton
  - VII Open discussion good of the order
    - Future agenda items. Next meeting date March 11, 1000-1200
    - ZOOM meeting
  - VIII Adjournment

## Hernandez, Maggie

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**From:** John Flynn <johnflynn@azfireadvisor.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2021 6:26 AM  
**To:** AFDA Admin  
**Subject:** AFDA Weekly Legislative & Political Report - 2/22/21  
**Attachments:** Fire Service Bill Tracking Report - February 22, 2021.pdf

**Importance:** High

Today is the 43<sup>rd</sup> day of the legislative session with 1,708 bills posted to date. This week is legislative “cross-over week”, in which the Senate and House will work mostly from the floor throughout the week to clear the bills from the body of origin and transfer them to the opposite body for consideration. Rules and Appropriations are the only committees that meet this week. Floor calendars for COW and Third Read will be extensive this week and post daily: [House & Senate Floor Calendars](#). Here are the top legislative issues fire service leaders should be aware of this week:

1. The Firefighter’s cancer measure [S1451](#): **WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER** passed 22-8 on Senate Third Read, and the mirror House bill, [H2506i](#): **WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER** passed 14-0 in a special House Military Affairs and Public Safety committee hearing last Friday. Anticipate H2506 will be scheduled for a Rules hearing and floor action later this week.
2. The fire district pension debt refinancing bill [2455i](#): **FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING** passed 10-1 in a special House Government and Elections hearing last Wednesday and is on today’s House Rules agenda. The Senate mirror bill, [S1298i](#): **FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING** is on today’s Senate Rules agenda. Anticipate both H2455 and S1298 to be on floor calendars for votes later this week.

*(details for the above listed bills are included below in the Fire Service Primary Bills of Interest)*

The week’s full Fire Service Bill Tracking Report which details 157 fire service bills of interest and or those bills specific to the governance and administration of fire districts is attached. Primary fire service bills of interest are listed below with the last and next action noted. Committee hearings are closed to in-person attendance but can be livestreamed here: [Az Legislative Livestream](#). Details for all bills filed in the legislative session can be found at: <https://www.azleg.gov/bills/>.

### **Fire Service Primary Bills of Interest**

Primary fire service bills of interest with action pending / recent action are listed below (complete bill details can be found in the attached bill tracking report).

- [H2381](#): **PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION** (Rep. Blackman, R-6 Snowflake) ACTION: 2/11 PASSED House 60-0, transferred to Senate and substituted for S1214 (*H2381 is the PSPRS agency bill amending local board requirements. H2381 is the mirror bill to S1214*)
- [H2440i](#): **HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER** (Rep. Griffin, R-14 Hereford) LAST: 2/11 House COW approved with flr amend #4220. NEXT: awaiting House Third Read (TBD) (*H2440 is the Governor’s Healthy Forest Initiative slated for \$24M appropriation to fund inmate fire crews for HVR and fire suppression. H2440 is the mirror bill to S1442*)
- [2455i](#): **FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING** (Rep. Cobb, R-5 Kingman) ACTION: 2/17 PASSED House Government & Elections 10-1. NEXT: **Rules HEARING – Monday 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.** (*H2455 authorizes fire districts to refinance PSPRS unfunded liabilities. H2455 is the mirror bill to S1298. Emergency clause*)
- [H2506i](#): **WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER** (Rep. Payne, R-21 Peoria) ACTION: 2/10 referred to House Military and Public Safety. NEXT: awaiting committee hearing (*H2506 amends cancer presumption laws for firefighters. H2506 is the mirror bill to S1451*)

- [H2802i](#): **AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS** (Rep. Burges, R-1 Skull Valley) ACTION: 2/15 informational hearing only in House Health and Human Services - HELD. NEXT: **DEAD** (*H2802 amends various ambulance service CON requirements specific to the needs of cities, towns, and fire districts*)
- [S1214i](#): **PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION** (Sen. Livingston, R-22 Peoria) ACTION: 2/3 Senate COW approved with amend #4019 and flr amend #4082. NEXT: substituted for H2381 (*S1214 is the PSPRS agency bill amending local board requirements. S12414 is the mirror bill to H2381*)
- [S1298i](#): **FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING** (Sen. Shope, R-8 Casa Grande) ACTION: 2/11 PASSED Senate Finance 6-2 with amend #4173. NEXT: **Rules HEARING – Monday 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.** (*S1298 authorizes fire districts to refinance PSPRS unfunded liabilities. S1298 is the mirror bill to H2455. Emergency clause*)
- [S1334i](#): **FIREWORKS; AERIAL DEVICES** (Sen. Gowan, R-14 Sierra Vista) ACTION: 2/10 Senate Commerce – HELD. NEXT: **DEAD** (*S1334 expands consumer fireworks to include consumer “aerial” devices*)
- [S1351i](#): **FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS** (Sen. Borrelli, R-5 Lake Havasu) ACTION: 2/17 PASSED Senate Government 7-1 with amend #4272. NEXT: **Rules HEARING – Monday 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.** (*S1351 makes various changes to fire district administrative and governance statutes*)
- [S1373i](#): **HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE** (Sen. Barto, R-15 Phoenix) ACTION: 2/16 OK from Senate Rules. NEXT: **CAUCUS – Monday 2/22** (*S1373 requires SNF and care homes to provide pre-arrival CPR and other care*)
- [S1442i](#): **HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER** (Sen. Kerr, R-13 Buckeye) ACTION: 2/7 PASSED Senate Third Read 27-3. NEXT: ready for the House (*S1442 is the Governor’s Healthy Forest Initiative slated for \$24M appropriation to fund inmate fire crews for HVR and fire suppression. S1442 is the mirror bill to H2440*)
- [S1450i](#): **WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SPECIAL FUND; FIREFIGHTERS** (Sen. Boyer, R-20 Glendale) ACTION: 2/3 Senate Commerce – HELD. NEXT: **DEAD** (*S1450 creates a special fund to reimburse cities for best practices in firefighter cancer prevention*)
- [S1451i](#): **WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER** (Sen. Boyer, R-20 Glendale) ACTION: 2/15 PASSED Senate Third Read 22-8. NEXT: ready for House (*S1451 amends cancer presumption laws for firefighters. S1451 is the mirror bill to H2506*)
- [S1605i](#): **WORKERS COMPENSATION; PHYSICIANS; PUBLIC SAFETY** (Sen. Gowan, R-14 Sierra Vista) ACTION: 2/18 PASSED Senate Commerce 9-0. NEXT: awaiting Rules hearing (*S1605 addresses issues with workers comp physician selection and assignment in public safety cases*)
- [S1659i](#): **FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY** (Sen. Leach, R-11 Oro Valley) ACTION: 2/18 PASSED Senate Third Read 30-0. NEXT: Ready for the House (*S1659 is an ATRA sponsored measure to make fire district budget reporting consistent with city and county requirements*)

#### Legislative / Regulatory / Elections / Political Calendar

- **March 26, 2021** – Bill Hearing Deadline – Opposite Legislative Body
- **April 16, 2021** – Last day for Conference Committees
- **April 24, 2021** – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Session

#### Upcoming at AFDA

- **March 4, 2021** – AFDA Board Meeting – Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. NOTE: ZOOM TELECONFERENCE ONLY (*on site meetings cancelled until further notice*)
- **March 26, 2021** – Fire District Elected Official Required Statutory Training – **PHOENIX – MARICOPA COUNTY** - Friday, March 26, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- **April 9, 2021** – Fire District Elected Official Required Statutory Training – **TUCSON – PIMA COUNTY**, Friday, April 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- **April 23, 2021** – Fire District Elected Official Required Statutory Training – **MOHAVE COUNTY**, Friday, April 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- **May 7, 2021** – Fire District Elected Official Required Statutory Training – **COCONINO COUNTY**, Friday, May 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
- **May 21, 2021** – Fire District Elected Official Required Statutory Training – **NAVAJO COUNTY**, Friday, May 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.



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## Fire Service Bill Tracking Report

Week of February 22, 2021

55th Legislature - 1st Regular Session, 2021

Saturday, Feb 20 2021 3:01 PM

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### Fire Services / EMS / Ambulance

#### Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2455: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING  
*Hearing:* House Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 8:30 AM, )  
*Calendar:* 2/22 House Caucus
- H2506: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER  
*Hearing:* House Military Affairs & Public Safety (Friday 02/19/21 at 1:00 PM, House Rm. 1)
- H2623: FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION  
*Hearing:* House Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 8:30 AM, )  
*Calendar:* 2/22 House Caucus
- H2817: APPROPRIATION; HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL  
*Hearing:* House Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 8:30 AM, )  
*Calendar:* 2/22 House Caucus
- S1298: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING  
*Hearing:* Senate Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1351: FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS  
*Hearing:* Senate Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1373: HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE  
*Calendar:* 2/22 Senate COW
- S1374: CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE; REQUIREMENTS  
*Calendar:* 2/22 Senate COW

#### Bill Summaries

##### H2077: STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS

Limits the amount of State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) monies used to fund staff support to 10 percent of monies deposited in SLIF annually. Allows SLIF monies to be used for water search and rescue operations. Allows monies in the State Parks Revenue Fund (SPRF) to be used for the administration of the state park system. Appropriates \$3 million from the general fund and \$2 million from the SPRF in FY2020-21 to the Arizona State Parks Board for operating costs.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

H2077 Daily History	Date	Action
STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS	2/18	referred to Senate appro.
STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS	1/28	passed House <u>51-8</u> ; ready for Senate.
STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS	1/25	from House rules okay.
STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS	1/21	from House appro do pass.
STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS	1/20	House appro do pass; report awaited.
STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS	1/20	from House nat res-energy-water do pass.
STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS	1/19	House nat res-energy-water do pass; report awaited.
STATE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND; APPROPRIATIONS	1/14	referred to House nat res-energy-water, appro.

## H2294: YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PENALTIES

A person who violates the requirement to move over to slow down when approaching a stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights or warning lights is subject to a civil penalty of \$275 for a first violation, \$500 for a second violation, and \$1,000 for a third or subsequent violation, and is liable for any injury and any property damage that results from the violation. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is required to educate the public about the requirement to move over or slow down periodically throughout the year and maintain information about the requirement on the ADOT website. AS PASSED HOUSE.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)  
Others: Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21)

H2294 Daily History	Date	Action
YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PENALTIES	2/18	referred to Senate trans-tech.
YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PENALTIES	2/4	House COW approved with amend <a href="#">#4015</a> and flr amend <a href="#">#4107</a> . Passed House <a href="#">50-9</a> ; ready for Senate.
YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PENALTIES	2/2	from House rules okay.
YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PENALTIES	1/25	from House mil-pub safety with amend <a href="#">#4015</a> .
YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PENALTIES	1/25	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
YIELDING TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES; PENALTIES	1/20	referred to House mil-pub safety.

## H2304: APPROPRIATIONS; FIRE DISTRICTS; VERNON; SPRINGERVILLE

Appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund in FY2021-22 to The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to distribute to the Vernon fire district for equipment and training. Appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund in FY2021-22 to The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to distribute to the Springerville fire district for equipment and training.

First sponsor: Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7)

H2304 Daily History	Date	Action
APPROPRIATIONS; FIRE DISTRICTS; VERNON; SPRINGERVILLE	2/1	House land-agri-rural affairs amended; report awaited. 2/2 from House land-agri-rural affairs with amend <a href="#">#4058</a> .
APPROPRIATIONS; FIRE DISTRICTS; VERNON; SPRINGERVILLE	1/26	referred to House land-agri-rural affairs, appro.

## H2422: PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Establishes a patients' bill of rights and requires health care providers to have each patient sign that the patient received a copy of the patients' bill of rights. The patients' bill of rights states that each patient is guaranteed the freedom to consult with the physician of their choice, be treated confidentially, refuse medical treatment, be informed about medical conditions and risks and benefits of treatment, communicate with family members, and receive full disclosure of their health care insurance plan in plain language.

First sponsor: Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22)  
Others: Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Wilmeth (R - Dist 15)

H2422 Daily History	Date	Action
PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS	1/26	referred to House hel-hu ser.

## H2423: IMMUNIZATIONS; EXEMPTION; REQUIREMENTS

A person who is required to receive an immunization for any purpose, including as a condition of employment, school attendance or obtaining any license, certification or degree, is allowed to claim an exemption from the immunization requirement if there is not a vaccine that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration available to fulfill the requirement that also meets all of a list of specified criteria, including that the risk of permanent disability or death from the vaccine has been proven to be less than that caused by the infection it is intended to prevent. A person may claim the exemption on the person's own behalf or on behalf of the person's child or dependent.

First sponsor: Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22)

Others: Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Wilmeth (R - Dist 15)

H2423 Daily History	Date	Action
IMMUNIZATIONS; EXEMPTION; REQUIREMENTS	1/26	referred to House hel-hu ser.

## **H2440: HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER**

To implement the program to remove vegetative natural products where the vegetation is hazardous, the State Forester is authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement or memorandum of understanding with a public agency to identify and remove the hazardous vegetation from land in this state, including state, federal, tribal and private lands for the purposes of fire prevention, forest and watershed restoration and critical infrastructure protection. Does not apply to State Trust Land. The State Forester is authorized to use legislative appropriations and accept and spend monies from public agencies, gifts, donations and grants for the costs of implementing this legislation. The consent of the property owner is required to remove hazardous vegetation on private property.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

H2440 Daily History	Date	Action
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/11	House COW approved with flr amend <u>#4220</u> .
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/8	from House rules okay.
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/3	from House nat res-energy-water do pass.
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/2	House nat res-energy-water do pass; report awaited.
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	1/27	referred to House nat res-energy-water.

## **H2455: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING**

A fire district, through the district board, is authorized to lease, lease-purchase or grant a lien on any or all of its present or future property to pay amounts to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, pension prefunding plan investment accounts, and the Arizona Employers' Pension Prefunding Plan, and to create reserves to supplement those payments as deemed necessary by the board.

First sponsor: Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

H2455 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/18	from House gov-elect with amend <u>#4324</u> .
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/17	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/10	House gov-elect held.
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	1/27	referred to House gov-elect.

## **H2506: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER**



Fire investigators are added to the presumption that specified types of cancer and related diseases that result in disability or death are an occupational disease and are deemed to arise out of employment if specified conditions are met. All insurance carriers, self-insuring employers and workers' compensation pools that secure workers' compensation for firefighters and fire investigators are required to compile and report to the Industrial Commission claim and claim reserve information for all cancer-related claims filed by or on behalf of firefighters and fire investigators. The Commission is required to compile and make available to insurance carriers, rating organizations, employers, public safety workers and workers' compensation pools the claim-related information collected to assist with the setting of workers' compensation insurance rates. In addition to the six uniform percentage deviations already authorized by statute, insurers covering firefighters and fire investigators are permitted to file one uniform percentage deviation that increases the statewide rates under the rating organization's rate filing for the class codes associated with firefighters and fire investigators to address the anticipated increase in losses and expenses for claims that are compensable due to the workers' compensation presumption. The deviation filing must be accompanied by analysis from an actuary that substantively illustrates the basis for the rate increase. Contains a legislative intent section.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2506 Daily History	Date	Action
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER	2/19	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER	2/10	referred to House mil-pub safety.

## H2615: EPINEPHRINE INJECTIONS; FIRST RESPONDERS IMMUNITY

Pursuant to a standing order issued by a licensed physician, naturopathic physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, a "first responder" (defined) who is trained in administering epinephrine injections is authorized to administer an epinephrine injection to a person who the first responder believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis. Licensed physicians and nurse practitioners who issue a standing order and first responders who administer epinephrine injections are immune from professional liability and criminal prosecution for any decision made, act or omission or injury that results from that act if the person acts with reasonable care and in good faith, except in cases of wanton or willful neglect.

First sponsor: Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13)

Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

H2615 Daily History	Date	Action
EPINEPHRINE INJECTIONS; FIRST RESPONDERS IMMUNITY	2/18	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.
EPINEPHRINE INJECTIONS; FIRST RESPONDERS IMMUNITY	2/11	passed House <del>60-0</del> ; ready for Senate.
EPINEPHRINE INJECTIONS; FIRST RESPONDERS IMMUNITY	2/8	from House rules okay.
EPINEPHRINE INJECTIONS; FIRST RESPONDERS IMMUNITY	2/2	from House hel-hu ser do pass.
EPINEPHRINE INJECTIONS; FIRST RESPONDERS IMMUNITY	2/1	House hel-hu ser do pass; report awaited.
EPINEPHRINE INJECTIONS; FIRST RESPONDERS IMMUNITY	1/27	referred to House hel-hu ser.

## H2620: HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION

The list of victims of assault that cause an assault to be classified as aggravated assault if the defendant knows of their profession is expanded to include a "health care worker" (defined) while engaged in the health care worker's work duties. Aggravated assault committed on a health care worker is a class 5 (second lowest) felony if the assault involves physical injury and a class 6 (lowest) felony otherwise. By July 1, 2022, "health care employers" (defined as licensed health care institutions with more than 50 employees) are required to develop, implement and maintain a written workplace violence prevention plan that includes specified provisions. As soon as practicable after a workplace violence incident is reported to a health care employer, the employer is required to investigate the incident and to document the findings, recommendations and corrective measures taken for each investigation conducted. AS PASSED HOUSE

First sponsor: Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24)

Others: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25),

Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist 28), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13), Rep. Teller (D - Dist 7), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22), Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17)

H2620 Daily History	Date	Action
HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION	2/18	referred to Senate jud.
HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION	2/11	passed House <a href="#">42-17</a> ; ready for Senate.
HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION	2/11	House COW approved with amend <a href="#">#4057</a> and flr amend <a href="#">#4233</a> .
HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION	2/8	from House rules okay.
HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION	2/2	from House hel-hu ser with amend <a href="#">#4057</a> .
HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION	2/1	House hel-hu ser amended; report awaited.
HEALTH CARE WORKERS; ASSAULT; PREVENTION	1/27	referred to House hel-hu ser.

## H2623: FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION

Counties and municipalities are authorized to prohibit the use of permissible consumer fireworks between the hours of 10PM and 8AM.

First sponsor: Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24)

Others: Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist 28), Rep. Longdon (D - Dist 24), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)

H2623 Daily History	Date	Action
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	2/16	from House mil-pub safety do pass.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	2/15	House mil-pub safety do pass; report awaited.
FIREWORKS; USE; OVERNIGHT HOURS; PROHIBITION	1/27	referred to House mil-pub safety.

## H2627: HEALTH FACILITIES; RESUSCITATION; EMERGENCY CARE

All licensed health care institutions that provide congregant or residential care are required to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training for all staff as prescribed in rule by the Department of Health Services. Facility staff who are certified in CPR must be available at all times. These facilities are required to establish and implement policies that require facility staff to immediately evaluate the condition and circumstances of any resident who experiences cardiac arrest, cessation of respiration or any other medical emergency. On a determination that immediate resuscitation or first aid is feasible and appropriate in accordance with that resident's advance directives or do-not-resuscitate order, facility staff are required to provide basic appropriate CPR or first aid care. These facilities are prohibited from implementing policies that prevent employees from providing immediate resuscitation that complies with these requirements. A facility or facility staff member who in good faith renders emergency care or emergency assistance in reasonable accordance with training to a person who experiences a medical emergency is not liable for civil damages as the result of any act or omission by the person, unless the person acted with gross negligence.

First sponsor: Rep. Shah (D - Dist 24)

Others: Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. M. Hernandez (D - Dist 26)

H2627 Daily History	Date	Action
HEALTH FACILITIES; RESUSCITATION; EMERGENCY CARE	2/1	referred to House hel-hu ser.

## H2802: AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS

Various changes to statutes relating to ambulance service. Within 90 days after receiving a complete application for an ambulance service certificate of necessity, the Department of Health Services (DHS) is required to determine whether public necessity requires the proposed ambulance service in a service area. If necessity for the ambulance service is found to exist, DHS is required to issue a certificate of necessity to operate the ambulance service. DHS rules are required to provide for DHS to determine a separate set of response times of ambulances for each city, town or fire district within each certificate of necessity if the service area includes a response area designated as urban

or suburban. More.

First sponsor: Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1)

Others: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11)

H2802 Daily History	Date	Action
AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS	2/15	House hel-hu ser held.
AMBULANCE SERVICES; SERVICE AREAS	2/10	referred to House hel-hu ser.

## H2817: APPROPRIATION; HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL

Appropriates \$2.2 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management for hazardous vegetation removal.

First sponsor: Rep. Lieberman (D - Dist 28)

H2817 Daily History	Date	Action
APPROPRIATION; HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL	2/18	from House appro with amend <a href="#">#4316</a> .
APPROPRIATION; HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL	2/17	House appro amended; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL	2/16	from House land-agri-rural affairs do pass.
APPROPRIATION; HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL	2/15	House land-agri-rural affairs do pass; report awaited.
APPROPRIATION; HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL	2/8	referred to House land-agri-rural affairs, appro.

## H2854: FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE SALE DAYS; USE

Restricts the sale of permissible consumer fireworks to May 20 through July 6 of each year, and restricts the use of permissible consumer fireworks to June 24 through July 6 of each year.

First sponsor: Rep. Fernandez (D - Dist 4)

Others: Rep. Andrade (D - Dist 29), Rep. Butler (D - Dist 28), Rep. Epstein (D - Dist 18), Rep. M. Hernandez (D - Dist 26), Rep. Pawlik (D - Dist 17), Rep. Powers Hannley (D - Dist 9), Rep. Salman (D - Dist 26), Rep. Schwiebert (D - Dist 20), Rep. Stahl Hamilton (D - Dist 10), Rep. Teran (D - Dist 30)

H2854 Daily History	Date	Action
FIREWORKS; PERMISSIBLE SALE DAYS; USE	2/11	referred to House com.

## S1125: BIAS MOTIVATED INTIMIDATION; FIRST RESPONDERS

Establishes the crime of bias motivated intimidation, a class 4 (lower mid-level) felony. A person commits bias motivated intimidation if the person maliciously and intentionally intimidates, harasses or terrorizes another person because of that person's actual or perceived employment as a "first responder" (defined) and the intimidation, harassment or terror causes either the death of or serious physical injury to another person, or damage to or the destruction of any real or personal property of another person where the amount of the damage or the value of the destroyed property exceeds \$500.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1125 Daily History	Date	Action
BIAS MOTIVATED INTIMIDATION; FIRST RESPONDERS	1/12	referred to Senate jud.

## S1220: MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; TRAUMA COUNSELING

For the purpose of programs to provide peace officers and firefighters with traumatic event counseling, the definition of "licensed mental health professional" is expanded to include mental health professionals who are licensed by the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners and who hold either a master's or doctoral degree related to the mental health profession, and licensed mental health nurse practitioners or psychiatric clinical nurse specialists. AS PASSED SENATE.

First sponsor: Sen. Gray (R - Dist 21)

S1220 Daily History	Date	Action
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; TRAUMA COUNSELING	2/4	passed Senate <u>29-0</u> ; ready for House.
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; TRAUMA COUNSELING	2/3	Senate COW approved with amend <u>#4034</u> .
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; TRAUMA COUNSELING	2/2	from Senate rules okay.
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; TRAUMA COUNSELING	1/28	from Senate hel-hu ser with amend <u>#4034</u> .
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; TRAUMA COUNSELING	1/27	Senate hel-hu ser amended; report awaited.
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; TRAUMA COUNSELING	1/20	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

### **S1247: OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS; NALOXONE REQUIREMENT; EXCEPTION**

The requirement for a health professional prescribing a patient more than 90 morphine milligram equivalents per day to also prescribe naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid antagonist does not apply to a patient who is receiving hospice care or end-of-life care.

First sponsor: Sen. Bowie (D - Dist 18)

S1247 Daily History	Date	Action
OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS; NALOXONE REQUIREMENT; EXCEPTION	1/21	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

### **S1298: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING**

A fire district, through the district board, is authorized to lease, lease-purchase or grant a lien on any or all of its present or future property to pay amounts to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, pension prefunding plan investment accounts, and the Arizona Employers' Pension Prefunding Plan, and to create reserves to supplement those payments as deemed necessary by the board.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1298 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/11	from Senate fin with amend <u>#4173</u> .
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/10	Senate fin amended; report awaited.
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	1/25	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1334: FIREWORKS; AERIAL DEVICES**

The definition of "permissible consumer fireworks" in a county with a population of more than 500,000 persons is expanded to include "multiple-tube aerial devices" (defined as specified mine and shell devices and multiple tube fireworks devices and pyrotechnic articles that are defined in an American Pyrotechnics Association rule, with some exclusions).

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1334 Daily History	Date	Action
FIREWORKS; AERIAL DEVICES	2/10	Senate com do pass; report awaited.
FIREWORKS; AERIAL DEVICES	1/25	referred to Senate com.

### **S1351: FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS**

Various changes to statutes relating to fire districts. The property owner where the services are provided, instead of the person receiving the services, is liable to the fire district for the costs of providing, upon request, emergency fire or emergency medical services outside of its own district boundaries when those services are otherwise unavailable, and these costs constitute a debt of that person and may be collected by the fire district. For counties in which a "metropolitan statistical area" (defined elsewhere in statute) has a population greater than one million persons, and in which a majority of all cities, towns and fire districts located within the metropolitan statistical area participate in a regional automatic-aid agreement for the provision of fire suppression, emergency medical and associated emergency services, a participating city, town or fire district is authorized to bill a nonparticipating city, town or fire district located within the metropolitan statistical area to recover the costs incurred for emergency response and mitigation services provided to any property located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the nonparticipating city, town or fire district. A fire district that contracts for fire and emergency medical services is authorized to designate the fire chief of the service provider as the fire chief of the fire district. On expiration of a fire district board member's term of office, the position is declared vacant unless otherwise filled at a general election. A vacancy that occurs on expiration of a term of office must be filled by appointment by a quorum of the district board within 90 days after the first day of the beginning of the new term of office. If the district board is unable to establish a quorum, the vacancy must be filled by the county board of supervisors. Fire district boards are required to obtain from a licensed or certified appraiser an appraisal of real property owned by the district to determine market value, and are prohibited from accepting a bid for the sale of that property that is less than 75 percent of the appraised market value. If the property has no market value or a net value of \$10,000 or less, the board is authorized to value the property by using a market analysis based on comparable sales. The board is allowed to sell or lease fire district property to any other governmental entity on any terms deemed to be advantageous to the fire district. The board is authorized to grant by unanimous consent an easement on district property for public purposes to a utility.

First sponsor: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5)

S1351 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS	2/17	from Senate gov with amend <a href="#">#4272</a> .
FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS	2/15	Senate gov amended; report awaited. Senate gov amended; report awaited.
FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS	2/9	Senate gov held.
FIRE DISTRICTS; AMENDMENTS	1/26	referred to Senate gov.

### **S1373: HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE**

Licensed health care institutions that provide congregant or residential care and the institution's employees and agents have an affirmative duty of care for their residents. These institutions are required to provide basic life support and first aid, in accordance with that resident's advance directives and do-not-resuscitate order, including initiating immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) before the arrival of emergency medical services, to a resident who experiences symptoms of cardiac arrest or cessation of respiration. Staff who are certified in CPR and first aid must be available at the health care institution at all times. These institutions are prohibited from implementing policies that prevent employees from providing immediate CPR, first aid or emergency care to the institution's residents.

First sponsor: Sen. Barto (R - Dist 15)

S1373 Daily History	Date	Action
HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE	2/11	from Senate hel-hu ser with amend <a href="#">#4183</a> .
HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE	2/10	Senate hel-hu ser amended; report awaited.
HEALTH FACILITIES; DUTY OF CARE	1/26	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

### **S1374: CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE; REQUIREMENTS**

If the Department of Health Services (DHS) adopts or establishes a crisis standards of care plan to address resource allocation when the demand for certain health care services exceeds the supply of necessary resources, a list of specified tenets and requirements apply to the plan, including requiring individual assessments made on the basis of the best available objective medical evidence. A health care provider or health care institution staff member is prohibited from pressuring or coercing a patient or the patient's health care decision maker to sign a do-not-resuscitate order or make a particular health care treatment decision. DHS is required to modify any existing crisis standards of care plan within 60 days after the effective date of this legislation to comply with these requirements. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Barto (R - Dist 15)

Others: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Sen. Fann (R - Dist 1), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14), Sen. Gray (R - Dist 21), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. John (R - Dist 4), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22), Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16), Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11), Rep. Wilmetth (R - Dist 15)

S1374 Daily History	Date	Action
CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE; REQUIREMENTS	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE; REQUIREMENTS	2/11	from Senate hel-hu ser with amend <a href="#">#4180</a> .
CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE; REQUIREMENTS	2/10	Senate hel-hu ser amended; report awaited.
CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE; REQUIREMENTS	1/26	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

#### **S1442: HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER**

To implement the program to remove vegetative natural products where the vegetation is hazardous, the State Forester is authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement or memorandum of understanding with a "public agency" (defined elsewhere in statute) to identify and remove the hazardous vegetation from land in this state, including state, federal, tribal and private lands for the purposes of fire prevention, forest and watershed restoration and critical infrastructure protection. Does not apply to State Trust Land. The State Forester is authorized to use legislative appropriations and accept and spend monies from public agencies, gifts, donations and grants for the costs of implementing this legislation. The consent of the property owner is required to remove hazardous vegetation on private property, and the consent of the Tribe is required to remove hazardous vegetation on tribal land. AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13)

Others: Sen. Engel (D - Dist 10), Sen. Fann (R - Dist 1), Sen. Gabaldon (D - Dist 2), Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14), Sen. Gray (R - Dist 21), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22), Sen. Otondo (D - Dist 4), Sen. Peshlakai (D - Dist 7), Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1442 Daily History	Date	Action
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/17	passed Senate <a href="#">27-3</a> ; ready for House.
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/11	Senate COW approved with amend <a href="#">#4080</a> .
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/4	from Senate nat res-energy-water with amend <a href="#">#4123</a> .
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	2/3	Senate nat res-energy-water amended; report awaited.
HAZARDOUS VEGETATION REMOVAL; STATE FORESTER	1/27	referred to Senate nat res-energy-water.

#### **S1450: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SPECIAL FUND; FIREFIGHTERS**

In claims involving a firefighter eligible for workers' compensation due to cancer that is deemed to arise out of employment, the claim is eligible for reimbursement if the firefighter filed a workers' compensation claim after January 1, 2017, and if the employer has adopted cancer mitigation best practices, including increased cancer screenings and equipment proven to minimize contaminant risk, including turnouts, hoods, gloves and washing machines or commercial laundry services. Retroactive to tax years beginning with 2017.

First sponsor: Sen. Boyer (R - Dist 20)

S1450 Daily History	Date	Action
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## **S1451: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER**

Fire investigators are added to the presumption that specified types of cancer and related diseases that result in disability or death are an occupational disease and are deemed to arise out of employment if specified conditions are met. All insurance carriers, self-insuring employers and workers' compensation pools that secure workers' compensation for firefighters and fire investigators are required to compile and report to the Industrial Commission claim and claim reserve information for all cancer-related claims filed by or on behalf of firefighters and fire investigators. The Commission is required to compile and make available to insurance carriers, rating organizations, employers, public safety workers and workers' compensation pools the claim-related information collected to assist with the setting of workers' compensation insurance rates. In addition to the six uniform percentage deviations already authorized by statute, insurers covering firefighters and fire investigators are permitted to file one uniform percentage deviation that increases the statewide rates under the rating organization's rate filing for the class codes associated with firefighters and fire investigators to address the anticipated increase in losses and expenses for claims that are compensable due to the workers' compensation presumption. The deviation filing must be accompanied by analysis from an actuary that substantively illustrates the basis for the rate increase. Contains a legislative intent section.

First sponsor: Sen. Boyer (R - Dist 20)

S1451 Daily History	Date	Action
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER	2/18	passed Senate <a href="#">22-8</a> ; ready for House.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER	2/11	Senate COW approved with flr amend <a href="#">#4230</a> .
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER	2/4	from Senate com do pass.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER	2/3	Senate com do pass; report awaited.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; RATES; FIREFIGHTERS; CANCER	1/27	referred to Senate com.

## **S1605: WORKERS COMPENSATION; PHYSICIANS; PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Industrial Commission is required to develop and annually update a list of approved physicians to conduct initial examinations "public safety employees" (defined elsewhere in statute) or periodic medical examinations of public safety employees. If an accident occurs to a public safety employee, the Industrial Commission is required to randomly select from the list a physician who shall be allowed by the public safety employee, or any person in charge of the public safety employee, to make one examination of the injured public safety employee in order to ascertain the character and extent of the injury occasioned by the accident.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11), Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1605 Daily History	Date	Action
WORKERS COMPENSATION; PHYSICIANS; PUBLIC SAFETY	2/18	from Senate com do pass.
WORKERS COMPENSATION; PHYSICIANS; PUBLIC SAFETY	2/17	Senate com do pass; report awaited.
WORKERS COMPENSATION; PHYSICIANS; PUBLIC SAFETY	2/1	referred to Senate com.

## **S1659: FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY**

Every budget adopted by a fire district is required to include the annual estimate of revenues and expenses of the fire district for the preceding and current fiscal year fully itemized on forms provided by the Auditor General. The information that must be included in a fire district budget is expanded to include information about employee compensation, bond interest and principal, secondary property tax levies, and other specified information. Fire districts are required to post audit or reviews of the district online.



First sponsor: Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

S1659 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY	2/18	passed Senate <a href="#">30-0</a> ; ready for House.
FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY	2/17	Senate COW approved with amend <a href="#">#4179</a> .
FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY	2/11	from Senate fin with amend <a href="#">#4179</a> .
FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY	2/10	Senate fin amended; report awaited.
FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET; SUMMARY	2/3	referred to Senate fin.

## SCR1030: PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES; RECORDS; ASSAULT

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to make it a class 5 (second lowest) felony for a person to knowingly make available on the internet the personal information of a firefighter, emergency medical technician, National Guard member, Border Patrol agent, or correctional officer if the dissemination poses an imminent threat to that person's or that person's immediate family's safety and the threat is reasonably apparent to the person making the information available. The list of victims of assault that cause an assault to be classified as aggravated assault if the defendant knows of their profession is expanded to include a member of the National Guard or a Border Patrol Agent while in the execution of official duties or if the assault results from the execution of official duties. Aggravated assault committed in these circumstances is a class 4 (lower mid-level) felony. Also, for the purpose of statute allowing eligible persons to file an affidavit to request county officers and state agencies prohibit access to that person's information contained in certain public records, the definition of "eligible person" is expanded to include Border Patrol agents acting in support of a law enforcement agency and emergency medical technicians assigned to the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center in the Department of Public Safety.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

SCR1030 Daily History	Date	Action
PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES; RECORDS; ASSAULT	1/28	referred to Senate jud.



## Governance & Regulatory

### Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2821: BONDS; CHANGE OF PURPOSE; ELECTION  
*Hearing:* House Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 8:30 AM, )  
*Calendar:* 2/22 House Caucus
- S1074: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AUDITS; PUBLIC MEETING  
*Calendar:* 2/22 Senate COW
- S1267: RECORD OF PROCEEDING; ELECTRONIC RECORDING  
*Calendar:* 2/22 Senate COW
- S1645: PUBLICATION OF NOTICE  
*Hearing:* Senate Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1651: WORKERS; COMPENSATION; SERVICE; ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION  
*Calendar:* 2/17 Senate Consent
- S1752: COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS  
*Hearing:* Senate Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)

### Bill Summaries

#### H2014: GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW

A person is permitted to petition the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) to request a review of an existing agency practice that involves interpreting a rule adopted by the agency, substantive policy statement, or final rule of an agency established under statute governing campaign finance, including the Citizens Clean Elections Act, based on the person's belief that the practice, policy, or rule does not meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, exceeds the agency's statutory authority or violates the state Constitution or the U.S. Constitution. If, after a public hearing, GRRC determines that the practice, policy, action or rule does not meet these requirements, GRRC is authorized to modify, revise or declare void any practice, policy, or rule.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

H2014 Daily History	Date	Action
GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW	2/18	referred to Senate gov.
GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW	2/4	House COW approved. Passed House <a href="#">31-28</a> ; ready for Senate.
GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW	1/25	from House rules okay.
GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW	1/13	from House gov-elect do pass.
GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW	1/13	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
GRRC; PETITION TO REQUEST REVIEW	1/11	referred to House gov-elect.

#### H2030: HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS

Condominium associations and homeowners' associations cannot prohibit the display of a "first responder flag" (defined). AS PASSED HOUSE

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2030 Daily History	Date	Action
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS	2/18	referred to Senate gov.
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS	2/11	passed House <a href="#">35-24</a> ; ready for Senate.
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS	2/11	House COW approved with amend <a href="#">#4094</a> .
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS	2/8	from House rules okay.
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS	2/4	from House gov-elect with amend <a href="#">#4094</a> .

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS 2/3 House gov-elect amended; report awaited.  
HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS; FIRST RESPONDER FLAGS 1/12 referred to House gov-elect.

## H2092: RULEMAKING REVIEW; TIME FRAME

When the Legislature has granted a one-time rulemaking exemption to an agency, the agency is required to review any rule adopted under the exemption within six months after the rule was adopted, reduced from one year, to determine whether it should be amended or repealed.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)

H2092 Daily History	Date	Action
RULEMAKING REVIEW; TIME FRAME	1/14	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2243: OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE

A regulating entity under Title 32 (Professions and Occupations) is required to prominently print a specified notice regarding reciprocity on all license and certificate applications and regulating entity websites.

First sponsor: Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12)

H2243 Daily History	Date	Action
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	2/2	from House rules okay.
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	1/27	from House com do pass.
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	1/26	House com do pass; report awaited.
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	1/20	referred to House com.

## H2265: RULEMAKING; EXPEDITED PROCESS; RULE EXPIRATION

A state agency that seeks to expire a rule or rules is authorized to file a notice of intent to expire with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRRC). GRRRC is required to place the notice on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting for consideration. If a quorum of GRRRC approves the notice, GRRRC is required to cause a notice of rule expiration to be prepared and provide the notice of rule expiration to the agency for filing with the Secretary of State.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2265 Daily History	Date	Action
RULEMAKING; EXPEDITED PROCESS; RULE EXPIRATION	2/18	referred to Senate gov.
RULEMAKING; EXPEDITED PROCESS; RULE EXPIRATION	2/11	passed House <del>60-0</del> ; ready for Senate.
RULEMAKING; EXPEDITED PROCESS; RULE EXPIRATION	2/8	from House rules okay.
RULEMAKING; EXPEDITED PROCESS; RULE EXPIRATION	2/4	from House gov-elect do pass.
RULEMAKING; EXPEDITED PROCESS; RULE EXPIRATION	2/3	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
RULEMAKING; EXPEDITED PROCESS; RULE EXPIRATION	1/25	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2524: COUNTIES; CITIES; TOWNS; COVID EXPENDITURES

By September 1, 2021, each county and municipality is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature of all expenditures made in FY2019-20 and FY2020-21 from each "COVID-related federal or state fund source" (defined). Specific information that must be included in the report is listed.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2524 Daily History	Date	Action
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COUNTIES; CITIES; TOWNS; COVID EXPENDITURES 2/3 House gov-elect held.  
COUNTIES; CITIES; TOWNS; COVID EXPENDITURES 1/28 referred to House gov-elect.

## H2526: INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS

Modifies requirements for a community to incorporate as a city or town to require the map and petition to be filed simultaneously or within 24 hours of each other. Before obtaining any signatures on a petition for incorporation, the petitioners are required to publish a copy of the petition in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to be affected for two consecutive weeks. Makes other changes to the process of filing a petition for incorporation.

First sponsor: Rep. Pratt (R - Dist 8)

H2526 Daily History	Date	Action
INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS	2/8	from House rules okay.
INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS	2/4	from House gov-elect with amend <a href="#">#4097</a> .
INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS	1/28	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2693: RANKED CHOICE VOTING; MUNICIPALITIES

Municipalities may choose by majority vote of the municipal council that elections for members of the municipal council be conducted by ranked choice voting. The municipality is required to conduct a voter education and outreach campaign to familiarize voters with ranked choice voting, and to ensure that an explanation of ranked choice voting is posted at each polling place and included with each early ballot. Establishes requirements for tabulating ranked choice votes.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2693 Daily History	Date	Action
RANKED CHOICE VOTING; MUNICIPALITIES	2/2	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2759: RULEMAKING; PETITIONS; GRRC

On receipt of a petition to review an existing agency practice, substantive policy statement, final rule, or regulatory licensing requirement that the petitioner alleges violates state law, is not authorized by statute, is unduly burdensome or is not demonstrated to be necessary to fulfill a public health, safety or welfare concern, the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) is required to review the practice, policy, rule, or requirement. Previously, GRRC was required to review the petition only if the practice, policy, rule or requirement applied to a profession for which the average wage in that profession in Arizona does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four.

First sponsor: Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12)

H2759 Daily History	Date	Action
RULEMAKING; PETITIONS; GRRC	2/18	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
RULEMAKING; PETITIONS; GRRC	2/18	House gov-elect held.
RULEMAKING; PETITIONS; GRRC	2/2	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2804: PUBLIC MEETINGS; EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

A public body is authorized to hold an executive session for legal advice solely for advice in the other areas for which an executive session may be held. Discussion of the objectives on which an officer or employee of a public body will be evaluated must be conducted in a public meeting.

First sponsor: Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21)

Others: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22), Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17)

H2804 Daily History	Date	Action
PUBLIC MEETINGS; EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	2/18	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
PUBLIC MEETINGS; EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	2/18	House gov-elect held.
PUBLIC MEETINGS; EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	2/10	referred to House gov-elect.

## **H2814: OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; REPEAL**

Repeals the Office of Administrative Hearings and the article of statute establishing uniform administrative hearing procedures.

First sponsor: Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25)

H2814 Daily History	Date	Action
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS; REPEAL	2/8	referred to House jud.

## **H2821: BONDS; CHANGE OF PURPOSE; ELECTION**

The governing body or board of a political subdivision is authorized to call an election to change the purposes for which the monies derived from the sale of bonds authorized at a prior bond election may be spent. An election called to change the purposes for which bond monies may be spent may be held only on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. This authorization self-repeals January 1, 2025.

First sponsor: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20)

Others: Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22)

H2821 Daily History	Date	Action
BONDS; CHANGE OF PURPOSE; ELECTION	2/17	from House ways-means do pass.
BONDS; CHANGE OF PURPOSE; ELECTION	2/17	House ways-means do pass; report awaited.
BONDS; CHANGE OF PURPOSE; ELECTION	2/10	referred to House ways-means.

## **H2880: SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITIES; JOINT POWERS**

The governing body of a separate legal entity formed by public entities are allowed, instead of required, to be composed of official elected to one or more of the governing bodies of the public agencies that formed the separate legal entity. The public agencies that formed the separate legal entity have sole authority to select the governing body of the separate legal entity and cannot assign or designate this authority to a third party. The elected officials who are members of a separate legal entity serve at the sole discretion of the governing bodies of the public agencies that formed the separate legal entity and cannot delegate their duties as elected officials of the separate legal entity.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2880 Daily History	Date	Action
SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITIES; JOINT POWERS	2/10	referred to House gov-elect.

## **S1042: WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SETTINGS; DEFINITION (WORKERS' COMPENSATION; FEE SCHEDULE; SETTINGS)**

For the purpose of statute allowing the Industrial Commission to include separate reimbursement guidelines for medications dispensed in settings that are not accessible to the general public, "settings that are not accessible to the general public does not include mail order pharmacies delivering pharmaceutical services to workers' compensation claimants, if specified conditions are met. Emergency clause. AS PASSED SENATE.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)  
Others: Sen. Fann (R - Dist 1)

S1042 Daily History	Date	Action
<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION; FEE SCHEDULE; SETTINGS</b>	2/9	passed Senate <u>29-0</u> ; ready for House.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SETTINGS; DEFINITION	2/4	Senate COW approved with amend <u>#4018</u> . Note short title change.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SETTINGS; DEFINITION	2/2	from Senate rules okay.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SETTINGS; DEFINITION	1/28	from Senate fin with amend <u>#4018</u> .
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SETTINGS; DEFINITION	1/27	Senate fin amended; report awaited.
WORKERS' COMPENSATION; SETTINGS; DEFINITION	1/11	referred to Senate fin.

## **S1074: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AUDITS; PUBLIC MEETING**

Within 90 days after completing a financial audit, county board of supervisors, municipal governing bodies, and community college districts boards must require the certified public accountant or auditor who performed the audit to present the audit results and any findings to the board or governing body in a regular meeting without the use of a consent agenda. The board or governing body is required to accept the audit results and any findings by a roll call vote.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1074 Daily History	Date	Action
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AUDITS; PUBLIC MEETING	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AUDITS; PUBLIC MEETING	2/9	from Senate gov with amend <u>#4141</u> .
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AUDITS; PUBLIC MEETING	2/8	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AUDITS; PUBLIC MEETING	1/20	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1089: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE**

A person who is not licensed and who practices or attempts to practice or who holds himself out as trained and authorized to practice behavioral health, including diagnosing or treating any mental ailment, disease, disorder or other mental condition of any person, without being authorized by law to perform the act, is engaging in the unauthorized practice of behavioral health, is guilty of a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor and is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each offense. A person who conspires with or aids and abets another to commit any act constituting the unauthorized practice of behavioral health is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony and is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 for each offense. The Board of Behavioral Health Examiners is required to notify the Department of Health Services if a licensed health care institution employs or contracts with a person who is investigated for the unauthorized practice of behavioral health. Also modifies the post-master's degree experience or post-bachelor's degree experience requirements for licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists, and licensed substance abuse counselors. AS PASSED SENATE

First sponsor: Sen. Pace (R - Dist 25)

S1089 Daily History	Date	Action
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE	2/18	passed Senate <u>21-9</u> ; ready for House.
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE	2/11	FAILED Senate <u>14-15</u> .
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE	2/10	Senate COW approved with amend <u>#4088</u> and flr amend <u>#4170</u> .
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE	2/9	from Senate rules okay.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE 2/4	from Senate hel-hu ser with amend <a href="#">#4088</a> .
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE 2/3	Senate hel-hu ser amended; report awaited.
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE 1/20	referred to Senate hel-hu ser.

## S1149: OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE

A regulating entity under Title 32 (Professions and Occupations) is required to prominently print a specified notice regarding reciprocity on all license and certificate applications and regulating entity websites. AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

First sponsor: Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12)

S1149 Daily History	Date	Action
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	2/12	signed by governor. Chap. 16, Laws 2021. <a href="#">message</a>
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	2/4	substituted in House for identical bill 2243. Passed House <a href="#">46-13</a> ; ready for governor.
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	1/28	passed Senate <a href="#">29-0</a> ; ready for House.
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	1/26	from Senate rules okay.
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	1/21	from Senate com do pass.
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	1/20	Senate com do pass; report awaited.
OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; NOTICE	1/13	referred to Senate com.

## S1267: RECORD OF PROCEEDING; ELECTRONIC RECORDING

The state, state agencies, political subdivisions, the judiciary and courts of law are authorized to use for any purpose electronic devices in lieu of court reporters or stenographers. If requested by either party in writing at least five court days before a trial or hearing, a court reporter or stenographer must be used if available on the day of the trial or hearing. Some exceptions. Either party is permitted to provide a certified reporter or stenographer in addition to the electronic devices used by a court to record the proceedings. The official record of the proceedings is the record prepared by the court pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

First sponsor: Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12)

S1267 Daily History	Date	Action
RECORD OF PROCEEDING; ELECTRONIC RECORDING	2/18	retained on Senate COW calendar.
RECORD OF PROCEEDING; ELECTRONIC RECORDING	2/10	retained on Senate COW calendar.
RECORD OF PROCEEDING; ELECTRONIC RECORDING	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
RECORD OF PROCEEDING; ELECTRONIC RECORDING	2/8	from Senate jud do pass.
RECORD OF PROCEEDING; ELECTRONIC RECORDING	2/4	Senate jud do pass; report awaited.
RECORD OF PROCEEDING; ELECTRONIC RECORDING	1/21	referred to Senate jud.

## S1299: INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS

Modifies requirements for a community to incorporate as a city or town to require the map and petition to be file simultaneously or within 24 hours of each other. Before obtaining any signatures on a petition for incorporation, the petitioners are required to publish a copy of the petition in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to be affected for two consecutive weeks. Makes other changes to the process of filing a petition for incorporation.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1299 Daily History	Date	Action
INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS	2/18	passed Senate <a href="#">30-0</a> ; ready for House.
INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS	2/17	Senate COW approved with amend <a href="#">#4138</a> .
INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS	2/9	from Senate gov with amend <a href="#">#4138</a> .

INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS 2/8 Senate gov amended; report awaited.  
INCORPORATION; URBANIZED AREAS 1/25 referred to Senate gov.

### **S1515: LITTERING; ARSON RELATED FINES; USE**

A separate violation of criminal littering occurs on each day of part of a day that the person who throws or places on public property or another person's property any litter or destructive material does not remove the litter or material. Establishes an additional fine of at least \$250 for each violation of criminal littering or polluting. If a fine is assessed for a violation of reckless burning, arson, burning of wildlands, unlawful cross burning, or unlawful symbol burning, 100 percent of any assessed fine must be deposited in the general fund of the county in which the fine was assessed, and the county must use at least 50 percent of the fine for fire restoration and rehabilitation costs. If a fine is assessed for a violation of arson of an occupied jail or prison facility, 100 percent of the fine must be deposited in the Cooperative Forest Fund and used for fire restoration and rehabilitation costs in Arizona.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1515 Daily History	Date	Action
LITTERING; ARSON RELATED FINES; USE	2/1	referred to Senate jud.

### **S1645: PUBLICATION OF NOTICE**

Modifies the publication of notice requirement for a district, municipal officer, board or commission to require publication in a newspaper that is printed and published within the county in which the district or municipality is located and that is circulated to residents of the district or municipality.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1645 Daily History	Date	Action
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE	2/17	from Senate gov with amend <a href="#">#4273</a> .
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE	2/15	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE	2/3	referred to Senate gov.

### **S1648: COVID-19 VACCINE; CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT**

A person cannot be required to take or receive or disclose whether the person has taken or received a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment, entry into any business or "public space" (defined) or receipt of any service or good. Discrimination for refusing to take or receive a COVID-19 vaccine is prohibited.

First sponsor: Sen. Barto (R - Dist 15)  
Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Sen. Boyer (R - Dist 20), Sen. Gray (R - Dist 21), Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22), Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12)

S1648 Daily History	Date	Action
COVID-19 VACCINE; CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT	2/3	referred to Senate com.

### **S1651: WORKERS; COMPENSATION; SERVICE; ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Various notices of workers' compensation hearings and decisions may be transmitted to interested parties by means other than mailing to the last known address, including by electronic transmission, with the written consent of the receiving party.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1651 Daily History	Date	Action
WORKERS; COMPENSATION; SERVICE; ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION	2/18	passed Senate <a href="#">30-0</a> ; ready for House.



WORKERS; COMPENSATION; SERVICE; ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION 2/16	from Senate rules okay.
WORKERS; COMPENSATION; SERVICE; ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION 2/11	from Senate com do pass.
WORKERS; COMPENSATION; SERVICE; ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION 2/10	Senate com do pass; report awaited.
WORKERS; COMPENSATION; SERVICE; ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION 2/3	referred to Senate com.

## S1752: COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS

Various changes to statutes relating to community facilities districts. The annual ad valorem tax levied by a district is prohibited from exceeding the amount necessary to meet annual payments of principal and interest on bonds issued by the district, projected payments of principal and interest on new debt planned for that year, a reasonable delinquency factor, including an amount necessary to correct prior year errors or shortages in the levy, if applicable, and any expenses and fees required. The levy is required to be the net of all cash in excess of ten percent of the annual payments of principal and interest in the current fiscal year from the previous year remaining in a segregated fund or funds for the levy. If a district sells general obligation bonds above par, the amount of "net premium" (defined) associated with a general obligation bond issue may be used only to pay costs incurred in issuing the bonds or as a deposit in a debt service fund and used only to pay interest on the issue of general obligation bonds. If used for any other purpose, and if the district has general obligation bond voter authorization and available capacity under its debt limitations, both the available aggregate indebtedness capacity of the district and the principal amount authorized at the general obligation bond election for the district must be reduced by the amount of net premium used for that purpose. For districts that are formed after August 9, 2017 and before the effective date of this legislation and for which the district board consists of the governing body of the municipality or county with two additional district board members who were initially designated by an owner who owned the largest amount of privately owned acreage in the district at formation, at any time after receipt of a petition signed by the owners of a majority of the privately owned real property within the boundaries of the district as measured by square footage or acreage, the district board is authorized to adopt a resolution to permanently remove the two additional appointed district board members and their positions on the board. If a community facilities district will be governed by a governing body with two additional board members who are initially designated by the owner who owns the largest amount of privately-owned acreage in the district, the resolution ordering formation of the district is permitted to state, or the district board is permitted to adopt a resolution that provides, that those two additional members are permanently advisory nonvoting members. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

S1752 Daily History	Date	Action
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS 2/18	from Senate fin do pass.	
COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS 2/3	referred to Senate fin.	

## S1816: URBANIZED AREAS; INCORPORATION

Makes permanent provisions that apply in a county where more than 60 percent but less than 65 percent of the population lives in an incorporated municipality, where a municipality causing an urbanized area to exist does not approve a petition requesting annexation of the area proposed for incorporation within 120 days, in which the requirement for the municipality to give approval for that area to incorporate is incrementally phased out over six years so that after one year the municipality's approval is required only if it is located within five miles of the proposed new municipality, after two years only if it is located within four miles, and so forth until after six years, the municipality's approval is no longer required. Previously, these provisions expired on December 31, 2020. Retroactive to December 31, 2020.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1816 Daily History	Date	Action
URBANIZED AREAS; INCORPORATION 2/16	Senate gov held.	
URBANIZED AREAS; INCORPORATION 2/3	referred to Senate gov.	



## Pension Systems

### Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

- H2455: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING  
*Hearing:* House Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 8:30 AM, )  
*Calendar:* 2/22 House Caucus
- S1298: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING  
*Hearing:* Senate Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1348: ASRS; SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE DEFERRAL PLANS  
*Calendar:* 2/17 Senate Consent  
*Calendar:* 2/22 Senate Third Reading
- S1352: ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTION  
*Calendar:* 2/17 Senate Consent
- S1396: PSPRS; SURVIVOR BENEFITS  
*Hearing:* Senate Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1467: ELECTED OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT PLAN; APPROPRIATIONS  
*Hearing:* Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/23/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1468: DPS; PENSION LIABILITY; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION  
*Hearing:* Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/23/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
- S1649: PSPRS; INVESTMENT REPORTING  
*Calendar:* 2/17 Senate Consent

### Bill Summaries

#### H2008: ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS

The Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) is prohibited from paying an employer earnings attributable to excess contributions but is required to reduce the amount returned to an employer by the amount of losses attributable to the excess contributions. On receipt of an employer credit or return of contributions, the employer is required to return any member portion of the returned contributions to the member. If an employer pays less than the correct amount of employer or member contributions into ASRS, the correct amount of member contributions is prohibited from being paid to ASRS after the death of the member.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2008 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS	2/18	substituted in Senate for identical bill 1352. Passed Senate 30-0; ready for governor.
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS	1/28	passed House <u>58-0</u> ; ready for Senate.
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS	1/25	from House rules okay.
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS	1/13	from House gov-elect do pass.
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS	1/13	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTIONS	1/11	referred to House gov-elect.

#### H2059: RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK

In the computation of average monthly benefit compensation for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, a period of nonpaid or partially paid industrial leave must be considered based on the compensation the employee would have received in the employee's job classification if the employee was not on industrial leave. Payment of benefits to a Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, Corrections Officer Retirement Plan or Elected Officials' Retirement Plan member are required to commence no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the date the member terminates employment or the calendar year in which the member attains 72 years of age, increased from 70.5 years of age.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2059 Daily History	Date	Action
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	2/18	signed by governor. Chap. 23, Laws 2021. <a href="#">message</a>
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	2/11	substituted in Senate for identical bill 1136. Passed Senate 29-0; ready for governor.
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	1/28	passed House <a href="#">59-0</a> ; ready for Senate.
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	1/25	from House rules okay.
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	1/20	from House gov-elect do pass.
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	1/20	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	1/14	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2139: ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PRGGRAM

If the Arizona State Retirement System Board determines that a self-insurance program should no longer be offered, the monies in the self-insurance program account must be used to provide any remaining benefits and to pay administration costs for the program or health insurance premium payments. If those liabilities are satisfied, the Board is required to return any remaining monies to the employer. Previously, the monies were required to be transferred to another account of ASRS as determined by the Board.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2139 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PRGGRAM	2/2	from House rules okay.
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PRGGRAM	1/27	from House gov-elect do pass.
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PRGGRAM	1/27	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PRGGRAM	1/20	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2356: ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY

The list of Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) nonparticipating employers is modified to remove an employer that is no longer contributing to ASRS on behalf of current employees due to a reduction in the number of actively contributing employees by 30 percent or more over a 3-year period or a reduction in the number of actively contributing employees by 50 percent or more over any period of time, based on the number of contributing employees as of August 3, 2018. [Capitol Reports Note: This type of nonparticipating employer was added by Laws 2018, Chapter 210.]

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2356 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	2/8	from House rules okay.
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	2/4	from House gov-elect do pass.
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	2/3	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	1/26	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2381: PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION

Various changes to statutes governing the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP). The powers and duties of PSPRS local boards and CORP local boards are expanded to include deciding all questions of eligibility for membership and disability and in the line of duty death benefits, and a uniform process for reviewing applications for these benefits is established. Each PSPRS local board and CORP local board is required to hire an independent legal counsel. PSPRS and CORP local board members are required to complete local board training within 180 days after appointment or election. PSPRS and CORP employers and local boards are required to submit any materials requested by the PSPRS Board of Trustees for any reason. If the PSPRS Board of Trustees finds through an audit or investigation that a local board is not in compliance with statute or rule, the local board has 60 days to take corrective action, and failure to take adequate correction action authorizes the Board of Trustees to act on behalf of that local board until the matter is resolved. PSPRS and CORP local boards are authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with other local boards to consolidate the boards. Effective January 1, 2022.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2381 Daily History	Date	Action
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	2/16	substituted in Senate for identical bill 1214. Passed Senate <u>30-0</u> ; ready for governor.
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	2/11	passed House <u>60-0</u> ; ready for Senate.
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	2/11	House COW approved with amend <u>#4096</u> and flr amend <u>#4237</u> .
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	2/8	from House rules okay.
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	2/4	from House gov-elect with amend <u>#4096</u> .
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	2/3	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	1/27	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2455: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING

A fire district, through the district board, is authorized to lease, lease-purchase or grant a lien on any or all of its present or future property to pay amounts to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, pension prefunding plan investment accounts, and the Arizona Employers' Pension Prefunding Plan, and to create reserves to supplement those payments as deemed necessary by the board.

First sponsor: Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5)

H2455 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/18	from House gov-elect with amend <u>#4324</u> .
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/17	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/10	House gov-elect held.
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	1/27	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2604: RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BOARDS; PAID LEAVE

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) employers are required to provide an employee-member of the PSPRS Board of Trustees or a PSPRS local board paid leave of absence for the time the employee attends board meetings. Corrections Officer Retirement Plan employers are required to provide an employee-member of the a local board paid leave of absence for the time the employee attends board meetings.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2604 Daily History	Date	Action
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BOARDS; PAID LEAVE	2/1	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2612: RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; INVESTMENT FEES; DISCLOSURES

Each "alternative investment manager" (defined) that receives capital commitments for an "alternative investment vehicle" (defined) from the governing board of a public retirement system is required to file a disclosure on each alternative investment vehicle at least annually with the State Treasurer. The disclosure must include a list of specified information, including the fees and expenses incurred, and compensation for the alternative investment manager's named executive officers. Applies to all new, amended, renewed or extended contracts beginning January 1, 2021. Retroactive to January 1, 2021.

First sponsor: Rep. Salman (D - Dist 26)  
Others: Rep. Stahl Hamilton (D - Dist 10), Rep. Teran (D - Dist 30)

H2612 Daily History	Date	Action
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; INVESTMENT FEES; DISCLOSURES	1/28	referred to House gov-elect.

### **S1043: PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY**

The Board of Trustees of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System is required to annually review the premiums required under the Public Safety Cancer Insurance Policy Program to ensure the financial security of the Program. Persons eligible for coverage under the Program remain eligible upon retirement for the statutorily specified time periods, regardless of whether the person has a cancer diagnosis.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1043 Daily History	Date	Action
PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY	1/26	from Senate rules okay.
PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY	1/14	from Senate fin do pass.
PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY	1/13	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
PUBLIC SAFETY; CANCER INSURANCE; ELIGIBILITY	1/11	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1045: DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY**

Retired members of the Public Safety Personnel Defined Contribution Retirement System are no longer required to pay the premium for coverage in the group health and accident coverage and are no longer excluded from eligibility for benefits under the health insurance premium assistance program for members with disabilities. The accidental disability pension for a member of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System must be at least 50 percent of the member's average monthly benefit compensation.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1045 Daily History	Date	Action
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY	2/10	retained on Senate COW calendar.
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY	1/26	from Senate rules okay.
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY	1/14	from Senate fin do pass.
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY	1/13	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION; HEALTH SUBSIDY; DISABILITY	1/11	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1046: MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS**

For the purpose of Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) rollover distributions, the definition of "eligible retirement plan" is expanded to include a Roth individual retirement account that satisfies the requirements of section 408A of the federal Internal Revenue Code. A PSPRS member or the member's surviving spouse who is entitled to receive an eligible rollover distribution is authorized to elect to directly roll over all or part of that distribution to an eligible retirement plan, and a member's beneficiary other than the spouse is authorized, on the death of the member, to elect to directly roll over all or part of an eligible rollover distribution from the system. Requirements for eligible rollover distributions are specified. Retroactive to January 1,

2020.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1046 Daily History	Date	Action
MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS	1/28	passed Senate <u>29-0</u> ; ready for House.
MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS	1/26	from Senate rules okay.
MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS	1/20	from Senate fin do pass.
MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS	1/20	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS	1/13	Senate fin held.
MEMBER DISTRIBUTIONS; DEFERRED RETIREMENT; TRANSFERS	1/11	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1051: ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

In statutes governing employer payments for ineligible contributions to the Arizona State Retirement System, the term "shall" provide a benefit or credit replaces the term "is legally obligated to" provide a benefit or credit.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1051 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS	1/28	passed Senate <u>29-0</u> ; ready for House.
ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS	1/26	from Senate rules okay.
ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS	1/20	from Senate fin do pass.
ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS	1/20	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; EMPLOYER PAYMENTS; INELIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS	1/11	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1052: ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS**

For the purpose of the requirement that payment of an Arizona State Retirement System member's deferred benefits begin by the member's "required beginning date," the definition of "required beginning date" is modified to refer to the federal Internal Revenue Code, instead of April 1 following the calendar year in which the member attains 70.5 years of age. If a member dies after the member's required beginning date and the member had not commenced distribution of retirement benefits, ASRS is required to treat the member as having commenced distribution of retirement benefits on the required beginning date.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1052 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS	1/28	passed Senate <u>29-0</u> ; ready for House.
ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS	1/26	from Senate rules okay.
ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS	1/20	from Senate fin do pass.
ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS	1/20	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE; DISTRIBUTIONS	1/11	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1053: ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY**

The list of Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) nonparticipating employers is modified to remove an employer that is no longer contributing to ASRS on behalf of current employees due to a reduction in the number of actively contributing employees by 30 percent or more over a 3-year period or a reduction in the number of actively contributing employees by 50 percent or more over any period of time, based on the number of contributing employees as of August 3, 2018. [Capitol Reports Note: This type of nonparticipating employer was added by Laws 2018, Chapter 210.]

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1053 Daily History	Date	Action
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ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	2/18	signed by governor. Chap. 29, Laws 2021. <a href="#">message</a>
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	2/15	substituted in House for identical bill 2356. Passed House <a href="#">60-0</a> ; ready for governor.
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	1/28	passed Senate <a href="#">29-0</a> ; ready for House.
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	1/26	from Senate rules okay.
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	1/20	from Senate fin do pass.
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	1/20	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; NONPARTICIPATORY EMPLOYER LIABILITY	1/11	referred to Senate fin.

#### **S1054: ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM**

If the Arizona State Retirement System Board determines that a self-insurance program should no longer be offered, the monies in the self-insurance program account must be used to provide any remaining benefits and to pay administration costs for the program or health insurance premium payments. If those liabilities are satisfied, the Board is required to return any remaining monies to the employer. Previously, the monies were required to be transferred to another account of ASRS as determined by the Board. AS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1054 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM	2/12	signed by governor. Chap. 14, Laws 2021. <a href="#">message</a>
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM	2/4	substituted in House for identical bill 2139. Passed House <a href="#">59-0</a> ; ready for governor.
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM	1/28	passed Senate <a href="#">29-0</a> ; ready for House.
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM	1/26	from Senate rules okay.
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM	1/20	from Senate fin do pass.
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM	1/20	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM	1/11	referred to Senate fin.

#### **S1136: RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK**

In the computation of average monthly benefit compensation for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, a period of nonpaid or partially paid industrial leave must be considered based on the compensation the employee would have received in the employee's job classification if the employee was not on industrial leave. Payment of benefits to a Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, Corrections Officer Retirement Plan or Elected Officials' Retirement Plan member are required to commence no later than April 1 of the calendar year following the later of the date the member terminates employment or the calendar year in which the member attains 72 years of age, increased from 70.5 years of age.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1136 Daily History	Date	Action
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	2/4	from Senate fin do pass.
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	2/3	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; BENEFIT COMPUTATION; RETURN-TO-WORK	1/20	referred to Senate fin.

#### **S1214: PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION**

Various changes to statutes governing the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP). The powers and duties of PSPRS local boards and CORP local boards are expanded to include deciding all questions of eligibility for membership and disability and in the line of duty death benefits, and a uniform process for reviewing applications for these benefits is established. Each PSPRS local board and CORP local board is required to hire an independent legal counsel. PSPRS and CORP local board members are required to complete local board training within 180

days after appointment or election. PSPRS and CORP employers and local boards are required to submit any materials requested by the PSPRS Board of Trustees for any reason. If the PSPRS Board of Trustees finds through an audit or investigation that a local board is not in compliance with statute or rule, the local board has 60 days to take corrective action, and failure to take adequate correction action authorizes the Board of Trustees to act on behalf of that local board until the matter is resolved. PSPRS and CORP local boards are authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with other local boards to consolidate the boards. Effective January 1, 2022.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1214 Daily History	Date	Action
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	2/3	Senate COW approved with amend <a href="#">#4019</a> and flr amend <a href="#">#4082</a> .
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	2/2	from Senate rules okay.
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	1/28	from Senate fin with amend <a href="#">#4019</a> .
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	1/27	Senate fin amended; report awaited.
PSPRS; CORP; LOCAL BOARDS; CONSOLIDATION	1/20	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1298: FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING**

A fire district, through the district board, is authorized to lease, lease-purchase or grant a lien on any or all of its present or future property to pay amounts to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, pension prefunding plan investment accounts, and the Arizona Employers' Pension Prefunding Plan, and to create reserves to supplement those payments as deemed necessary by the board.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1298 Daily History	Date	Action
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/11	from Senate fin with amend <a href="#">#4173</a> .
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	2/10	Senate fin amended; report awaited.
FIRE DISTRICTS; PENSION LIABILITY; FINANCING	1/25	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1348: ASRS; SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE DEFERRAL PLANS**

The Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) is authorized to establish one or more supplemental employee deferral plan to provide public employees an opportunity to save additional tax-deferred monies for retirement. On or after July 1, 2022, an employee of an ASRS employer is permitted to elect to participate in a supplemental employee deferral plan if the employee meets the eligibility requirements that are prescribed by ASRS. Repeals the article of statute governing ASRS deferred compensation plans.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1348 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE DEFERRAL PLANS	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
ASRS; SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE DEFERRAL PLANS	2/11	from Senate fin do pass.
ASRS; SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE DEFERRAL PLANS	2/10	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE DEFERRAL PLANS	1/26	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1352: ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTION**

The Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) is prohibited from paying an employer earnings attributable to excess contributions but is required to reduce the amount returned to an employer by the amount of losses attributable to the excess contributions. On receipt of an employer credit or return of contributions, the employer is required to return any member portion of the returned contributions to the member. If an employer pays less than the correct amount of employer or member contributions into ASRS, the correct amount of member contributions is prohibited from being paid to



ASRS after the death of the member.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1352 Daily History	Date	Action
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTION	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTION	2/11	from Senate fin do pass.
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTION	2/10	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
ASRS; EMPLOYER; MEMBER; CONTRIBUTION	1/26	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1396: PSPRS; SURVIVOR BENEFITS**

The amount of a surviving spouse's pension from the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System is 40 percent of the deceased member's average monthly salary or 4/5 of what the deceased member's pension would have been on the date of death had the member been retired, whichever is greater. Previously, the surviving spouse's pension was 40 percent of the deceased member's average monthly salary.

First sponsor: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5)

S1396 Daily History	Date	Action
PSPRS; SURVIVOR BENEFITS	2/18	from Senate fin do pass.
PSPRS; SURVIVOR BENEFITS	2/17	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
PSPRS; SURVIVOR BENEFITS	1/27	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1467: ELECTED OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT PLAN; APPROPRIATIONS**

Appropriates the following amounts from the general fund in the following fiscal years to the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan Fund to supplement the normal cost plus an amount to amortize the unfunded accrued liability: \$6 million in FY2021-22, \$7 million in FY2022-23, \$8 million in FY2023-24, \$9 million in FY2024-25, and \$10 million in FY2025-26 through FY2042-43.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1467 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTED OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT PLAN; APPROPRIATIONS	2/11	from Senate fin do pass.
ELECTED OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT PLAN; APPROPRIATIONS	2/10	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
ELECTED OFFICIALS' RETIREMENT PLAN; APPROPRIATIONS	1/28	referred to Senate fin, appro.

### **S1468: DPS; PENSION LIABILITY; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$300 million from the general fund in FY2021-22 to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) to be deposited in the employer account of the Department of Public Safety PSPRS group to reduce the unfunded accrued liability.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1468 Daily History	Date	Action
DPS; PENSION LIABILITY; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION	2/11	from Senate fin do pass.
DPS; PENSION LIABILITY; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION	2/10	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
DPS; PENSION LIABILITY; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION	1/28	referred to Senate fin, appro.

### **S1649: PSPRS; INVESTMENT REPORTING**



Expands the information that the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board of Trustees is required to include in the PSPRS annual report to the Governor and the Legislature to include an estimate of the aggregate fees paid for alternative investments, in addition to private equity investments, including carried interest.

First sponsor: Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22)

S1649 Daily History	Date	Action
PSPRS; INVESTMENT REPORTING	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
PSPRS; INVESTMENT REPORTING	2/11	from Senate fin do pass.
PSPRS; INVESTMENT REPORTING	2/10	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
PSPRS; INVESTMENT REPORTING	2/3	referred to Senate fin.

## Revenue & Taxation

### Posted Calendars and Committee Hearings

H2153: RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION  
*Calendar: 2/22 House Third Reading*

H2376: CLASS 2 PROPERTY; GUEST RANCHES  
*Hearing: House Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 8:30 AM, )*  
*Calendar: 2/22 House Caucus*

### Bill Summaries

#### H2025: DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER

Subject to the approval of the county board of supervisors, the county treasurer is authorized to waive the interest that accrues on delinquent property taxes, and any other penalties, for a delinquency that occurs during the one-year period after a mortgage or deed of trust is satisfied or otherwise released on the property. A taxpayer may receive this waiver only once per property. AS PASSED HOUSE.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2025 Daily History	Date	Action
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER	2/18	referred to Senate fin.
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER	2/4	House COW approved with flr amend <a href="#">#4108</a> . Passed House <a href="#">59-0</a> ; ready for Senate.
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER	1/25	from House rules okay.
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER	1/20	from House ways-means do pass.
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER	1/20	House ways-means do pass; report awaited.
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX; INTEREST; WAIVER	1/12	referred to House ways-means.

#### H2153: RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION

For property tax purposes, the reduced valuation of renewable energy equipment of 20 percent of the depreciated cost of the equipment is expanded to include renewable "energy storage" (defined) equipment. For the purpose of the valuation of energy storage equipment, all energy storage equipment, both colocated with renewable energy and stand-alone energy storage equipment, qualifies for the valuation. The list of deductions from the retail classification of transaction privilege and use taxes is expanded to include "machinery and equipment used directly" (defined) for "energy storage" (defined) for later electrical use. The list of items that municipalities and special taxing districts are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege or other similar tax on is expanded to include the gross proceeds from sales or gross income derived from sales of machinery and equipment used directly for energy storage for later electrical use. County or municipal renewable energy incentive districts are expanded to include renewable energy storage equipment.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)  
Others: Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8)

H2153 Daily History	Date	Action
RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION	2/18	House COW approved with amend <a href="#">#4165</a> .
RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION	2/16	from House rules okay.
RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION	2/10	from House ways-means with amend <a href="#">#4165</a> .
RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION	2/10	House ways-means amended; report awaited.
RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION	2/3	House ways-means held.
RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT; VALUATION	1/20	referred to House ways-means.

## H2316: CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES

The "base value" (defined), which is part of the calculation for determining property taxes on pipeline property, is required to be adjusted if one of a list of specified circumstances applies, including a final ruling by a court of competent jurisdiction in Arizona that the full cash value of a pipeline in Arizona is more than the market value using standard appraisal methods, and specified agreements between a pipeline company and the Department of Revenue to adjust the base value as a result of a pending tax appeal or to correct an error in the calculation of full cash value of the system plant in service. Retroactive to tax years beginning with 2016.

First sponsor: Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22)

H2316 Daily History	Date	Action
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	2/18	signed by governor. Chap. 26, Laws 2021. <a href="#">message</a>
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	2/11	substituted in Senate for identical bill 1111. Passed Senate 27-2; ready for governor.
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	2/4	passed House <a href="#">59-0</a> ; ready for Senate.
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	2/2	from House rules okay.
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	1/27	from House ways-means do pass.
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	1/27	House ways-means do pass; report awaited.
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	1/21	referred to House ways-means.

## H2331: PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY

For a mobile home for which an affidavit of affixture has not been recorded, that is not placed on the real property roll and that is used as the owner's primary residence, the delinquent taxes may be collected only after the tax is delinquent for one year and the person liable for paying the tax has not redeemed the property within six months after the end of the one-year period. AS PASSED HOUSE.

First sponsor: Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14)

H2331 Daily History	Date	Action
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	2/18	signed by governor. Chap. 28, Laws 2021. <a href="#">message</a>
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	2/11	substituted in Senate for identical bill 1326. Passed Senate 29-0; ready for governor.
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	2/4	passed House <a href="#">59-0</a> ; ready for Senate.
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	2/2	from House rules okay.
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	1/27	from House ways-means do pass.
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	1/27	House ways-means do pass; report awaited.
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	1/21	referred to House ways-means.

## H2376: CLASS 2 PROPERTY; GUEST RANCHES

The list of property classified as class 2 property for property tax purposes is expanded to include real property, improvements to property, and personal property of a "guest ranch" (defined). As a condition for class 2 property tax valuation, the owner of a guest ranch is required to record a deed restriction with the county recorder that restricts the property to use as a guest ranch for at least ten years. The valuation of a guest ranch as class 2 property constitutes a covenant between the county assessor and the owner of the guest ranch that the use of the property will remain unchanged for the duration of the deed restriction. If the property is converted to a different use in violation of the covenant, the county assessor is required to add to the tax levied against the property on the next tax roll a penalty equal to the difference between the total amount of property taxes that would have been levied on the property for the preceding ten years or the period of time the property was valued as class 2 property, whichever period is shorter, if the property had not been valued as class 2 property and the property taxes that were actually paid for the same period. The penalty must be paid before completion of the next property tax roll and is enforceable and subject to the same penalties and interest as if

the penalty were a tax levied against the property.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)

Others: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13), Rep. Pratt (R - Dist 8), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22)

H2376 Daily History	Date	Action
CLASS 2 PROPERTY; GUEST RANCHES	2/17	from House ways-means do pass.
CLASS 2 PROPERTY; GUEST RANCHES	2/17	House ways-means do pass; report awaited.
CLASS 2 PROPERTY; GUEST RANCHES	1/26	referred to House ways-means.

## H2391: COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION; WORKSHEET

Within seven days after adopting the property tax rates and levies, the county board of supervisors is required to compile and make available to the public the adopted property tax rates, levies and valuations for all taxing jurisdictions in the county on a worksheet prescribed by the Department of Revenue. County boards of supervisors are required to post a complete copy of the worksheet in a prominent location on the county's official website. AS PASSED HOUSE

First sponsor: Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15)

Others: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20)

H2391 Daily History	Date	Action
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION; WORKSHEET	2/18	referred to Senate fin.
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION; WORKSHEET	2/11	House COW approved with flr amend <u>#4222</u> . Passed House <u>60-0</u> ; ready for Senate.
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION; WORKSHEET	2/8	from House rules okay.
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION; WORKSHEET	2/3	from House ways-means do pass.
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION; WORKSHEET	2/3	House ways-means do pass; report awaited.
COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION; WORKSHEET	1/27	referred to House ways-means.

## S1108: TAX OMNIBUS

Various changes to statutes relating to taxes. The list of additions to Arizona gross income for the purpose of computing Arizona adjusted gross income for individual and corporate income tax purposes is modified to remove the amount of any depreciation allowed by specified federal code. The list of subtractions from Arizona gross income for the purpose of computing Arizona adjusted gross income for income tax purposes is modified to include 50 percent of the net long-term capital gain included in federal adjusted gross income for the tax year that is derived from an investment in an asset acquired after December 31, 2020. Increases the dependent tax credit to \$120 for each dependent who is under 17 years of age, from \$100, and to \$30 for each dependent who is at least 17 years of age, from \$25. Lowers the state equalization assistance property tax rate to \$0.3520 in tax year 2021, \$0.2776 in tax year 2022, and an unspecified amount (blank in original) in tax year 2023, from \$0.4426 in tax year 2020. Lowers the tax rate for class one property taxes to 17.5 percent for tax year 2022 and 17 percent for tax years beginning with 2023, from 18 percent in 2021. The maximum additional tax rate that a county fire district board may levy is increased to \$3.375 per \$100 of assessed valuation for tax year 2022 and \$3.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation for tax year 2023 and each tax year after, from \$3.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Retroactive to July 1, 2021, establishes a tax on vehicles propelled only by electricity, natural gas or propane of \$110 per year, and a tax on hybrid vehicles of \$44 per year. Income tax revisions are retroactive to tax years beginning January 1, 2021.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

S1108 Daily History	Date	Action
TAX OMNIBUS	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
TAX OMNIBUS	2/4	from Senate fin do pass.
TAX OMNIBUS	2/3	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
TAX OMNIBUS	1/20	referred to Senate fin.

## **S1111: CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES**

The "base value" (defined), which is part of the calculation for determining property taxes on pipeline property, is required to be adjusted if one of a list of specified circumstances applies, including a final ruling by a court of competent jurisdiction in Arizona that the full cash value of a pipeline in Arizona is more than the market value using standard appraisal methods, and specified agreements between a pipeline company and the Department of Revenue to adjust the base value as a result of a pending tax appeal or to correct an error in the calculation of full cash value of the system plant in service. Retroactive to tax years beginning with 2016.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

S1111 Daily History	Date	Action
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	2/2	from Senate rules okay.
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	1/27	from Senate fin do pass.
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	1/27	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; VALUATION; PIPELINES	1/20	referred to Senate fin.

## **S1260: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY**

Exempts the property of veterans with service or nonservice connected disabilities who are Arizona residents from taxation, with an allowed exemption amount of \$4,047 multiplied by the percentage of the veteran's disability, as rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, if the person's total assessment does not exceed \$27,498. The exemption limit for property of widows, widowers and persons with total and permanent disabilities is increased to \$4,047, from \$3,000, if the person's total assessment does not exceed \$27,498, increased from \$20,000. Also makes various changes to property tax statutes in order to conform to proposed changes to property tax exemptions contained in the state Constitution. Conditionally enacted on the state Constitution being amended by a vote of the people at the next general election by the passage of an unspecified Senate Concurrent Resolution (blank in original) to consolidate and reorganize provisions relating to exemptions from property taxation.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

S1260 Daily History	Date	Action
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	2/4	from Senate fin with amend <a href="#">#4086</a> .
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	2/3	Senate fin amended; report awaited.
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; STATUTORY CONFORMITY	1/21	referred to Senate fin.

## **S1309: PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION; GASOLINE MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT**

The list of property classified as class six property for property tax purposes is expanded to include real and personal property and improvements that are specifically and solely used to manufacture, beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2051, "zero-sulfur gasoline" (defined) from natural gas and that are valued at full cash value. Applies only to the portion of the property that is used specifically for manufacturing, processing and storing zero-sulfur gasoline and liquid petroleum gases made from natural gas feedstock obtained from off-site sources. Retroactive to January 1, 2021.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)  
Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Sen. Contreras (D - Dist 19)

S1309 Daily History	Date	Action
PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION; GASOLINE MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT	1/25	referred to Senate fin.

## **S1326: PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY**

For a mobile home for which an affidavit of affixture has not been recorded, that is not placed on the real property roll and that is used as the owner's primary residence, the delinquent taxes may be collected only after the tax is delinquent for one year and the person liable for paying the tax has not redeemed the property within six months after the end of the one-year period.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1326 Daily History	Date	Action
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	2/4	from Senate fin do pass.
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	2/3	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
PROPERTY TAX; MOBILE HOMES; DELINQUENCY	1/25	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1491: RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX; DEFERRAL**

To qualify for a residential property tax deferral, an individual must be at least 65 years of age, decreased from 70 years of age, or have a total and permanent disability exempting their property from tax on the date the deferral claim form is filed. Additionally, the total taxable income of all persons residing in the residence cannot exceed \$20,000, increased from \$10,000, plus cost-of-living increases that follow federal Social Security cost-of-living adjustment increases. The full cash value of the property cannot exceed \$150,000 or 75 percent of the median full cash value of the county in which the residence is located, whichever is greater. Establishes reporting requirements on deferral claims.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1491 Daily History	Date	Action
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX; DEFERRAL	2/1	referred to Senate fin.

### **S1721: TPT; PRIME CONTRACTING CLASSIFICATION**

The gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from a construction contract with an owner of real property or the improvements to real property that does not exceed \$100,000 per unit for a "residential project" (defined) or \$1 million for a nonresidential project is not subject to tax under the prime contracting classification of transaction privilege taxes, and is required to be exempt from municipal transaction privilege and use taxes. Only the contract price is used to determine whether a contract exceeds the threshold amount described in this paragraph with no subtractions for amounts paid to subcontractors or any deductions or exemptions allowed. Project elements cannot be artificially separated from a contract to cause a project to qualify for this exemption. The Department of Revenue has the burden of proving that project elements have been artificially separated from a contract. A contract that primarily involves construction of any electricity generating facility or system installed on any commercial, residential or governmental property, including the maintenance, repair, replacement or alteration of existing improvements of an electricity generating or distribution facility, is not subject to tax under the prime contracting classification of transaction privilege taxes. Retroactive to contracts entered into beginning July 1, 2021. Establishes provisions for application to contracts that were bid or entered into from January 1, 2015 through July 1, 2021.

First sponsor: Sen. Fann (R - Dist 1)

S1721 Daily History	Date	Action
TPT; PRIME CONTRACTING CLASSIFICATION	2/18	from Senate fin do pass.
TPT; PRIME CONTRACTING CLASSIFICATION	2/17	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
TPT; PRIME CONTRACTING CLASSIFICATION	2/3	referred to Senate fin.

### **SCR1019: CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to consolidate and reorganize provisions relating to exemptions from property taxation. Sections of the state Constitution relating to property tax exemptions are repealed and replaced. Impossible to determine new provisions without a line by line comparison.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

SCR1019 Daily History	Date	Action
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS	2/4	from Senate fin do pass.
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS	2/3	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS	1/21	referred to Senate fin.

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S1020:	VOTING LOCATIONS; ELECTIONEERING <i>Calendar:</i> 2/22 Senate COW
S1105:	BALLOT MEASURES; 200-WORD DESCRIPTION <i>Calendar:</i> 2/22 Senate COW
S1241:	VOTING EQUIPMENT; BALLOTS; RECEIPT <i>Calendar:</i> 2/17 Senate Consent
S1485:	ELECTIONS; VOTING CENTER TABULATION <i>Hearing:</i> Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/23/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
S1492:	ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS <i>Hearing:</i> Senate Rules (Monday 02/22/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
S1593:	EARLY VOTING; TIME LIMITS; ENVELOPE <i>Hearing:</i> Senate Appropriations (Tuesday 02/23/21 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 109)
SCR1001:	STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION <i>Calendar:</i> 2/17 Senate Consent
SCR1034:	VOTER PROTECTION ACT; COURT DETERMINATIONS <i>Calendar:</i> 2/17 Senate Consent

### Bill Summaries

#### H2181: WRITE-INS; RESIDENCY; FILING DEADLINE

Any person desiring to become a write-in candidate for an elective office in any election is required to be at the time of filing a qualified elector of the county, city, town or district the person proposes to represent and must have been a resident of that county, city, town or district for 120 days before the date of the election. The deadline for filing a nomination paper to be a write-in candidate is moved to 5PM on the 76th day before the election, from 5PM on the 40th day before the election.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2181 Daily History	Date	Action
WRITE-INS; RESIDENCY; FILING DEADLINE	1/27	from House gov-elect with amend <a href="#">#4025</a> .
WRITE-INS; RESIDENCY; FILING DEADLINE	1/27	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
WRITE-INS; RESIDENCY; FILING DEADLINE	1/20	referred to House gov-elect.

#### H2308: RECALL PETITIONS AND ELECTIONS; REVISIONS

Various changes to statutes relating to recall petitions and elections. Establishes a standard form for recall petitions. Requires the validity of signatures on each sheet to be sworn to by the circulator before a notary public on a specified form on the back of the sheet. The Secretary of State is required to make available a sample recall petition that strictly complies with the standard form. All nonresident circulators and paid circulators are required to register as circulators with the Secretary of State before circulating recall petitions, and any signatures collected by a circulator who fails to register as required are disqualified. Establishes requirements for circulator registration. If a registered circulator is properly served with a subpoena to provide evidence in an action regarding circulation of petitions and fails to appear or produce documents as provided for in the subpoena, all signatures collected by that circulator are deemed invalid. Any person may challenge the lawful registration of circulators in the superior court of the county in which the circulator is registered, and deadlines for challenges are specified. Establishes a process for a



person who has signed a recall petition to withdraw the person's signature. Specifies that various unlawful acts relating to recall petitions are a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor. Establishes a list of acts that constitute recall petition signature fraud and classifies recall petition signature fraud as a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor, except that a person who engages or participates in a "pattern of recall petition fraud" (defined) is guilty of a class 4 (lower mid-level) felony. Establishes a process for verification of recall petition signatures. More.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2308 Daily History	Date	Action
RECALL PETITIONS AND ELECTIONS; REVISIONS	2/18	from House gov-elect with amend <a href="#">#4323</a> .
RECALL PETITIONS AND ELECTIONS; REVISIONS	2/17	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
RECALL PETITIONS AND ELECTIONS; REVISIONS	2/10	House gov-elect held.
RECALL PETITIONS AND ELECTIONS; REVISIONS	1/26	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2358: VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE; ADDRESS CHANGE

By May 1 of each year or more frequently, the county recorder of each county is required to use the national change of address system of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to identify registered voters whose addresses may have changed, and update the voter registration records as needed. Previously, the county recorder was authorized to use change of address information supplied by the USPS by May 1 of each year preceding a state primary and general election. If a registered voter has changed residence to a new county, the county recorder is required to cancel the registration in the previous county of residence, and is no longer required to provide information on how the registrant can continue to be eligible to vote.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

Others: Sen. Barto (R - Dist 15), Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14)

H2358 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE; ADDRESS CHANGE	2/3	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE; ADDRESS CHANGE	1/26	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2361: WRITE-INS; EARLY BALLOTS; PROCESSING

The deadline for filing a nomination paper to be a write-in candidate is moved to 5PM on the 76th day before the election, from 5PM on the 40th day before the election. Tallying of early ballots is permitted to begin immediately after the envelope and completed affidavit are processed and delivered to the early election board, and the prohibition on early ballots being tallied any early than 14 days before election day is deleted.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

Others: Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14)

H2361 Daily History	Date	Action
WRITE-INS; EARLY BALLOTS; PROCESSING	1/27	House gov-elect held.
WRITE-INS; EARLY BALLOTS; PROCESSING	1/21	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2362: ELECTIONS; BALLOT PRIVACY FOLDERS

The poll worker serving as judge is required to give each voter a ballot privacy folder in addition to the ballot.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

Others: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14)

H2362 Daily History	Date	Action
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ELECTIONS; BALLOT PRIVACY FOLDERS 2/4 from House gov-elect with amend [#4093](#).  
ELECTIONS; BALLOT PRIVACY FOLDERS 2/3 House gov-elect amended; report awaited.  
ELECTIONS; BALLOT PRIVACY FOLDERS 1/26 referred to House gov-elect.

## H2364: ELECTION PAMPHLET SUBMITTALS; IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED

Arguments in favor of or against a ballot measure, which are printed in the informational pamphlet, must contain a sworn, notarized statement of the person submitting it. If the argument is submitted by an organization, it must contain the sworn statement of two executive officers of the organization. The names of persons and entities submitting written arguments is required to be included in the informational pamphlet. Persons signing the argument must identify themselves by giving their residence address and telephone number, which cannot appear in the pamphlet. Any argument submitted that does not comply with these requirements cannot be included in the pamphlet.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)  
Others: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14)

H2364 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTION PAMPHLET SUBMITTALS; IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED	2/4	from House gov-elect do pass.
ELECTION PAMPHLET SUBMITTALS; IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED	2/3	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
ELECTION PAMPHLET SUBMITTALS; IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED	1/26	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2370: PERMANENT EARLY VOTING LIST; REPEAL

Repeals the permanent early voting list.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)  
Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2370 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

## H2371: HAND COUNTING; VOTING CENTERS; TOTAL

For a county that uses voting centers, at least two percent of the total number of ballots cast in the county must be randomly selected for a hand count after each election, from a pool consisting of at least two percent of the voting centers or two voting centers, whichever is greater. Voting centers are deemed to be a precinct for the purposes of the hand counts.

First sponsor: Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21)  
Others: Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21)

H2371 Daily History	Date	Action
HAND COUNTING; VOTING CENTERS; TOTAL	1/26	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2373: VOTER REGISTRATION GROUPS; FORMS; IDENTIFIERS

Any person who requests or receives ten or more voter registration forms from the county recorder is required to place that person's unique identifier on each voter registration form distributed or collected by that person.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)

H2373 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTER REGISTRATION GROUPS; FORMS; IDENTIFIERS	2/18	from House gov-elect with amend <a href="#">#4322</a> .
VOTER REGISTRATION GROUPS; FORMS; IDENTIFIERS	2/17	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
VOTER REGISTRATION GROUPS; FORMS; IDENTIFIERS	2/10	FAILED House Gov-elec 6-6.

VOTER REGISTRATION GROUPS; FORMS; IDENTIFIERS 2/3 House gov-elect held.  
VOTER REGISTRATION GROUPS; FORMS; IDENTIFIERS 1/26 referred to House gov-elect.

## H2431: DOR; BOND ELECTION PAMPHLETS; STORAGE

The governing body of a political subdivision is no longer required to submit a copy of the informational pamphlet for a bond election to the Department of Revenue (DOR) within 30 days after the bond election. DOR is no longer required to maintain copies of the pamphlets.

First sponsor: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20)  
Others: Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22)

H2431 Daily History	Date	Action
DOR; BOND ELECTION PAMPHLETS; STORAGE	2/18	referred to Senate fin.
DOR; BOND ELECTION PAMPHLETS; STORAGE	2/4	passed House <del>59-0</del> ; ready for Senate.
DOR; BOND ELECTION PAMPHLETS; STORAGE	2/2	from House rules okay.
DOR; BOND ELECTION PAMPHLETS; STORAGE	1/27	from House ways-means do pass.
DOR; BOND ELECTION PAMPHLETS; STORAGE	1/27	House ways-means do pass; report awaited.
DOR; BOND ELECTION PAMPHLETS; STORAGE	1/21	referred to House ways-means.

## H2560: REMOVAL; PERMANENT EARLY VOTING LIST

A county recorder is required to remove a voter from the permanent early voting list if the voter fails to vote using an early ballot in a general election for which there was a federal race on the ballot.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)  
Others: Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13)

H2560 Daily History	Date	Action
REMOVAL; PERMANENT EARLY VOTING LIST	1/28	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2569: ELECTIONS; PRIVATE FUNDING; PROHIBITION

The state, counties, municipalities, school districts or other public bodies that conduct or administer elections are prohibited from receiving or expending private monies for preparing for, administering or conducting an election, including registering voters.

First sponsor: Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12)  
Others: Sen. Barto (R - Dist 15), Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6), Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. John (R - Dist 4), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13), Sen. Livingston (R - Dist 22), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Osborne (R - Dist 13), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21), Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12), Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21), Rep. Pratt (R - Dist 8), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11), Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22), Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16), Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17), Rep. Wilmeth (R - Dist 15)

H2569 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTIONS; PRIVATE FUNDING; PROHIBITION	2/18	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
ELECTIONS; PRIVATE FUNDING; PROHIBITION	2/18	House gov-elect held.
ELECTIONS; PRIVATE FUNDING; PROHIBITION	2/10	House gov-elect held.
ELECTIONS; PRIVATE FUNDING; PROHIBITION	1/28	referred to House gov-elect.

## H2616: ELECTION DATA; LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AUTHORITY

After the tabulation of all ballots is completed and before issuance of the official canvass for the county, the county recorder and the county board of supervisors are required to provide to designated representatives of the Legislature access to or copies of election data, including election results and other election records, and election equipment, systems and facilities. On written request, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives must receive this access or information without regard to whether the Legislature is in session. A majority of the members of either house of the Legislature are required to receive access only while the Legislature is in session and on written request.

First sponsor: Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5)

H2616 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTION DATA; LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AUTHORITY 1/28 referred to House gov-elect.		

## **H2701: POLLING PLACES; IDENTIFICATION; EARLY VOTING**

Various changes relating to elections and polling places. Any qualified elector is authorized to vote by early ballot in person at any polling place. A qualified elector may vote by mail only if the elector is physically unable to cast a ballot within the period for early voting, or has a physical disability, is confined to a nursing home or other similar facility, is on military duty or is temporarily residing outside Arizona. County boards of supervisors are required, instead of allowed, to authorize the use of voting centers in place of specifically designated polling places for 30 days before the day of the election. A county with a population of less than 200,000 persons is required to have a maximum of four voting centers, a county with a population of 200,000 persons or more and less than 1 million persons is required to have a maximum of eight voting centers, and a county with a population of 1 million persons or more is required to have a maximum of fifteen voting centers, as determined by the board of supervisors. Election precinct lines are required to be drawn to include as a priority public elementary, middle and high schools within an election precinct. School principals are no longer authorized to deny a request to provide space for use as a polling place. A driver license applicant is required to submit proof of identity by presenting all of the following documentation: an original or certified copy of a U.S. passport or birth certificate, proof of a social security number by presenting an original or copy of a social security card or W-2 form, and proof of residency in Arizona in two forms, such as a utility bill or bank statement. The list of satisfactory proof of U.S. citizenship that the county recorder may accept for voter registration is expanded to include an identification card issued by Arizona or the U.S. Due to voter protection, several sections of this legislation require the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage.

First sponsor: Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16)

H2701 Daily History	Date	Action
POLLING PLACES; IDENTIFICATION; EARLY VOTING 2/2 referred to House gov-elect.		

## **H2720: BALLOTS; ELECTION CONTESTS; CERTIFICATES**

Various changes relating to elections. The Legislature retains its legislative authority regarding the office of presidential elector and by majority vote at any time before the presidential inauguration is authorized to revoke the Secretary of State's issuance or certification of a presidential elector's certificate of election. The Legislature is permitted to take this action without regard to whether the Legislature is in regular or special session or has held committee or other hearings on the matter. Any party to an election contest may request a jury trial, which must be granted and tried as other jury trials in a civil action, except that the statutory provisions for election contests prevail over any conflicting rules of procedure for jury trials. In an election contest jury trial, a court is prohibited from granting a motion to dismiss or a motion for summary judgment that would result in dismissal until after the jury has issued its verdict. Without regard to the system or method used to produce or tabulate ballots, the county recorder or officer in charge of elections is required to maintain a count of the number of physical ballots printed and the number of ballots otherwise generated in the following categories: early ballots, regular ballots, provisional ballots, federal-only ballots, and ballots generated in an electronic form. The county recorder or officer in charge of elections is required to post

that information on the county's website within one day after election day. The county recorder or officer in charge of elections is required to create digitized images of ballots and to keep the digitized images and the physical ballots as public records. At least ten persons from the general public who are registered voters in the county are allowed to observe the proceedings at the counting center at any time throughout the day. All observers must be allowed to observe each essential part of the proceedings at the counting center. When ballots are damaged or defective and cannot be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment, the images that are made of a duplicate of those ballots must be posted to the county's website within 24 hours after duplication along with the determination by the election board as to that voter's intent for each contest adjudicated. Any disruption in live video coverage of the custody of all ballots while the ballots are present in a tabulation room in the counting center will result in the members of the board of supervisors and the county recorder being deemed ineligible for reelection and barred from holding any public office in Arizona for ten years after the expiration of the term of office in which the disruption in video coverage occurred. More.

First sponsor: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20)

H2720 Daily History	Date	Action
No actions posted for this bill within the requested time frame.		

## **H2722: EMERGENCY VOTING; MANUAL; PHOTOGRAPHS; ELECTIONEERING**

Repeals statute allowing county boards of supervisors to authorize the use of voting centers in place of or in addition to polling places. An emergency voting center may be established only on occurrence of a genuine emergency such as war, civil unrest or natural disaster that makes it likely that large numbers of voters will be substantially impaired in their ability to vote on election day as compared to other elections. The elections instructions and procedures manual prepared by the Secretary of State is required to provide for transparency and election security to the maximum extent allowed by law. If any provision of the instructions and procedures manual conflicts with any statute, the provision of the instructions and procedures manual is unenforceable and statute prevails. In addition to the Secretary of State, the Legislature is required to provide personnel who are experts in electronic voting systems and procedures and in electronic voting system security to field check and review electronic voting systems and recommend needed statutory and procedural changes, including changes in the instructions and procedures manual. Also, a person is allowed to take photographs or videos of himself, his/her own ballot and any election worker, but is prohibited from taking photographs or videos of other voters or other voters' ballots.

First sponsor: Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20)

H2722 Daily History	Date	Action
EMERGENCY VOTING; MANUAL; PHOTOGRAPHS; ELECTIONEERING 2/1 referred to House gov-elect.		

## **H2723: CAMPAIGN FINANCE; REPORTS; CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT**

The maximum amount an individual may contribute to a campaign committee in one election cycle without being individually identified on campaign finance reports is increased to \$200, from \$50.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

H2723 Daily History	Date	Action
CAMPAIGN FINANCE; REPORTS; CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT	2/18	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
CAMPAIGN FINANCE; REPORTS; CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT	2/18	House gov-elect held.
CAMPAIGN FINANCE; REPORTS; CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT	2/10	House gov-elect held.
CAMPAIGN FINANCE; REPORTS; CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT	2/1	referred to House gov-elect.

## **H2792: EARLY BALLOTS; REQUEST REQUIRED**

Except for a voter who is on the permanent early voting list or for an all mail-ballot election, a county recorder, municipality clerk or other election officer is prohibited from delivering or mailing an early ballot to a person who has not requested an early ballot for that election. An election officer who violates this prohibition is guilty of a class 5 (second lowest) felony.

First sponsor: Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12)

Others: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6), Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16), Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21), Rep. Pratt (R - Dist 8), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11), Rep. Wilmeth (R - Dist 15)

H2792 Daily History	Date	Action
EARLY BALLOTS; REQUEST REQUIRED	2/18	from House gov-elect with amend <a href="#">#4326</a> .
EARLY BALLOTS; REQUEST REQUIRED	2/17	House gov-elect amended; report awaited.
EARLY BALLOTS; REQUEST REQUIRED	2/10	House gov-elect held.

## H2793: VOTER REGISTRATION; REQUEST REQUIRED

An agency, department or division of Arizona or any person acting on its behalf and any political subdivision of Arizona or any person acting on its behalf are prohibited from registering a person to vote unless the person affirmatively requests to register to vote.

First sponsor: Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12)

Others: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6), Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. John (R - Dist 4), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16), Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21), Rep. Pratt (R - Dist 8), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22), Rep. Wilmeth (R - Dist 15)

H2793 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTER REGISTRATION; REQUEST REQUIRED	2/18	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
VOTER REGISTRATION; REQUEST REQUIRED	2/10	House gov-elect held.

## H2794: ELECTION DEADLINES; MODIFICATIONS PROHIBITED

An officer or agent of Arizona, a political subdivision, or any other governmental entity in Arizona is prohibited from modifying any deadline, filing date, submittal date or other election-related date that is provided for in statute. A person who violates this prohibition is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony.

First sponsor: Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12)

Others: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6), Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Bolick (R - Dist 20), Rep. Bowers (R - Dist 25), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16), Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11)

H2794 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTION DEADLINES; MODIFICATIONS PROHIBITED	2/18	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.

## H2798: EARLY VOTING PROCEDURES; SIGNATURE CARDS

Voters on the permanent early voting list are required to sign and return the election notice to the county recorder with a copy of the voter's Arizona driver license or Arizona nonoperating identification in order to receive a ballot. If the information that the voter returns does not match the voter's records, the county recorder or officer in charge of elections is required to contact the voter to resolve the discrepancy. If the discrepancy is not resolved, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is prohibited from mailing the voter an early ballot and the voter must be removed from the permanent early voting list. The requirement for the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections to contact a voter with an inconsistent signature on an early ballot affidavit and

allow the voter to correct the signature is deleted.

First sponsor: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6)

Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22)

H2798 Daily History

Date Action

EARLY VOTING PROCEDURES; SIGNATURE CARDS 2/10 referred to House gov-elect.

## H2799: VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS; ELECTIONEERING

The Secretary of State is required to use the records of deaths transmitted by the Department of Health Services to establish a nonpublic database for use by county recorders to cancel the names of deceased persons from county voter registration databases. A legislative committee is required to have access to the records to confirm the process of cancellation of deceased voters. For the purpose of electioneering being prohibited within 75 feet of a polling place, the definition of "electioneering" is modified to include wearing, displaying or carrying an item that expresses support for or opposition to a candidate or ballot question that appears on the ballot in that election.

First sponsor: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6)

Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22)

H2799 Daily History

Date Action

VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS; ELECTIONEERING 2/10 referred to House gov-elect.

## H2800: ELECTIONS; LEGISLATIVE SESSION; PROCEDURES MANUAL

Declares that the Legislature has plenary authority over elections. An election special session of the Legislature begins by operation of law on the date of the regular primary election and the regular general election and continues for at least three days following the election. During an election special session, the Legislature is authorized to conduct hearings and receive testimony, documents and other evidence as appropriate relating to any irregularities that occur during and after the election. The Legislature is authorized to vote to reject or confirm the preliminary results of the election. If confirmed, the Legislature is required to forward that confirmation to the county board of supervisors of the county examined by the Legislature. On rejection, the Legislature is required to forward its findings to the office of the Attorney General for possible civil or criminal action. Also, the official election instructions and procedures manual prepared by the Secretary of State is required to be approved by a vote of the Legislature, instead of by the Governor and the Attorney General.

First sponsor: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6)

Others: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. Kaiser (R - Dist 15)

H2800 Daily History

Date Action

ELECTIONS; LEGISLATIVE SESSION; PROCEDURES MANUAL 2/10 referred to House gov-elect.

## H2826: ELECTIONS; COUNTY CANVASS; LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The certified permanent copy of a county's official canvass for all offices and ballot measures is required to be delivered to the Legislature. On receipt of an official county canvass, the Legislature "under its plenary powers regarding elections" is authorized to call itself into session for the purpose of reviewing the official county canvass, certifying its results by majority vote and transmitting those results to the Secretary of State.

First sponsor: Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11)

H2826 Daily History

Date Action

ELECTIONS; COUNTY CANVASS; LEGISLATIVE REVIEW 2/10 referred to House gov-elect.



## H2881: ELECTION HAND COUNTS; VERIFICATION COMMITTEE

The number of precincts in each county that must be randomly selected for a hand count after each election is increased to the number of precincts required to achieve a statistical significance consisting of a percentage confidence level as determined by the Vote Count Verification Committee with a margin of error as determined by the Committee that is to be based on the total number of ballots cast in that county, instead of two percent or two precincts.

First sponsor: Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6)

H2881 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTION HAND COUNTS; VERIFICATION COMMITTEE	2/10	referred to House gov-elect.

## HCR2001: INITIATIVES; SINGLE SUBJECT; TITLE

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require every initiative measure to cover only a single subject that is expressed in the title.

First sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23)

HCR2001 Daily History	Date	Action
INITIATIVES; SINGLE SUBJECT; TITLE	1/25	from House rules okay.
INITIATIVES; SINGLE SUBJECT; TITLE	1/20	from House gov-elect do pass.
INITIATIVES; SINGLE SUBJECT; TITLE	1/20	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
INITIATIVES; SINGLE SUBJECT; TITLE	1/12	referred to House gov-elect.

## HCR2016: INITIATIVES; SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require approval by 60 percent of the votes cast on the measure for an initiative or referendum measure to become law, instead of a majority of the votes cast.

First sponsor: Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13)  
Others: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6), Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Cook (R - Dist 8), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Sen. Kerr (R - Dist 13), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11)

HCR2016 Daily History	Date	Action
INITIATIVES; SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT	2/18	from House gov-elect do pass.
INITIATIVES; SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT	2/17	House gov-elect do pass; report awaited.
INITIATIVES; SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT	2/10	House gov-elect held.
INITIATIVES; SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT	2/3	referred to House gov-elect.

## HCR2032: GOVERNMENT ORDERS; PROTECTION; WITHDRAWAL; PROHIBITION

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to prohibit a "stand-down order," defined as a directive issued by or action taken by an elected official or appointed executive officer that has the effect of withdrawing law enforcement protection or fire or emergency medical services from the residents of Arizona, commercial establishments owned by residents of Arizona, or property within Arizona, or that effectively abdicates state or national jurisdiction or sovereignty without a binding prior ratification by adjudication or legislation. A private property loss that is the direct result of a stand-down order is a taking of private property that is subject to just compensation under the state Constitution. Also adds the right to insist on pretrial cash bail that is reasonable and customary to the victims' bill of rights.



First sponsor: Rep. Burges (R - Dist 1)

Others: Rep. Barton (R - Dist 6), Rep. Biasiucci (R - Dist 5), Rep. Blackman (R - Dist 6), Rep. Carroll (R - Dist 22), Rep. Chaplik (R - Dist 23), Rep. Cobb (R - Dist 5), Rep. Dunn (R - Dist 13), Rep. Fillmore (R - Dist 16), Rep. Finchem (R - Dist 11), Rep. Grantham (R - Dist 12), Rep. Griffin (R - Dist 14), Rep. Hoffman (R - Dist 12), Rep. John (R - Dist 4), Rep. Kavanagh (R - Dist 23), Rep. Nguyen (R - Dist 1), Rep. Nutt (R - Dist 14), Rep. Parker (R - Dist 16), Rep. Payne (R - Dist 21), Rep. Pingerelli (R - Dist 21), Rep. Pratt (R - Dist 8), Rep. Roberts (R - Dist 11), Rep. Toma (R - Dist 22), Rep. Weninger (R - Dist 17), Rep. Wilmeth (R - Dist 15)

HCR2032 Daily History	Date	Action
GOVERNMENT ORDERS; PROTECTION; WITHDRAWAL; PROHIBITION 2/3		referred to House jud.

## **S1002: EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES; PARTY AFFILIATION**

Early ballot return envelopes are required to be of a type that does not reveal the voter's political party affiliation.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1002 Daily History	Date	Action
EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES; PARTY AFFILIATION	2/11	passed Senate 29-0; ready for House.
EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES; PARTY AFFILIATION	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES; PARTY AFFILIATION	2/2	from Senate gov do pass.
EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES; PARTY AFFILIATION	2/1	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
EARLY VOTING ENVELOPES; PARTY AFFILIATION	1/11	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1003: EARLY VOTING; SIGNATURE REQUIRED; NOTICE**

If a signature is missing from an early ballot envelope, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to make reasonable efforts to contact the voter, advise the voter of the missing signature and allow the voter to add the signature no later than 7:00 PM on election day. The information that must be printed in the instructions to early voters must include a statement that the ballot will not be counted without the voter's signature on the envelope. Session law states that the Legislature intends that these are clarifying changes only and do not provide for any substantive change in the law.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1003 Daily History	Date	Action
EARLY VOTING; SIGNATURE REQUIRED; NOTICE	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
EARLY VOTING; SIGNATURE REQUIRED; NOTICE	2/2	from Senate gov do pass.
EARLY VOTING; SIGNATURE REQUIRED; NOTICE	2/1	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
EARLY VOTING; SIGNATURE REQUIRED; NOTICE	1/11	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1010: RECOUNT REQUESTS; AMOUNT; BOND; PROCEDURE**

The number of precincts in each county that must be randomly selected for a hand count after each election is increased to five percent of the precincts in the county or five precincts, whichever is greater, from two percent or two precincts. Voting centers are deemed to be a precinct for the purposes of the hand counts. The Attorney General, the Secretary of State, or the Legislative Council is authorized to require that a higher percentage or greater number of precincts be hand counted for any specified county. Any person is authorized to file an action for a recount in any election that is not subject to an automatic recount if the person files a bond with the superior court in an amount determined by the court to be sufficient to fully reimburse the costs of conducting the recount. Recounts conducted by request are required to comply with the requirements and procedures of an automatic recount prescribed by statute.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

S1010 Daily History	Date	Action
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RECOUNT REQUESTS; AMOUNT; BOND; PROCEDURE 2/2 from Senate rules okay.  
RECOUNT REQUESTS; AMOUNT; BOND; PROCEDURE 1/25 from Senate gov with amend #4013.  
RECOUNT REQUESTS; AMOUNT; BOND; PROCEDURE 1/21 Senate gov amended; report awaited.  
RECOUNT REQUESTS; AMOUNT; BOND; PROCEDURE 1/11 referred to Senate gov.

## **S1020: VOTING LOCATIONS; ELECTIONEERING**

Any facility used as a polling place or voting center is required to allow persons to electioneer and engage in other political activity outside of the 75 foot limit in public areas and parking lots used by voters, and counties are no longer allowed to prohibit political activity near polling places or voting centers in the case of an emergency.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1020 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTING LOCATIONS; ELECTIONEERING	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
VOTING LOCATIONS; ELECTIONEERING	2/2	from Senate gov do pass.
VOTING LOCATIONS; ELECTIONEERING	2/1	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
VOTING LOCATIONS; ELECTIONEERING	1/11	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1068: ELECTIONS MANUAL; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; GRRC**

The official election instructions and procedures manual prepared by the Secretary of State is required to be approved by the Legislative Council and the Governor's Regulatory Review Council, instead of the Governor and the Attorney General.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1068 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTIONS MANUAL; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; GRRC	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
ELECTIONS MANUAL; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; GRRC	2/2	from Senate gov do pass.
ELECTIONS MANUAL; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; GRRC	2/1	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
ELECTIONS MANUAL; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; GRRC	1/11	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1083: ELECTIONS; RECOUNT MARGIN**

Modifies the criteria that triggers an automatic election recount to require a recount when the margin between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office, or between the number of votes cast for and against a measure or proposition, is less than or equal to 0.5 percent of the number of votes cast for both candidates or on the measure or proposition. Previously, the difference in votes that triggered an automatic recount was the lesser of 0.1 percent or either a specified number of votes based on the office to be filled or 200 votes for a measure or proposition.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1083 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTIONS; RECOUNT MARGIN	2/2	from Senate rules okay.
ELECTIONS; RECOUNT MARGIN	1/25	from Senate gov do pass.
ELECTIONS; RECOUNT MARGIN	1/20	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1105: BALLOT MEASURES; 200-WORD DESCRIPTION**

The description of an initiative or referendum measure that is printed on the petition circulated to the voters may be up to 200 words, increased from 100 words.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

S1105 Daily History	Date	Action
BALLOT MEASURES; 200-WORD DESCRIPTION	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
BALLOT MEASURES; 200-WORD DESCRIPTION	2/2	from Senate gov do pass.
BALLOT MEASURES; 200-WORD DESCRIPTION	2/1	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
BALLOT MEASURES; 200-WORD DESCRIPTION	1/20	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1240: HAND COUNTS; PRECINCTS; PROCEDURES MANUAL**

For a county that uses voting centers, the ballots from each voting center are required to be separated by precinct before the random selection of precincts for a hand count occurs, and every ballot from a precinct must be grouped with the other ballots from that precinct. A voting center cannot be deemed a precinct for purposes of randomly selecting precincts for a hand count from a pool of precincts. States that if a provision in the elections instructions and procedures manual conflicts with state statute, the state statute prevails.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1240 Daily History	Date	Action
HAND COUNTS; PRECINCTS; PROCEDURES MANUAL	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
HAND COUNTS; PRECINCTS; PROCEDURES MANUAL	2/2	from Senate gov do pass.
HAND COUNTS; PRECINCTS; PROCEDURES MANUAL	2/1	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
HAND COUNTS; PRECINCTS; PROCEDURES MANUAL	1/21	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1241: VOTING EQUIPMENT; BALLOTS; RECEIPT**

Electronic voting systems are required to provide a paper receipt to the voter at the time the voter's ballot is received for tabulation. The paper receipt is required to state whether the voter's ballot was tabulated or rejected and, if rejected, the reason for the rejection. Does not apply to a voter who votes with an early or provisional ballot.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1241 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTING EQUIPMENT; BALLOTS; RECEIPT	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
VOTING EQUIPMENT; BALLOTS; RECEIPT	2/9	from Senate gov do pass.
VOTING EQUIPMENT; BALLOTS; RECEIPT	1/21	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1242: ELECTION EQUIPMENT; SECURITY; LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

Beginning in 2021 and every two years thereafter, the committee appointed by the Secretary of State to investigate and test the various types of vote recording or tabulating machines or devices is required to provide for a detailed review of election equipment security for counties with a population of more than 500,000 persons that focuses on the actual equipment, software and other systems used in the most recent general election. An additional person who is an expert in election equipment security must assist with the review. On completion, the review must be presented to the standing committees of the Legislature with jurisdiction over election issues at a public meeting that is held by August 1 following the general election.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1242 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTION EQUIPMENT; SECURITY; LEGISLATIVE REVIEW	1/21	referred to Senate gov.

## **S1485: ELECTIONS; VOTING CENTER TABULATION**

Voting centers are required to be equipped to tabulate the ballots that are cast at that voting center.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1485 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTIONS; VOTING CENTER TABULATION	1/28	referred to Senate gov.

## S1492: ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS

Various changes relating to election law. A petition for a new political party to be represented by an official party ballot is required to contain the signatures of qualified electors in at least 1/4 of the election precincts of the county or municipality. The county recorder or the city or town clerk is required to review the petitions, select a random sample of 20 percent of the total signatures, individually verify and certify those signatures, and calculate and project the total number of valid signatures to determine whether the party will be recognized. The requirement for candidates to file a statement of interest with the appropriate filing officer no later than the date of the first petition signature on a nomination petition does not apply to candidates for elected office for school districts, community college districts or career technical education districts. A candidate's name printed on the ballot is prohibited from including a slogan, promotional word or phrase, or any word that does not actually constitute a nickname. The maximum number of days before an election that a county board of supervisors is permitted to cancel the election if only one person files a nominating petition to fill certain offices is increased to 105 days, from 75 days. If there is not a sufficient number of persons available to appoint precinct workers who are qualified voters of that precinct, the inspector, marshal, judges and clerks must be qualified voters of Arizona. The required test of election equipment is no longer required to be observed by at least two election inspectors, and is instead required to be observed by at least one representative of the two largest political parties based on statewide voter registration totals. County boards of supervisors are required to deliver the canvass to the Secretary of State within 14 days after the primary election, increased from 10 days, and the Secretary of State is required to canvass the return by the third Monday following the primary election, instead of the second Monday following. More. Emergency clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Shope (R - Dist 8)

S1492 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS	2/9	from Senate gov with amend <a href="#">#4142</a>
ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS	2/8	Senate gov amended; report awaited.
ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS	2/1	referred to Senate gov.

## S1497: BALLOT MEASURES; PROPOSITION 105; DISCLOSURE

For ballot propositions that make statutory changes, a statement that the measure "cannot be changed in the future if approved on the ballot except by a 3/4 vote of the members of each house of the Legislature and if the change furthers the purpose of the original ballot measure, or by referring the change to the ballot" must be printed on the ballot and included in the publicity pamphlet printed by the Secretary of State. Severability clause.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

S1497 Daily History	Date	Action
BALLOT MEASURES; PROPOSITION 105; DISCLOSURE	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
BALLOT MEASURES; PROPOSITION 105; DISCLOSURE	2/9	from Senate gov do pass.
BALLOT MEASURES; PROPOSITION 105; DISCLOSURE	2/8	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
BALLOT MEASURES; PROPOSITION 105; DISCLOSURE	2/1	referred to Senate gov.

## S1499: TECH CORRECTION; RECALL ELECTION RESULTS

Minor change in Title 19 (Initiative, Referendum and Recall) related to recall election results. Apparent striker bus.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1499 Daily History	Date	Action
TECH CORRECTION; RECALL ELECTION RESULTS 2/1 referred to Senate rules only.		

### **S1503: EARLY BALLOTS; MAIL RETURN PROHIBITED**

A voter who receives an early ballot by mail may return the voter's voted early ballot only by delivering it by hand to a designated voting location. Early ballots that are received by mail are invalid and cannot be processed.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1503 Daily History	Date	Action
EARLY BALLOTS; MAIL RETURN PROHIBITED 2/1 referred to Senate gov.		

### **S1531: PETITION SIGNATURES; DESCRIPTION; INVALIDITY**

A circulator of an initiative or referendum petition is required to either read the initiative or referendum description aloud to each person signing before that person signs or to allow the person sufficient time to read the description before the person signs. The circulator must inform the person that reading the description is required so that the person can understand the petition. Each person signing must affirm that the person has heard and understood or read and understood the description before signing the petition. For any person who signs without either hearing or reading the description, the circulator is required to draw a line through the person's signature and the signature is void and cannot be counted.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)  
Others: Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

S1531 Daily History	Date	Action
PETITION SIGNATURES; DESCRIPTION; INVALIDITY	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
PETITION SIGNATURES; DESCRIPTION; INVALIDITY	2/9	from Senate gov do pass.
PETITION SIGNATURES; DESCRIPTION; INVALIDITY	2/8	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
PETITION SIGNATURES; DESCRIPTION; INVALIDITY	2/1	referred to Senate gov.

### **S1593: EARLY VOTING; TIME LIMITS; ENVELOPE**

Early ballot distribution cannot begin more than 22 days, decreased from 27 days, before the election, and early ballots must be mailed no later than the 19th day, instead of the 24th day, before the election. The officer charged by law with the duty of preparing ballots is required to provide a second internal envelope that bears the ballot affidavit and that is designed to contain the voted ballot and be placed inside the ballot return envelope. If a voter mails the voted ballot and affidavit to the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections, the ballot is valid only if it is postmarked on or before the Thursday before election day and received no later than 7PM on election day.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1593 Daily History	Date	Action
EARLY VOTING; TIME LIMITS; ENVELOPE 2/15 withdrawn from Senate gov and further referred to Senate appro.		
EARLY VOTING; TIME LIMITS; ENVELOPE 2/1 referred to Senate gov.		

### **S1594: BALLOTS; DELIVERY RECEIPTS; CUSTODY**

Every person delivering the official returns and the voted ballots and every person receiving the official returns and the voted ballots is required to sign the person's name on a receipt and tracking document to substantiate the chain of custody of the returns and ballots. The tracking document with the official returns and the voted ballots must be delivered to and retained at the central counting center.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1594 Daily History	Date	Action
BALLOTS; DELIVERY RECEIPTS; CUSTODY 2/1 referred to Senate gov.		

## **S1595: ELECTIONS; BALLOT ADJUDICATION; OBSERVERS**

If any ballot is damaged or defective so that it cannot be counted by the automatic tabulating equipment, a true duplicate copy of the damaged or defective ballot must be made by hand in the presence of statutorily authorized observers. Observers must be allowed to view and be physically present at the duplication and adjudication of ballots within a distance that allows actual observation of the markings and the determinations of the vote adjudication board. The use of electronic vote adjudication features on automatic tabulating equipment is no longer authorized.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1595 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTIONS; BALLOT ADJUDICATION; OBSERVERS 2/1 referred to Senate gov.		

## **S1596: WRITE-IN CANDIDATES; SIGNATURES; FILING DEADLINE**

The deadline for filing a nomination paper to be a write-in candidate is moved to 5PM on the 120th day before the election, from 5PM on the 40th day before the election.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1596 Daily History	Date	Action
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES; SIGNATURES; FILING DEADLINE 2/1 referred to Senate gov.		

## **S1597: EARLY VOTING; COUNTY RECORDER AUTHORITY**

The county recorder is the county official that has jurisdiction and authority over early voting in the county unless the county recorder declines to retain that jurisdiction and authority. If the county recorder declines, the county officer in charge of elections has jurisdiction and authority over early voting in the county.

First sponsor: Sen. Gowan (R - Dist 14)

S1597 Daily History	Date	Action
EARLY VOTING; COUNTY RECORDER AUTHORITY 2/1 referred to Senate gov.		

## **S1613: ELECTION DATA; RESULTS; ELECTION EQUIPMENT**

All election data and results are required to remain in this country and cannot be transferred, transmitted or stored in any other country. All election equipment, including computers, paper and other supplies, is required to be made in America.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1613 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTION DATA; RESULTS; ELECTION EQUIPMENT 2/16 from Senate gov do pass.		

ELECTION DATA; RESULTS; ELECTION EQUIPMENT 2/15 Senate gov do pass; report awaited.  
ELECTION DATA; RESULTS; ELECTION EQUIPMENT 2/1 referred to Senate gov.

### **S1614: ELECTIONS; ADJUDICATED BALLOTS; CATEGORIES**

For any ballots that are required to be duplicated and adjudicated, whether electronically or manually, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to separate the ballots by type of defect or damage and type of ballot, maintain that separation and post on the county's website the number, type and category of defective or damaged ballots processed by the county.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1614 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTIONS; ADJUDICATED BALLOTS; CATEGORIES 2/1		referred to Senate gov.

### **S1615: ELECTIONS; HAND COUNT; LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR**

For the regular primary and regular general election, at any time after completion of the unofficial returns and before the county canvass, the Legislature is authorized to require that a complete hand count be conducted by an independent auditor selected by the Legislature. The Legislature is authorized to require the hand count for up to three contested races. The county board of supervisors and the county recorder must cooperate with and provide access to the Legislature to ballots and related materials and to county facilities for the use of the auditor.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1615 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTIONS; HAND COUNT; LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR 2/1		referred to Senate gov.

### **S1616: ELECTION EQUIPMENT; SECURITY; RESULTS; TABULATION**

Any voting equipment that is used in a polling place or voting center and any tabulation equipment that is used in a central counting center or other tabulation center is prohibited from having internet access or any accessible port, and is required to prohibit access by any means to any data or results, except by authorized election personnel. The delivery, use and return of the equipment is required to be logged on a chain of custody document so that the name and signature of every person who delivers, receives, uses and returns that equipment is recorded and retained as an official election record.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1616 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTION EQUIPMENT; SECURITY; RESULTS; TABULATION 2/1		referred to Senate gov.

### **S1638: VOTING EQUIPMENT; REQUIREMENTS; RECORDS; ORIGIN**

Vote recording and vote tabulating machines and devices are required to be manufactured in the United States, and to maintain an internal record of every insert and removal of a mass storage device, every update to software, and every key stroke or screen touch made. Vote recording machines and devices are required to provide a printed record of the voter's choices. Vote tabulating devices are required to maintain an internal record of the ballots inserted or scanned and the number tabulated, including any ballots that are rescanned, based on an identifying mark on each ballot. By the August 2022 primary election, the Secretary of State is required to revoke the certification for vote recording and vote tabulating machines and devices used for elections for federal, state or county offices unless the machines and devices comply with this legislation.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1638 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTING EQUIPMENT; REQUIREMENTS; RECORDS; ORIGIN 2/3 referred to Senate gov.		

#### **S1654: OBSERVERS; HAND COUNTS; RECOUNTS; MARGINS**

Modifies the margin between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office or for and against a ballot measure that triggers an automatic recount. A recount is required when the margin is less than or equal to 0.5 percent of the number of votes cast for both candidates or on the measure, or 0.75 percent of the number of votes cast for both candidates or on the measure if requested by one of the candidates or an authorized representative of a political committee that supports or opposes the measure within two days after the release of unofficial results, or if a second hand count is conducted and the margin is 0.25 percent or less, with some exceptions. If the recount is requested by a candidate or a representative of a political committee when the margin is more than 0.5 percent and less than or equal to 0.75 percent of the number of votes cast, the expenses of a recount must be charged to the candidate or political committee that requested the recount unless the candidate or requesting political committee prevails in the recount. The proceedings at an elections counting center are prohibited from being conducted without equal numbers of designated observers from each political party that is represented on the ballot at that election, unless the county chair of the political party and each of that party's candidates submit a notarized statement that waives that party's and candidate's presence. Hand counts are no longer exempt from the live video requirements established for proceedings at the counting center.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

S1654 Daily History	Date	Action
OBSERVERS; HAND COUNTS; RECOUNTS; MARGINS 2/3 referred to Senate gov.		

#### **S1814: ELECTIONS; AUDITOR GENERAL; VOTER REGISTRATION**

Beginning on April 15 each year, the Auditor General is required to audit the processes, equipment and systems used to maintain county voter registration databases and the statewide voter registration database. The Auditor General is required to conduct the audit on the two counties with the largest voter registration databases and is authorized to audit an additional county. By September 30, the Auditor General is required to submit a report on its findings to the Legislature.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1814 Daily History	Date	Action
ELECTIONS; AUDITOR GENERAL; VOTER REGISTRATION 2/3 referred to Senate gov.		

#### **S1815: WRITE-IN CANDIDATES; RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; PETITIONS**

For legislative offices, the filing officer is prohibited from accepting the nomination petition of a candidate if the candidate's residence as shown on the nomination petition is not located in the legislative district for which the candidate seeks election. A write-in candidate for any elective office is required to be a resident of the electoral district for the office the candidate seeks for at least 120 days before the date of the election.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1815 Daily History	Date	Action
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES; RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; PETITIONS 2/3 referred to Senate gov.		

#### **S1817: VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS; IRREGULARITY; REPORT**



On any complaint of an error or irregularity in county or state voter registration records, the county recorder and Secretary of State are required to investigate the complaint and correct any error within two weeks after receipt of the complaint. The county recorder and the Secretary of State are required to report quarterly to the Legislature on the results of their investigations.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1817 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTER REGISTRATION ROLLS; IRREGULARITY; REPORT 2/3		referred to Senate gov.

### **S1818: CANDIDATE'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS; NONDISCLOSURE**

At the request of a candidate, the filing officer is prohibited from publicly disclosing the candidate's residence address, and the candidate's residence address is not a public record.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)

S1818 Daily History	Date	Action
CANDIDATE'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS; NONDISCLOSURE 2/3		referred to Senate gov.

### **SCR1001: STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION**

The Legislature declares that the Declaration of Emergency issued by the Governor on March 11, 2020 due to the COVID-19 outbreak is terminated. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor.

First sponsor: Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R - Dist 23)

SCR1001 Daily History	Date	Action
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION	2/10	from Senate appro do pass.
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION	2/9	Senate appro do pass; report awaited.
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION	1/26	from Senate gov do pass.
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION	1/25	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TERMINATION	1/11	referred to Senate gov, appro.

### **SCR1010: LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION; EMERGENCIES**

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require the Governor, when declaring a state of emergency, to call a special session of the Legislature to address matters relating to the state of emergency. The call to special session must be issued at the same time the Governor declares the state of emergency, and the special session must be held for the duration of the state of emergency.

First sponsor: Sen. Townsend (R - Dist 16)  
Others: Sen. Borrelli (R - Dist 5), Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

SCR1010 Daily History	Date	Action
LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION; EMERGENCIES	2/2	from Senate rules okay.
LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION; EMERGENCIES	1/26	from Senate gov do pass.
LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION; EMERGENCIES	1/25	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION; EMERGENCIES	1/14	referred to Senate gov.

### **SCR1019: CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to consolidate and reorganize provisions relating to exemptions from property taxation. Sections of the state Constitution relating to property tax exemptions are repealed and replaced. Impossible to determine new provisions without a line by line comparison.

First sponsor: Sen. Mesnard (R - Dist 17)

SCR1019 Daily History	Date	Action
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS	2/9	from Senate rules okay.
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS	2/4	from Senate fin do pass.
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS	2/3	Senate fin do pass; report awaited.
CONSTITUTIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS	1/21	referred to Senate fin.

### SCR1028: INITIATIVES; TAX INCREASES; REAUTHORIZATION

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to make statewide initiative measures that increase taxes and that are approved by a vote of the people valid for five years. After five years, a reauthorization measure must be referred to a vote of the people to reauthorize the measure for another five years. Applies retroactively to all ballot measures from previous statewide initiative and referendum measures approved on or after November 3, 2020. All statewide initiative and referendum measures affected retroactively must be referred to a vote for reauthorization at the general election held in 2024.

First sponsor: Sen. Petersen (R - Dist 12)

SCR1028 Daily History	Date	Action
INITIATIVES; TAX INCREASES; REAUTHORIZATION	1/28	referred to Senate fin.

### SCR1034: VOTER PROTECTION ACT; COURT DETERMINATIONS

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to exempt a measure that is found to contain illegal or unconstitutional language by the Arizona Supreme Court or the U.S. Supreme Court from the requirements of the Voter Protection Act, where any amendments to voter passed initiative or referendum measures require the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage and must further the purpose of the original measure.

First sponsor: Sen. Leach (R - Dist 11)

SCR1034 Daily History	Date	Action
VOTER PROTECTION ACT; COURT DETERMINATIONS	2/16	from Senate rules okay.
VOTER PROTECTION ACT; COURT DETERMINATIONS	2/9	from Senate gov do pass.
VOTER PROTECTION ACT; COURT DETERMINATIONS	2/8	Senate gov do pass; report awaited.
VOTER PROTECTION ACT; COURT DETERMINATIONS	2/1	referred to Senate gov.

### SCR1035: SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS; SURCHARGE

The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to increase the surcharge on every fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses and on specified civil penalties to eight percent, from seven percent, and to deposit the additional one percent in the newly established State Supplemental Benefit Fund. Monies in the Fund must be used to provide supplemental death benefits to the surviving spouse or dependents of an "eligible person" (defined as specified law enforcement and first responders) who is "killed in the line of duty" (defined). The supplemental death benefit amount is the difference of \$1 million and the sum of amounts received from any onetime death benefit paid by any governmental entity. The total amount of supplemental death benefits that can be paid for a single incident where multiple eligible persons are killed in the line of duty is capped

at \$10 million.

First sponsor: Sen. Rogers (R - Dist 6)

SCR1035 Daily History	Date	Action
SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS; SURCHARGE 2/1 referred to Senate fin.		



## Arizona Fire Marshals Association

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February 2, 2021

Arizona State Senate  
Capitol Complex  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2890

**RE: SB 1334 fireworks; aerial devices: AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 36-1601 AND 36-1605, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO FIREWORKS.**

Honorable Senate Members:

As President of the Arizona Fire Marshals Association, I am writing to urge you to oppose SB 1334 which would expand the types of permissible consumer fireworks, to include multiple tube aerial devices. As written, this bill would increase the potential for injury to the public with the addition of aerial type devices. National organizations such as the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the National Safety Council (NSC) oppose the use of fireworks at any level, by the general public due to injuries. This bill, as written, would add a type of firework, specifically an aerial type that not only increases the risk of injury but the risk of fire to our precious wild lands, structures, and property as well.

Since 1982, the Arizona Fire Marshals Association has been committed to the protection of life and property through education, fire code development and administration for the approximately 200 fire districts and fire departments in the state, as well as the communities they serve. Our membership is represented by fire code professionals from all 15 Arizona counties.

Despite great efforts by fire and life safety code development and education professionals nationally, there has not been a reduction in the number of fireworks injuries over the past several years. According to the 2018 Fireworks Annual Report, published in June 2019 by Yongline Tu and Jason Ng for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the number of people injured by fireworks was estimated at 9,100. Sixty-two percent of these injuries occurred between June 22 and July 22 of 2018. An estimated 19,500 fires were started by fireworks in 2018, resulting in \$105 million in direct property damage and five civilian deaths that occurred in the 1,755 structure fires. These structure fires accounted for 45% of the property damage loss.

In 2020, the restrictions for public assembly caused by the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of many special events, including professional fireworks shows. I am witness to the fact that many individuals chose to have their own private fireworks celebrations, which included aerial fireworks not currently legal but may be allowed should this Bill pass. According to media reports and police records, it would appear that many state residents have found themselves next door to such events, maybe even cleaning aerial fireworks off of their roofs and out of their own backyard pools every weekend. A January 5, 2021 interview with Phoenix Councilmember Debra Stark revealed an increase in illegal, including aerial, fireworks use that has resulted in a petition to ban consumer fireworks all together ([www.change.org](http://www.change.org)).

Law enforcement officers know that aerial fireworks are illegal, and if they are fortunate to arrive at a location where they are being used, they have greater ability to proceed with enforcement action. However, the proposed bill would limit what little enforcement ability these resource strapped agencies have. Legalizing any aerial fireworks would make it extremely difficult for officers to determine legality. It may even change dispatch protocols as dispatchers ask if the fireworks are aerial or not when a complaint call is made to determine if sending an officer is a priority.

The passing of SB1334 will undoubtedly result in an increase in fireworks related, burns, injuries, fires and death. It will further limit the ability for law enforcement to stop the use of illegal fireworks. It will reduce the safety of neighborhoods, both rural and urban and increase the threat to our wild land areas. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request to oppose SB 1334. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Rice*

Barbara Rice  
President AZFMA  
[president@azfma.net](mailto:president@azfma.net)



Rex Scott, District 1

February 4, 2021

Fire Chief Karrer  
Golder Ranch District  
3885 East Golder Ranch Road  
Tucson, AZ 85739

Dear Fire Chief Karrer,

As the newly elected Pima County District One Supervisor, I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself to you. It is an honor to serve all of Pima County and District One – neighbors, schools, and businesses alike. As part of the five-member Board of Supervisors, I will work alongside my colleagues to ensure safe communities, foster economic development, sustainably manage natural resources, and protect public health and safety.

The partnerships I hope to build and sustain with local leaders, such as yourself, that represent our community will be vital to addressing the ever-growing challenges of our region. As the District One Supervisor, I look forward to collaborating with you and your constituents so that together, we can nurture and grow the vitality of our communities within Pima County as a vibrant place to live and work. I promise to listen to the needs of both the residents of Pima County and our county, city and regional leaders.

My team has experience in the private, public and nonprofit sectors of our community. They are professional and knowledgeable. I encourage you to reach out to me, and my staff to discuss areas of interest and ideas to strengthen our current business community and all of greater Pima County.

Please refer to our website [www.District1.Pima.gov](http://www.District1.Pima.gov) for links to important and continually updated information and links on Covid-19 testing and vaccination, Pima County resources, news, etc. to keep up with what we are doing to help you! You can also call our office at (520) 724-2738 to set up a meeting with the District One team. We are here to serve you and look forward to collaborating with you throughout our tenure. We look forward to a fruitful and collaborative relationship.

Sincerely,

**Rex Scott**

Pima County Supervisor

**Kim Challenger**  
Executive Aide

**Kate Hiller**  
Executive Aide

**Cami Evans**  
Special Staff Assistant

# Fire Departments Need— Men and Women of Character

Source unknown

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**This Fire Department needs** men and women. .  
who cannot be bought;  
whose word is their bond;  
who put character above wealth;  
who possess opinions and a strong will;  
who are larger than their vocations;  
who do not hesitate to take risks;  
who will not lose their individuality in a crowd;  
who will be as honest in small affairs as in greater;  
who will make no compromise with wrong;  
whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish  
desires;  
who will not say they do it "because everybody else  
does it;"  
who are true to their friends through good and bad,  
    in adversity as well as in prosperity;  
who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning,  
    and hardheadedness are the best qualities  
    for winning success;  
who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth  
    when it is unpopular;  
who can say "no" with emphasis, although all the rest  
    of the world says "yes."

All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten

All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at school.

-Changed a little bit by Randy-

- Share everything
- Play fair
- Help your neighbor
- Don't hit or say hurtful things about people
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. HAVE FUN! Throw some fish!
- When you go out in the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.
- Be a team

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule, love and basic sanitation. Ecology, politics, equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had cookies and milk at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.



## Hernandez, Maggie

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**From:** Hurguy, Joshua  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 5:11 PM  
**To:** All Golder Employees  
**Subject:** Thank you all

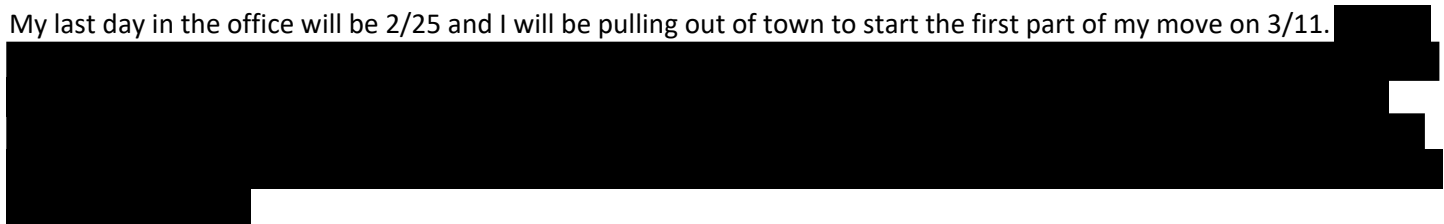
Good evening everyone,

As some may have heard, I recently pursued an opportunity with a fire department in Washington state. After the completion of the assessment center, I was offered and have accepted the position of Deputy Fire Chief of Emergency Services with South Kitsap Fire and Rescue in Port Orchard. Professionally, this is a promotion (Deputy Chief in their system is the same as an Assistant Chief in ours), an opportunity to work in a new type of organization (SKFR is a combination department), and will be a new challenge to take on in my continued development. Personally, this is an area of the country my wife and I have always wanted to live in, and the timing is ideal for our family to make this change.

Golder Ranch was my first fire service job and I am proud to have been part of our growth and development over the last 20 years. My academy class was hired to open our fourth station and increase our operations staff to a total of 55. Today, the station I and my academy classmates were hired to staff has been remodeled, we have 10 stations, and when the academy graduates in June, our total operations staffing will be 218 with a shift strength of 71. Additionally, we have made training, equipment, technological, employee support, and service level advances that I could not have foreseen when I started, and I am proud to have been here to witness it all happen.

I care very much for Golder Ranch, the professionals who dedicate their careers to this organization and the public and am honored to have been a member of this team. The future is bright for Golder and I know all of you are going to take an active and important role in shaping this organization over the next 20 years.

My last day in the office will be 2/25 and I will be pulling out of town to start the first part of my move on 3/11.



Thank you all,

Joshua Hurguy, Division Chief – Fire and Emergency Services  
Golder Ranch Fire District  
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive  
Tucson, Arizona 85739  
(520) 825-5920 Office  
(520) 954-7930 Cell

See you  
regards!

Dear Jackal  
First Response,

It's easy  
to be grateful  
when there are  
wonderful people  
like you  
in the world.

Thank you for  
your recent visits to  
our home

1/27/21

Randy Karrer, Fire Chief  
Golder Ranch Fire Chief

Re: Rescue on January 14, Honey Bee Canyon

I wish to thank the kind efficient crew [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I love the outdoor and  
had enjoyed a picnic with Caroline Robertson. We then decided to hike the east  
loop over to the area where the honeycomb wall was located. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank goodness my opinion on the Parking Lot was overruled!

I will forever be grateful.

Sincerely,  
Birthdate, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Dear Halder Ranch Personnel,

I want to thank the team  
who came to my home in  
Sun City on the evening of Jan 14.  
They were so helpful and caring -  
as always.

I'm enclosing a check to you  
as you see fit.

Many thanks,  
Jule Hill

February 18, 20121

Fire Chief Karrer,

Just a quick note to say what an excellent job the crews from Station 380 did on the evening of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Your crews arrived quickly, assessment was done, and the decision was made to transport [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We would like to give a special thanks to PM Zach Lominac and EMT Stefani Valenzuela. PM Lominac was very calm and reassuring, he has the perfect personality for a paramedic. EMT Valenzuela is great addition to the crew, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The entire crew was excellent and please have this reflected on their next evaluations.

If my name rings a bell it is because of the Thank You letter written on 12/02/2020 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Hopefully my phone can be taken off of 911 speed dial for a while. It is very comforting knowing that GRFD is there as our responding Fire Department.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Battalion Chief Tucson Fire Department – Retired

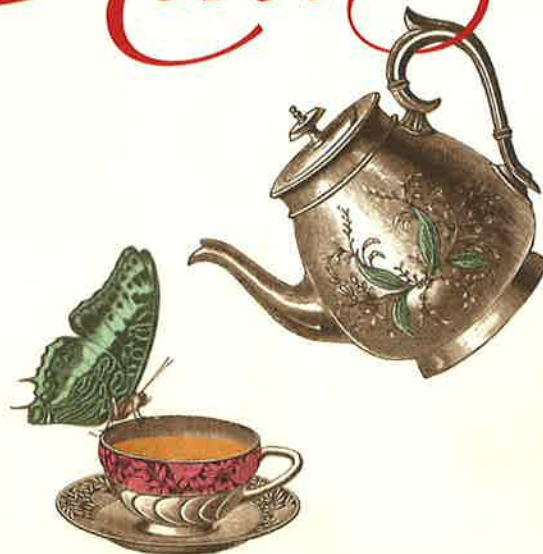
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THANK  
YOU


*You are so*

*Kind*



TO THE SPECIAL CREW AT  
STATION 373: THANK YOU.



I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR  
EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND KIND  
CARING. WE IN SADDLE BROOKE  
ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU  
'DOWN THE STREET.' EACH TIME I  
HEAR THE SIREN, I SAY A PRAYER,  
AND THAT NIGHT I SURE WAS PRAYING.  
THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE, 



## Hernandez, Maggie

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**From:** Ortiz, Shannon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021 10:42 AM  
**To:** Karrer, Randy; Robb, Scott; Muscarella, Lee  
**Cc:** Painter, Brooke; Van Deren, Shane; Lowe, Jason; Kintner, Peter; Powell, Cade; Rinder, Brian; Graham, Chad  
**Subject:** Thank you call

Hello,

A patient by the name of [REDACTED] called and wanted to thank the crew who assisted him [REDACTED]. He couldn't say how grateful he was for how attentive the crew was to his condition. He said they were so caring, thoughtful and thorough. He wanted the Chief to know how great the crew was and he wanted to specifically thank Brian.

The crew that responded was:

ENG 374  
Captain Peter Kintner  
Engineer Shane Van Deren  
Fire Medic Jason Lowe  
Firefighter Cade Powell

PM 377  
Fire Medic Brian Rinder  
Firefighter Chad Graham

Great job!

### Shannon Ortiz

Records Specialist  
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**GOLDER RANCH  
FIRE DISTRICT**

*"Serving with strong hands and caring hearts"*

## Hernandez, Maggie

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**From:** Karrer, Randy  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021 8:12 AM  
**To:** Leslie, Michael  
**Cc:** Muscarella, Lee; Robb, Scott; Hurguy, Joshua; Brandhuber, Thomas; Abel, Patrick; Braswell, Anne-Marie; Painter, Brooke  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Praise

Captain Leslie,

Thank you for sharing this incredible message of generosity. I applaud both Hannah and you for your generosity, compassion and awareness. What a wonderful example of service you have set for your children, showing them the value of helping others and most importantly the impact you can have on someone's life.

I'm sharing this with the chain of command and instructing Battalion Chief Muscarella to ensure that you receive a "green sheet" and requesting those you nominated also receive a green sheet. Further this could be also consider in the Awards selection process and I encourage you to submit it.

Once again, thank you for sharing this and for your kindness and compassion to your neighbor. I agree with you and I couldn't be prouder of the great GRFD team!

Respectfully,

Randy Karrer, Fire Chief  
Golder Ranch Fire District  
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive  
Tucson, Arizona 85739

[www.grfdaz.gov](http://www.grfdaz.gov)

*"Proudly serving the communities of Oro Valley, Marana, Catalina and Saddlebrooke"*  
***Community first!***

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**From:** Leslie, Michael <mleslie@grfdaz.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 14, 2021 7:49 PM  
**To:** Karrer, Randy <rkarrer@grfdaz.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter of Praise

Chief Karrer,

I am writing you this letter in regards to the 370-A crew and how they went above and beyond with their duties to help in the Tucson community.

When the COIVD-19 pandemic first struck my wife was working from home and quarantined to the house. She began taking our 2-year-old twins out for daily walks in our neighborhood. My wife soon became friends with a woman by the name of [REDACTED], who also was taking her 3 yr son [REDACTED] for walks. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

She conveyed to my wife Hannah that she wanted her husband [REDACTED] and son [REDACTED] to have a stable home. [REDACTED] and her husband began to remodel the inside of their house. One portion of the remodel that they had planned on performing was to have the step down in their living room filled with concrete, so the entire house was on the same elevation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had arranged for Hannah and myself to watch over their home while they were gone to Houston for two weeks.

My wife and I knew we wanted to help, there was a small window of opportunity to help [REDACTED] with their remodel. I called each member of my crew asking for their help with filling and finishing the concrete portion of their remodel. With this completed the new flooring could be installed when they returned from Houston, thus completing [REDACTED] vision of having a home for [REDACTED]. Each person that I spoke too; Engineer Karl Rhein, PM Colin Port, FM Ryan Hoffman, FF Albert Ortiz, FF Justin Morgan, and FF Armando Fernandez gladly and effortlessly said yes.

We drilled and laid down rebar as support for the concrete, in addition to cutting the drywall along the interior walls to provide the necessary supports for the concrete once it was in place. We ordered up the concrete, the concrete truck showed up and we began filling in their step-down living room with wheel-barrels filled with concrete.

I want you to know that each of individuals truly displayed what it is to be a Golder Ranch Fire District firefighter. They clearly displayed the GRFD motto of "Serving with strong hands and caring hearts". They provided hours of manual labor selflessly, in addition to being caring and sympathetic to [REDACTED] and her family's needs. Yes, we get the opportunity to help the residents of the Golder Ranch Fire District on a daily basis when we are called upon. However, in this particular event there was no obligation or commitment that was required of them and yet they acted and performed as if they were on-duty. As the Fire Chief of this great organization, I want to thank you for hiring such great individuals that will allow GRFD to prosper and flourish in the future.

Sincerely,  
Michael A. Leslie

Michael Leslie  
Captain  
Golder Ranch Fire District  
Station 370 A-shift



[mleslie@grfdaz.gov](mailto:mleslie@grfdaz.gov)



# Immaculate Heart School

*From the Heart of the Mother to the Heart of the Son*

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February 11, 2021

Golder Ranch Fire District  
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive  
Tucson, AZ. 85739

To Whom It May Concern:

Last week our school celebrated Catholic Schools Week. We focused on a theme each day and one day included acknowledging our community members. The Golder Ranch Fire District has always been a positive presence in our school community. You have always been quick to respond and we are so grateful!

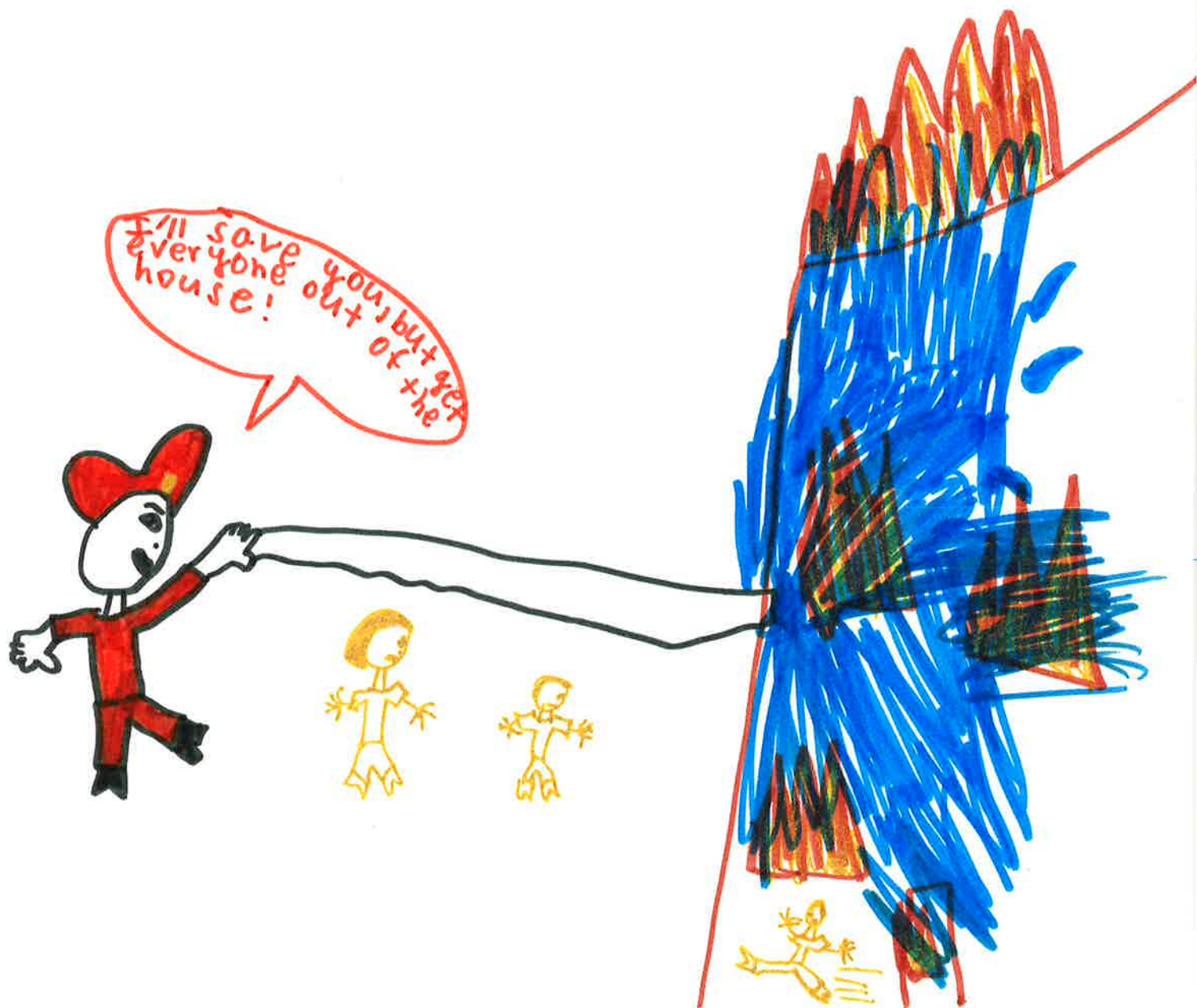
Since we were in remote learning last week, it was a little challenging to collect student work. What you have enclosed is a small sign of our gratitude. We are grateful for your hard work and the many ways you keep our community safe. The Golder Ranch Fire District is in our daily prayers. Thank you for your service!

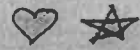
In Mary's Immaculate Heart,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Veronica Y. Loya, IHM".

Sister Veronica Y. Loya, IHM  
Principal

Dear fire fighters I just want to tell all of you  
know that I am just deeply thankful that you  
are always willing to risk your life for others, and  
I know that you always work extremely hard to  
make sure that others are safe. So thank you all  
so much for what you do I'll always be very  
grateful for you guys more than you'll ever know.  
Love Lilly your supporter.





2-1-21

Dear Fire Fighters,

I would like to thank you for  
protecting us and helping us.

I will keep your safety in my  
prayers

we need fire fighters because  
if we don't there just going to be fire.  
fire fighters thank you for our  
service!

Love, Elizabeth



Dear Firefighters, 2-1-21

I would like to thank you for  
Putting out fires and keeping  
us safe.

I will keep your safety in  
my prayers.

Love, Luisa



Annemarie Lynn Coury  
1920 W Lemonwood Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85755

February 1, 2021

Golder Ranch Fire District  
3885 East Golder Ranch Drive  
Tucson, AZ 85739

Dear Firemen,

I am attending Immaculate Heart School. I wanted to thank you for protecting the school from the wildfires. I am greatly appreciative of the way you risked your lives to help us. We are safe thanks to you. I also want to thank you because you have visited our school in the past and given lectures to the younger grades. You taught them a lot about fire safety and inspired them.

Sincerely,

  
Annemarie Lynn Coury



# BOARD SERVICES' REPORT

Board Services Manager – Brooke Painter

*February 2021*

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## Meetings, Trainings & Events Attended for the Month

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Manager Painter attended the weekly direct reports staff meetings with Chief Karrer and his direct reports, as well as, the Fire Chief's status meeting with all of the managers.

Manager Painter, Administrative (Admin) Assistant Hernandez, Administrative (Admin) Specialist Ramos and Records Specialist (RS) Ortiz attended the weekly Board Services meetings. Admin Specialist Ramos attended meetings with vendors and chiefs regarding District projects.

Manager Painter attended multiple meetings (through teleconference) for the Arizona Municipal Clerks Association including: the communications committee, education committee, annual conference sub-committee, Athenian dialogue sub-committee, and best practices sub-committee.

Manager Painter attended two of the three sessions offered by Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS).

The furniture for the north administration building remodel was delivered and installed. The lobby was updated with new furniture, décor, and an open conference room. The purpose of the conference room is to be a place for staff to meet with vendors or where residents can request records, obtain notaries, have ambulance billing questions answered, etc. The building has officially reopened for regular business again.

RS Ortiz responded to 12 records requests for the month of February.

The breakdown is as follows:

Environmental Reports	1
Outstanding Code Violations/Inspection Report	-
Fire Reports	1
Incident Reports	-
Medical Records	10
Billing Records	-
Other	-

- RS Ortiz met with Deputy Chief Scott Robb regarding the new role he will play with the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) after the departure of Deputy Chief Hurguy. RS Ortiz continues to submit the monthly figures in to NFIRS.
- RS Ortiz continued to assist in posting and distribute regular memos/administrative directives for chiefs, conduct document searches, order office supplies for administrative staff, and send out copies of thank you notes/cards to the recipients and their supervisors.
- Upon reviewing old documents to store in the new fireproof file cabinets, RS Ortiz found Resolution 90-004, which was not previously on file.
- RS Ortiz continued to review boxes of old documents, create folders and file them in the new file cabinets, if they were permanent records. Many historical documents have been found for Oracle Junction Fire District and Catalina Fire District. Even though these two districts have ceased to exist, it is mandatory to keep certain records for these districts and it is part of an obligation to the public to preserve their history.
- Along with the lobby remodel, the restrooms in the lobby have begun to be updated as well. RS Ortiz found pieces of furniture for the restrooms and a few pieces of modern décor for the lobby and restrooms to make it feel welcoming. We are excited about the remodel and have already used the new 'fishbowl' for several in-person records requests.

- RS Ortiz worked Presidents Day (along with Chief Abel) to be able to take the following Friday off. Her son's school observed Rodeo Days on that Friday.

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## Administrative Assistants' Activities

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Administrative Specialist Ramos continued with her daily duties by providing assistance to Board Services, IT and Facilities, and wherever else her assistance was requested. This included processing invoices for payment, reconciling credit cards, completing other clerical tasks as needed, and assisting the chiefs with any special projects as directed.

- She has been working with vendors and overseeing the punch list items to finalize the last details of the north administration remodel. This included the new furniture install for the new Finance office for Jean & Jaime, the new conference room, the lobby, and Admin Assistant Hernandez's office/reception area.
- She continued to work on district projects as directed.
- She continued to receive and place orders for the stations' kitchen appliance and supplies requests.
- Admin Specialist Ramos and her husband traveled to California in February to meet their new great granddaughter. They became great grandparents to Elliana Olivia Groves. Elliana was born on February 4, 2021. Her son became a grandfather and has been a very happy and exciting time for their family.

Administrative Assistant Hernandez continued to answer the phone, collect and distribute packages, and provide clerical assistance wherever needed.

- Appointments for digital fingerprinting continued. Admin Assistant Hernandez took 63 sets of electronic fingerprints in February.
- Lockboxes were sold online as of January 1st. A link to the Kidde website is provided on the GRFD website where the lockboxes can be purchased then shipped directly to the resident. Therefore, only 1 lockbox was sold in person for the month of February.

- She continued to complete clerical tasks for Chiefs Karrer and Abel when directed to do so. She created binders for the upcoming remodels of stations 374 and 378 for Chief Abel to organize paperwork from the architects, contractors, etc.
- She continued to mail letters of acknowledgement to the senders of any gratitude correspondence and/or donations received for the District.
- She continued to enter purchase order amounts into the Administration, IT, and Facilities budget spreadsheets and file accordingly. Admin Assistant Hernandez assisted Admin Specialist Ramos by creating purchase orders for Facilities while she was away.
- The newsletter she was tasked with putting together, "Burning Issues," was sent out to personnel via email. This is something that will be continuously worked on as issues will be sent out quarterly.



# COMMUNITY RELATION'S REPORT

Community Relations Manager – Anne Marie Braswell

*February 2021*

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## Meetings, Trainings & Events Attended for the Month

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- 2/1- CRM Braswell attended fire chief and direct reports meeting.
- 2/1-2/5- PIO Jarrold assisted with scheduling of annual smoke alarm battery replacement event in Vistoso Villages.
- 2/2- CRM Braswell attended fire chief and manager meeting.
- 2/4- PIO Jarrold assisted with GRFD COVID vaccinations.
- 2/5- CRM Braswell and PIO Jarrold were both out sick after receiving the second dose of the COVID vaccine.
- 2/9- CRM Braswell and PIO Jarrold presented to the recruit class. Content was centered on the use of social media as a GRFD employee and an overview of Community Relations. Additionally, Captain Jarrold took photos of the recruits for a fun opportunity to post their pictures with light-hearted content on social media.
- 2/11- PIO Jarrold rode along with BC Lunde for the day to obtain additional training and mentoring for advancement to the BC rank.
- 2/12- PIO Jarrold assisted with GRFD COVID vaccinations.
- 2/16- PIO Jarrold took photos of recruit academy.
- 2/16- CRM Braswell and PIO Jarrold attended Southern Arizona PIO virtual meeting.
- 2/16- CRM Braswell accompanied Chief Karrer to Station 373-C shift for a “Chat with the Chief” session.
- 2/16- CRM Braswell attended virtual optimist club meeting.
- 2/17- PIO Jarrold took photos of recruit academy.
- 2/17- CRM Braswell attended Oro Valley Hospital Board of Trustee meeting virtually.
- 2/17- CRM Braswell and PIO Jarrold attended a code save recognition at OVPD Headquarters.
- 2/17- CRM Braswell attended Oro Valley Chamber Board meeting virtually.
- 2/18- CRM Braswell accompanied Chief Karrer to Station 380- C shift for a “Chat with the Chief” session.
- 2/19- PIO Jarrold assisted with GRFD COVID vaccinations.
- 2/19- CRM Braswell and PIO Jarrold attended special Pima County Board of Supervisor and City of Tucson joint meeting regarding updated COVID measures.
- 2/22- CRM Braswell attended fire chief and direct reports meeting.
- 2/23- CRM Braswell accompanied Chief Karrer to Station 378-A shift for a “Chat with the Chief” session.

- 2/23- PIO Jarrold helped to facilitate a photo with OVPD to promote their HIVE deployment in Oro Valley. Photos were shared on social media.
- 2/23- CRM Braswell accompanied Chief Karrer to Station 370 A-shift for a “Chat with a Chief” session.
- 2/24- CRM Braswell attended Marana Chamber Community Update via Facebook Live.
- 2/24- CRM Braswell accompanied Chief Karrer to Station 372 B- shift for a “Chat with a Chief” session.
- 2/25-2/26- CRM Braswell and PIO Jarrold were both out of the office for the Rodeo Break.

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## GRFD in the News and on Social Networking

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Below are some of the highlights from February 1, 2021- February 28, 2021 regarding notable media and social media out reach.

- On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we shared a video of Captain Jarrold reading a fire safety story. February is Love of Reading month and historically we are invited into classrooms to read to students. Due to the present pandemic challenges and precautions, a video story was the best way to reach students. We received positive feedback from teachers and students.
- On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Chiefs Karrer, Robb, Pearce and Cesarek participated in the Project Graduation Golf Event. We participate and share photos of this fundraiser annually to show our support for our local high schools.
- On February 9<sup>th</sup>, we shared a nice story that was featured in the Arizona Daily Star newspaper regarding our firefighters assisting a resident with a hummingbird in their home. The resident drove the story and media participation. What a huge compliment!
- On February 17<sup>th</sup>, we shared a video of the code save recognition that we participated in with Oro Valley Police Department and Northwest Fire District. This was a very happy ending to a great automatic aid call for a 42 year old patient who had a heart attack.
- On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we shared information related to a fire at Goyitas. The restaurant had to close while clean up occurred but was able to re-open soon thereafter.
- On February 16<sup>th</sup>, we started an album on Facebook where we will add photos from the recruit academy.
- On February 26<sup>th</sup>, we responded to a fatality fire in Catalina. Local television stations, KGUN, KOLD and KVOA all received information and reported out on the incident. We also fielded questions from Telemundo. Because this was a fatality fire, we deferred the majority of the questions to law enforcement.

# GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

## BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: BUSINESS/PERSONNEL ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

ITEM #: 7B

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

### BACKGROUND

This allows for the business/personnel assistant chief to provide updates to the governing board on the following areas:

- Assistant chief's activities for the month
- Human Resources
- Finance
- Information Technology

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.





# ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

Business/Governmental/Personnel – Tom Brandhuber

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*February 2021*



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## Assistant Chief's Activities for the Month

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Attended the following:

Chief Karrer's direct report meeting

Arizona DHS Ground Transport rules re-write committee

Participated in the following:

Arizona Ambulance Association monthly meeting

SAEMS Medical Director meeting

SAEMS Trauma Committee meeting

Pima County Emergency Managers meeting

Benefits utilization meeting

Held the following:

Direct Reports meeting

Pima Fire Chiefs COVID-19 Work Group Meetings

Weekly PEMS No Divert Subcommittee meeting

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## IT Applications Group Activities/Projects

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The GRFD IT Applications group has been working on the following projects:

- The application group continues to focus on the new staffing program by Kronos, Workforce TeleStaff. TeleStaff optimizes the scheduling, communications, and deployment of public safety personnel. We are currently finalized several components to make it work with our current fire record system and send text messages. Also, we have performed a mass import of personnel data into Telestaff in support of testing and preparation for the upcoming go-live date. This allowed the scheduling admins to perform more in-depth testing of the system to ensure text messaging and shift alerts work as expected when we go live on the new software.
- The applications group has completed the updated our finance software Abila. The Abila upgrade allowing the finance department to utilize the latest forms and features.
- Recently we have been looking to standardize our way of creating files, sharing them internally or externally, or being able to collaborate with other people. We have looked into many platforms to accomplish our needs, and we have agreed to continue with OneDrive. OneDrive is the cloud storage service developed by Microsoft that allows you to store all your important files securely in one place and then access them virtually anywhere. The service works similarly to a traditional hard drive, but it's available through the internet with additional features. For instance, because of its cross-device and cross-platform design, you can create a file on one device and pick up where you left off on your laptop, tablet, or phone without having to save a copy on a USB flash drive or email it to yourself. Also, OneDrive makes it easy to share content with other people and collaborate in real-time. So far we are still in the testing stage, but we believe that we will be deploying this shortly.
- The systems group is currently migrating virtual machines from old servers to the new servers we purchased last year. This benefits the district by having all our services and resources on the best and reliable hardware. In conclusion, the new servers we ordered have been tested and have proved to be better than our previous servers, allowing for easier management of systems.
- The Ruckus wireless project is now complete on the training grounds at the 370 campus. This system can allow all the training grounds to have access to the GRFDAdmin and GRFDPublic Wi-Fi. We hope to use this capability to increase support for electronic applications during the upcoming academy. An application like Zoom video conferencing and electronic checkoff of skills/tasks will elevate or training to the next level.
- We have completed upgrading our domain environment to 2016, this will allow us uses new features for managing users and computers in the future. End-users and services were not be impacted during a system upgrade.

### **ASRS vs. PSPRS**

#### **Agent Multiple-Employer Plans vs. Cost Sharing Plans**

What is the fundamental difference between ASRS and PSPRS?

A *cost-sharing multiple-employer plan* is one in which the participating government employers pool their assets and their obligations to provide defined benefit pensions—meaning that plan assets can be used to pay the pensions of the retirees of any participating employer.

By contrast, the assets of the participating government employers in an *agent multiple-employer plan* are pooled for investment purposes but separate accounts are maintained for each individual employer. Governments participating in cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans are referred to as cost-sharing employers. In the case of PSPRS, all employers be they municipalities or Fire Districts or the State of Arizona its self, all have their own individual rates and funding levels established by actuaries.

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## Human Resources

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HR participated in all regularly scheduled meetings, and completed all regular duties. Additionally, we were involved in the following:

### **Recruitments**

- Upcoming recruitments: we anticipate two upcoming recruitments due to two open and unfilled positions, the HR Generalist and Billing Specialist. The Billing Specialist is a reclassification of the shared Billing/Finance Administrative Assistant, in order to meet the needs of the District. In March, HR will be working to update the job descriptions and create the job announcements for these positions. Anticipated posting date is in April.

### **Special Projects**

- HR is planning Open Enrollment meetings to review our claims and utilization. Anticipated schedule is:
  - Utilization information available from BCBS: 02/15/21
  - First Meeting with Chiefs & Labor: after 02/15/21
  - Renewal information expected: 02/28/21
  - Second Meeting: 03/01-05/21
  - Finalize renewal decision: 03/15-19/21

#### Expectations:

- BCBS will be submitting a rate increase
- Delta Dental, VSP Vision, and The Standard Life and Disability, are on rate freeze through 07/2022
- HR Know - compensation system restructure for non-uniform personnel:
  - The need for a classification structure re-design was first presented to the Board at the April 14, 2020 meeting.
  - Final presentation provided to Chief Karrer and AC Brandhuber on 2/22/21.
  - Final presentation by Igor Shegolev will be presented to the board for adoption of the classification structure re-design.

#### **Special Recognitions**

##### Employee and Volunteer Recognition

- Records of Exceptional Performance received for going above and beyond to take care of a resident. Fantastic work guys!
  - FM Mike Selsor,
  - FF Joey Lainson
  - Eng Dan Gordon
  - Cpt Mike Leslie

Congratulations on your Golder anniversary, and thank you for being such amazing team members!



GRFD Employee Years of Service Recognition -March			
Last Name	First Name	Date of Hire	Years Of Service
Brown	Joseph	03/10/2008	13
Burriss	David	03/10/2008	13
Chavez	Anthony	03/10/2008	13
Creviston	Kason	03/10/2008	13
Ellis	Scott	03/10/2008	13
Kroger	Adam	03/10/2008	13
Newburn	Darrell	03/10/2008	13
Sanchez	Rene	03/10/2008	13
Scafede	Bryan	03/10/2008	13
Karrer	Randy	03/01/2010	11
Bishop	Jake	03/05/2018	3
Bonilla	Matthew	03/05/2018	3
Boyd	George	03/05/2018	3
Campbell	Kyle	03/05/2018	3
Deadman	David	03/05/2018	3
Drury	Tyler	03/05/2018	3
Fernandez	Armando	03/05/2018	3
Gretta	James	03/05/2018	3
Jameson	Jolyn	03/05/2018	3
Lopez	Jacob	03/05/2018	3
Myers	James	03/05/2018	3
Rios	Anthony	03/05/2018	3
Roemer	Patrick	03/05/2018	3
Rosas	Iliana	03/05/2018	3
Selby	David	03/05/2018	3
Bela	Artan	03/09/2020	1





## GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

### RECORD OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

Employee Name Jake Bishop

Date Prepared 1/4/2021

Division or Section Suppression

Classification Fire Medic

Initiator of Commendation Sean Sicurello

#### Description and Date of Exceptional Performance

On the Morning of 12/27/2020 Fire Medic Bishop responded to run number 2042223 as a member of EN373. Bishop is a probationary Firemedic and in his first tour without a dedicated preceptor. Bishop was assigned to perform triage. Bishop was able to obtain a quick and accurate triage report under extremely stressful circumstances.

After the triage report, Bishop entered PM373 and was able to relay necessary information on the location and condition of Firefighter Jameson who was trapped in the driver seat of PM373. This information was necessary prior to initiating extrication attempts to ensure cutting operations did not cause further injury Jameson.

Bishop remained calm while providing valuable input and actions that were crucial to the successful extrication of Jameson. Fire Medic Bishop's exceptional level of performance was a large contribution to operations on scene.

#### First Level Supervisor's Comments

This incident occurred during FM Bishop's first tour working with us at 373 in a position still new to him as a paramedic and he surpassed all expectations by remaining calm and focused throughout the incident. This was an emotionally difficult call and FM Bishop handled himself extremely well. It is truly a privilege working alongside someone of his caliber.

#### Second Level Supervisor's Comments

I am so proud of all members of the team that were on this scene, this was a difficult call and knowing that FM Bishop conducted himself professionally with a calm and deliberate approach is great to hear!! Keep up the great work.

Supervisor Signature

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Employee Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jake Bishop", written over a horizontal line.



## GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

### RECORD OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

Employee Name Kevin Weber

Date Prepared 1/4/2021

Division or Section Suppression

Classification Firefighter

Initiator of Commendation Sean Sicurello

#### Description and Date of Exceptional Performance

On the Morning of 12/27/2020 Firefighter Weber responded to run number 2042223 as a member of EN373. The EN373 crew was assigned extrication for Firefighter Jameson who was trapped in the driver seat of PM373. Weber was integral in determining an extrication plan and assisting to confirm the location of Jameson inside the vehicle before initiating extrication operations. Weber's experience and high skill level working with extrication equipment were evident throughout the incident. Weber remained on the extrication tools for the extrication and was able to successfully complete the roof removal.

The heavy damage to the vehicle made extrication operations extremely complicated and difficult. Weber was able to constantly adapt to a changing situation and proficiently complete all tasks necessary to complete the extrication.

Weber remained calm while providing valuable input and actions that were crucial to the successful extrication of Jameson. Firefighter Weber's exceptional level of performance was an integral part of the extrication.

#### First Level Supervisor's Comments

FF Weber has been a consistent asset to have on the crew since we started working together over a year and a half ago, so I can't say that I'm surprised by how he conducted himself during this incident. With that being said, I am extremely proud of the performance and professionalism Kevin displayed during this incident considering the extent of damage we saw when we first arrived on-scene, seeing one of our own trapped inside the wreckage, and then having to work through a difficult extrication to free FF Jameson. I am lucky to have such a strong member on my crew. Strong work, Kevin!

#### Second Level Supervisor's Comments

This is so great to hear, I know that Weber just recently came back from an injury and to see that he was able to quickly get back in the swing without missing a beat is great to hear. I appreciate all of the members on this call for their attention to detail and their professionalism during a difficult call. Keep up the great work.

Supervisor Signature

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Employee Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kevin Weber", written over a horizontal line.





## GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

### RECORD OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

Employee Name Andrew Hatfield

Date Prepared 1/4/2021

Division or Section Suppression

Classification Captain

Initiator of Commendation Sean Sicurello

#### Description and Date of Exceptional Performance

On the morning of 12/27/2020, Captain Hatfield responded to run number 2042223 as a member of EN373. En route to the call Hatfield calmly articulated the situation according to the updates received on the MDT. He was able to give clear expectations and assignments to the EN373 crew en-route and upon arrival. Hatfield's calm presence both en route and on-scene set the tone for the EN373 crew to maintain composure and perform critical tasks in the initial moments on scene.

Towards the end of the extrication, Hatfield recognized a crowd of personnel attempting to assist in extrication operations. Hatfield was able to recognize that the number of personnel working at the same time was detrimental to the efforts. He ordered members to step back and give room for firefighters with tools to work. The situation immediately became calmer and extrication operations became more efficient.

Hatfield remained calm while providing valuable input and actions that were crucial to the successful extrication of Jameson. Captain Hatfield's exceptional level of performance was an integral part of the extrication.

Additionally, Hatfield is proactive in preparing his crew on a daily basis by coordinating quality training and proving an excellent learning environment. His clear crew expectations and dedication to preparing his crew through diligent training efforts were evident on the call.

#### First Level Supervisor's Comments

I feel that all members of the team did an outstanding job during this difficult call. I know that Captain Hatfield and his crew spend a lot of time training and preparing for these types of emergencies. I feel so fortunate to work with such professionals, and know that when I arrive on a scene that Captain Hatfield and his crew are prepared and truly care for the patients that they encounter.

#### Second Level Supervisor's Comments

Great job by you and your team Capt Hatfield. It is evident that have prepared your team to perform at a high level on any incident type, including events with heightened emotion such as this. Please continue the excellent work and preparation of the future leaders of our organization.

Supervisor Signature

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Employee Signature

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# GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

## RECORD OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

Employee Name Mike Selsor

Date Prepared 2/6/2021

Division or Section 379 B-Shift

Classification Fire Medic

Initiator of Commendation Lucas Giampa

### Description and Date of Exceptional Performance

On 2/6/2021 E379 responded to a very familiar address to most of the crew. A few members on the crew have been responding on "Pat" for fifteen plus years. On this occasion she was complaining of pain due to a bed sore. She is bed bound due to Multiple Sclerosis. We have watched her condition deteriorate over the years. She is very funny and a HUGE Patriots fan. There is always a good back and forth with Pat about football when we see her. Her home health nurse was not going to come back until 2/8 and she just wanted moved so she wasn't laying on her sore. The crew rotated her onto her side and propped her up with pillows. Fire Medic Selsor then called her daughter to advise her what was going on with her mom. She said that someone would come over tomorrow and look after her. Pat seemed weaker then usual so the crew asked if she had eaten today. She said that she had some coffee this morning and a little bit of soup earlier in the day. The crew looked around her kitchen for something she could eat for dinner. There wasn't much to be had so we asked her what she would like to eat. She said that she would just wait until tomorrow when someone came over to figure out her food situation. The crew found that unacceptable. E379 went to Subway and got her a sandwich and chips (paid out of their own pocket) so that she would have dinner. I'm very proud of the crew and how they made sure one of our residents was truly taken care of in her time of need.

### First Level Supervisor's Comments

Patricia is indeed one of our great community members, always kind and supportive of us. Outstanding job by Mike and the rest of the crew. This is a great example of going above and beyond to demonstrate how GRFD firefighters serve with strong hands and caring hearts. I appreciate your professionalism and high level of customer service!

Jason

### Second Level Supervisor's Comments

Well done Mike! One of the things I am sure you have heard several times in your career is to treat the public as you would want your family treated. In this case, you added action to that statement and created a positive example for others to follow and improved the day of one of our residents. Thank you!

Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

## RECORD OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

Employee Name Joey Lainson

Date Prepared 2/6/2021

Division or Section 379 B-Shift

Classification Firefighter

Initiator of Commendation Lucas Giampa

### Description and Date of Exceptional Performance

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### First Level Supervisor's Comments

Patricia is indeed one of our great community members, always kind and supportive of us. Outstanding job by Joey and the rest of the crew. This is a great example of going above and beyond to demonstrate how GRFD firefighters serve with strong hands and caring hearts. I appreciate your professionalism and high level of customer service!

Jason

### Second Level Supervisor's Comments

Well done Joey! You could have simply addressed the immediate issue and the resident would have appreciated the help. Instead, you and your teammates spent some extra time and really helped improve the outcome for this resident. Thank you!

Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

## RECORD OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

Employee Name Dan Gordon

Date Prepared 2/6/2021

Division or Section 379 B-Shift

Classification Engineer

Initiator of Commendation Lucas Giampa

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Jason

### Second Level Supervisor's Comments

Well done Dan! That extra level of service what distinguishes us as fire and emergency service providers and resonates with our community. Thank you!

Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

### RECORD OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

Employee Name Molly Kolt

Date Prepared 2/27/21

Division or Section Suppression

Classification

Initiator of Commendation Peter Paddock

#### Description and Date of Exceptional Performance

Station 370 C shift personnel returned from a house fire on the morning of 2/26/21. The crews were dispatched to the fire at approx 0230 and had been working all night and morning. The fire had many challenges to say the least and crews were mentally and physically exhausted. Upon returning to the station the oncoming B shift crew was quick to take over rehabing all vehicles. Molly Kolt immediately took charge of cleaning all the crews turn outs. After a long night and lack of sleep 370 C shift personnel were extremely grateful for these actions.

#### First Level Supervisor's Comments

Molly Kolt took extreme ownership of ensuring all the turnouts were washed and ready for duty the next shift. Logistically she was able to accomplish this with some creative thinking and hard work. It was obvious she went above and beyond the cleaning procedure for turnouts. Some firefighters even remarking "My turnouts haven't been this clean in years". Without question she deserves recognition for her efforts.

#### Second Level Supervisor's Comments

This is a great example of internal customer service!! Firefighter Kolt took it upon herself to step up for the guys/gals on C shift after their fire. Great job, Keep up the strong work!!!!

Supervisor Signature

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Employee Signature

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## **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT**

### **RECORD OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE**

**Employee Name** Michael Leslie

**Date Prepared** 11/03/2020

**Division or Section** Suppression

**Classification** Captain

**Initiator of Commendation** Karl Rhein

#### **Description and Date of Exceptional Performance**

On October 2, 2020 at approximately 1030 am, run number 2031967, EN370 was dispatched to a PCSO assist without hold off. Upon arrival EN370 crew found a disoriented elderly female on the floor of her bathroom. The patient appeared to have been on the floor for some time. There was human feces in the bedroom carpet and bathroom floor, the bath tub was full of water and the patient was stuck to the floor emitting a smell of urine. Captain Leslie treated the patient with the utmost respect and compassion. After the patient had been transported Captain Leslie remained on scene (along with EN personnel) to scrub the patient's floors and carpet clean of the feces and urine. Captain Leslie also ensured the trash was all picked up, tub was drained and cleaned, then started a load of laundry to wash the towels utilized to clean the floors. These actions instill the very reason of our existence. Golder Ranch Fire District prides itself for going above and beyond, professionalism, integrity, and trust. Captain Leslie is a huge asset to the Golder Ranch Fire District and is an exceptional example of what every firefighter should strive to be.

#### **First Level Supervisor's Comments**

This is a good lead by example style captain Leslie works toward. He has done many of these types of acts to provide caring service and this is just one of them.

#### **Second Level Supervisor's Comments**

Very well done Mike. It's actions such as these that separate our organization from others, and demonstrates your commitment to the community. While I am sure our personnel provided the medical care needed to address this resident's issues and did an excellent job, it's these extra steps that leave a lasting impression, far beyond the immediacy of the medical need. Thank you!

**Supervisor Signature**

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**Employee Signature**

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# **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Pat Abel, Assistant Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: LOGISTICS/PLANNING ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

ITEM #: 7C

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

## **BACKGROUND**

This allows for the logistics/planning assistant chief to provide updates to the governing board on the following areas:

- Assistant chief's activities for the month
- Logistics

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



# ASSISTANT CHIEF'S REPORT

Logistics & Special Projects – Patrick Abel

*February 2021*

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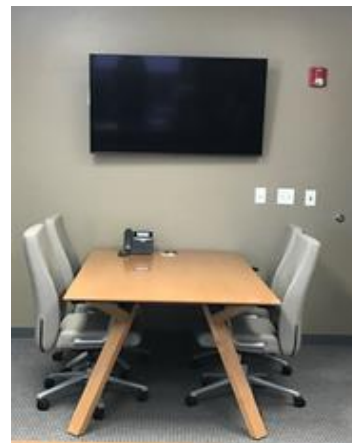
## Assistant Chief's Activities for the Month

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### Meetings attended & general information

- I attended the Fire Chief's direct reports meetings on Mondays.
- I attended the monthly Chief's Status meeting with all managers and division heads.
- I conducted weekly Logistics meetings with direct reports.
- Zoom meetings and phone calls were conducted to coordinate with the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) on progress, issues, and concerns from our respective counties on items such as AZ Statewide Mutual Aid, COVID-19, and operational needs.
- I continued to work with the Arizona State Local Assistance State Team (LAST). There were no responses to any Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) this past month here in Pima County.
- I continued to work with IMPACT of Southern Arizona. We had been working on developing a new mission statement and strategic plan for the organization for which we now have a new mission statement and strategic plan in place. This great organization does so much for the community. The community partnership between GRFD and IMPACT over the years has been wonderful.
- I worked on the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget process to prepare for the budget study session.
- I did training through Target Solutions and took an EMS Skills Lab class as part of the process to meet my EMT state recertification requirements.
- I attended a "meet and greet" zoom event with our new academy recruits and their families, coordinated through the Training division. The event gave the recruits and their families an opportunity to visit and discuss the academy process and expectations, as well as ask questions to senior staff members. Not an ideal way to meet and greet but it was nice hearing from the recruits and their families.
- Command staff spoke to the recruits on day one of the academy. We shared our background, words of encouragement, expectations, and insight related to GRFD and career as a firefighter.

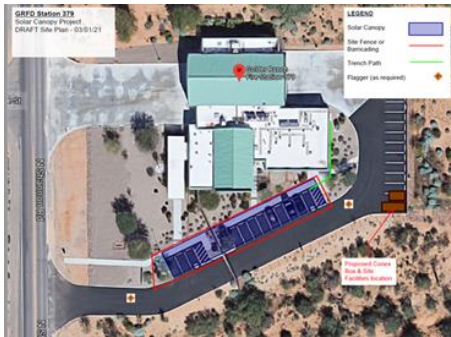
- Command staff continued to work with senior leadership of the Robson Communities to determine the exact station site locations for station 378. We have anticipated three acres that will be to the east of the main entrance to the SaddleBrooke Ranch Community. The architect, WSM, created a sketch/preliminary design of the station with site needs. It will mirror our current station 379 with the addition of a helipad and possible radio tower for the Robson team to determine the best location for the station site. WSM will submit the sketch to GRFD and Robson team for review.
- I continued to work with Core Construction and WSM Architects in reference to the station 374 decontamination room, turnout room expansion, and other related modifications in the station bay.
- The remodels of the north administration lobby on Golder Ranch Drive and the Fire & Life Safety lobby on Magee have been completed. The furniture was installed and personnel have been working to get their offices and lobby area back to normal. The furniture looks great. See photos below.





- Our solar project is off and running. The solar system install began at station 379 on Shannon and Overton. The next station will be station 380 on Magee Rd and, finally, the station 370 campus on Golder Ranch Drive near Fleet and behind Administration will be done. Below is a mock up for the solar projects. Chief Hilderbrand has done a great job coordinating this project.

**Station 379**



**Station 380**



**Station 370 campus**



## Logistics

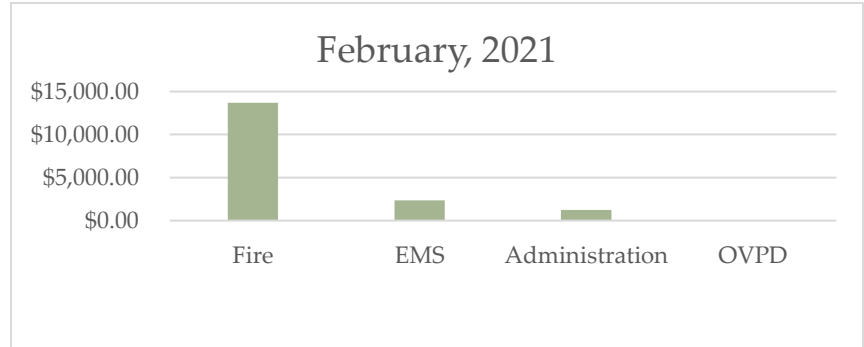
- We continued discussion about the scope of work on the turnout room at station 374 with CORE Construction and WSM architects.
- The Apparatus Committee attended a pre-con meeting at H&E in Phoenix. The process was productive. The meeting was held online due to COVID precautions at KME in Pennsylvania. There will be a midpoint inspection of the 4x4 engine in the near future.
- In our monthly OPIQ meeting we reviewed reporting procedures and discussed increased RFID abilities with EMS.
- The solar project is scheduled to begin at station 379 on March 1<sup>st</sup> and take approximately four weeks to complete. After station 379 is complete, station 380 and Admin North will be done.
- Service Desk (within OPIQ) was used for 164 service requests in February:
  - Fleet: 78 requests
  - Facilities: 60 requests
  - Supply: 26 requests
- The Apparatus Committee is nearing the final inspection point on the 4x4 engine. We have anticipated late March or early April for the inspection trip.



## Fleet

### Monthly vehicle parts costs

- Administration - \$1,251.80
- EMS - \$2,361.05
- Fire – \$14,537.94
- Wildland - \$0.00
- OVPD hours- 31.8 hrs. \$2,797.50



## Facilities Maintenance

- All fire stations' and district facilities' fire alarms/sprinkler systems and fire extinguisher inspections were completed. Repairs as a result of the inspections have almost been completed.
- Training 340 – New dishwasher, new light fixture lenses installed, all outside surfaces including walls, doors, and window frames were power washed and painted.
- Station 370 – New screen for dryer purchased and ice machine filter was changed.
- Station 373 – New dishwasher installed.
- Station 375 – New overhead doors installed, new lighting in bay installed, and extractor repaired.
- Station 376 – HVAC repaired, ice machine filter changed.

- Station 377 – Sand and oil pump clean out drain lines were unclogged, ice machine filter changed.
- Station 379 – Pony wall repaired, two new batteries for generator purchased, ice machine filter changed.
- Station 380 – New office chair for battalion chief's office purchased, ice machine filter changed.
- Daily repairs ongoing in all GRFD facilities

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## Procurement/Communications Specialist

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- The District was one of the successful recipients under the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant for dual-band radios (800-PCWIN / VHF). Along with a multitude of other area departments, including Tucson Fire Department (TFD) and Northwest Fire District (NWFD), GRFD received their requested amount of dual-band mobile radios. We requested and received 38 radios in all. The District's portion for these radios was \$17,572 or 10% of cost. This a great and needed addition as many vehicles do not currently have Pima County Wireless Integrated Network (PCWIN) radios, or had been using single-band radios that had been loaned to us by PCWIN. This will allow all Pima County agencies enhanced communication capabilities, particularly for VHF communications, which is widely used at the state and federal levels (not on PCWIN).



# GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

## BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Scott Robb, Deputy Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY/LIFE SAFETY SERVICES DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

ITEM #: 7D

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

### BACKGROUND

This allows for the emergency/life safety services deputy chief to provide updates to the governing board on the following areas:

- Deputy chief's activities for the month
- EMS
- Fire and Life Safety Services
- Health and Safety
- Honor Guard/Pipes and Drums
- Operations
- Special Operations
- Training
- Wildland

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



# DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

Emergency/Life Safety Services – Scott Robb

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*February 2021*

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## Deputy Chief Fire/Emergency Services Activities for the Month

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- First couple weeks covering Deputy Chief Hurguy's position along with my own have been quite a whirlwind. Below are a few high level topics this month that I would like to share with the board.
- I attended a Regional Operations Committee meeting with Tucson Fire Department (TFD) and Northwest Fire Chiefs. This committee was previously attended by Deputy Chief Hurguy and I'm looking forward to representing Golder Ranch. We have a lot of opportunity coming up to expand our auto aid capabilities as a region, especially with TFD moving to a 3x4 schedule to mirror ours. Having a consistent battalion chief counterpart, along with engine captains is essential to building better relationships prior to the fire calls.

- I needed to create a sustainable plan on visiting stations and staying engaged with our crews. I have started an end of day “fitness meeting” two days per week and started building out the schedule. How it works is around 3pm I show up in PT gear at one of our stations and I do whatever workout the crew has planned for the day. After the workout we chat about life, district issues and whatever else may come up. So far it has been great working out with them and bridging the gap between administration and suppression. I need to stay healthy and active anyway, so it works out great! I’ll keep you posted.
- The chief officers and I have all come together to assist training in building a Captain Promotional Process. Sounds like when the application deadline closes we will have 10-14 candidates, which is great! This will be logistically challenging with the academy going on, but we’ll get creative and put out a great product.
- I have a lot to learn on the budget and finance side of things, and so far Dave Christian and our budget gang have been great. We came together to figure out a plan to reduce overtime and so far it is off to a good start. The crews in the field have been understanding of our overall mission, and an explanation of the “why” disseminated by our chief officers has gone a long way.
- Lastly, I am developing an enhancement to our communications repertoire in our Leadership Lab in the 380 classroom. These days, YouTube teaches us just about everything via “explainer videos”. I am going to try one out with our recent plan of restructuring our task books, building a more efficient career progression path and eliminating the Fire Medic position. There are several changes that make great sense, but need clear explanation and delivery to everyone in our organization. Think of it as a News From the Ranch, but with a single topic, and some visual aids to support the message. Speaking of News From the Ranch, we have a few applicants for co-anchor and hope to select one and launch Season 3 soon!



### Community Integrated Healthcare Program

- Patient census for the Community Integrated Healthcare Program (CIHP) program remains low
- Paramedic Jansen is being used to assist with training opportunities both in the academy and with Registered Nurse Prince
- The CPR program was transitioned to Paramedic Jansen for oversight and ensuring we have instructors assigned for public classes

### Covid-19 Response

- The EMS Division continues to focus on our transport numbers and hospital wait times, which during the month have not been an issue
- We continue to treat many COVID-19 positive patients; however, the numbers continue to drop
- Received noticed that the Battelle N-95 decontamination process is no longer federally funded and contracts to continue the service are unavailable
- Secured an additional 2,400 N-95 masks to be used in conjunction with P-100 respirators on medical calls through both Pima and Pinal County
- We completed the second doses of Moderna Vaccine for the 99 people who were vaccinated in our point of distribution
- We do not expect any more vaccine, and currently have zero is supply



### Ambulance billing

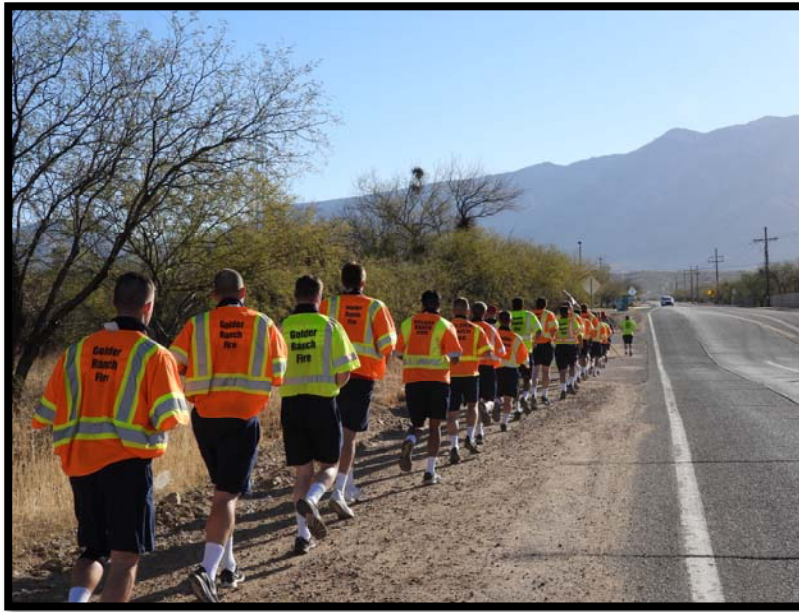
- Recent changes to the organization chart moved ambulance billing under finance
- “It was an honor leading the ambulance billing team and making enhancements to the system that will hopefully make a difference for years to come.” Chief Cesarek

## Other Items of Interest

- We started teaching the EMT course for Academy 21-01
  - The course is going very well, the course is very condensed, three to four chapters per day, meaning the preparation time is difficult for instructors and recruits
- The EMS Captain cadre rolled out Cyanokit training to all of our suppression employees
  - These kits are designed to treat smoke inhalation patients; this is a great addition to our current supply of equipment to protect the public and our fire fighters

Month of February Details				
	Transports+/- From Last Year		Interfacility	+/- From Last Year
MD372	0	0	0	0
MD376	0	-86	0	0
MD379	0	0	0	0
PM370	65	-8	0	-2
PM371	0	0	0	0
PM372	1	-1	0	0
PM373	87	-4	0	0
PM374	0	0	0	0
PM375	92	23	6	6
PM376	63	54	1	1
PM377	76	-40	2	2
PM379	0	0	0	0
PM380	100	-5	1	1
Total Transports for the Month to Date:	484		Total Interfacilities for the Month to Date: 10	
+/- From Last February	-67		+/- From Last February 8	
Total Responses	490			
Transport %	99%			





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## Training

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### Courses

- Building Construction class has begun and is running from February 8- May 11, 2021

### Academy

- Working through the EMT portion of the Academy
  - Tentatively scheduled to begin the fire portion of the Academy the week of March 15, 2021
- Graduation is tentatively scheduled for June 25, 2021

### Miscellaneous

- Ran monthly Office of Inspector General report on all Golder Ranch Fire District employees and volunteers
- Working on reviewing and updating all Task books
- Assigned Annual OSHA training to all Golder Ranch Fire District employees and volunteers
- Assigned Annual Forklift training to all Golder Ranch Fire District certified Forklift operators

### Car Seat Program

- 0 car seat installs were done in the month of February due to the staff working with the Academy

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## Health and Safety/Crew Scheduler

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### Health and Safety

- Assisting the peer support team in various issues.
- Implementing Telestaff
- Assisting with District COVID issues
- Annual physicals for current employees and pre hire physicals for new firefighters at 1582
- Mental Health and Wellness training with Regional partners
- Assisting the academy with Physical Training

### Crew Scheduler

- Assisting Health and Safety with various issues
- Implementing Telestaff
- Training suppression on Telestaff

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## Wildland

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### Assignment

- No personnel currently on assignment

### Training

- February 22, 2021 – February 26, 2021 is the 2021 Arizona Wildfire and Incident Management Academy (AWIMA)
  - The 2021 AWIMA will not be held at the ERAU in Prescott this year, but will be a blended type of format combining live and online classes which will be held at various locations across Arizona including here at Golder Ranch Fire District
  - Golder Ranch Fire District Wildland Team members are teaching one of the S-130 & S-190 classes for AWIMA
- Golder Ranch Fire District Wildland team will also be helping teach the J-Ted students the same classes in the next few week
- Golder Ranch Fire District Wildland team members are attending classes and various trainings throughout the state of Arizona and New Mexico along with completing their yearly Pack Test

## Projects

- The new tender is still being outfitted with boxes for additional equipment and storage boxes

## PCWT Rotation

- Type 1- Unavailable
- Type 1 Support Tender- Unavailable
- Type 2 Support Tender- Unavailable
- Type 3-Unavailable
- Type 6- Unavailable

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## Honor Guard/Pipes and Drums

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### Expenditures

- Honor Guard
  - No expenses in the month of February
  - District credit card and Honor Guard budget is all squared up
  - Multiple charges expected for next month
- Pipes and Drums
  - No expenses in the month of February

### Events

- Honor Guard
  - Honor Guard Meeting – February 18, 2021 at 380
- Pipes and Drums
  - February 18, 2021 at 380- Attended Honor Guard meeting and held practice afterwards
  - No events in the month of February

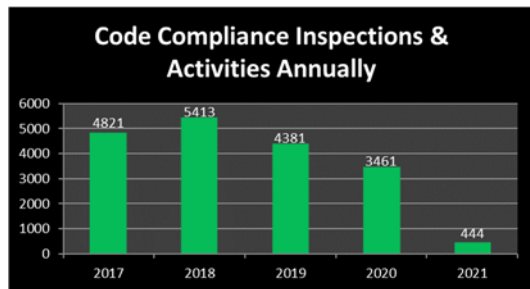
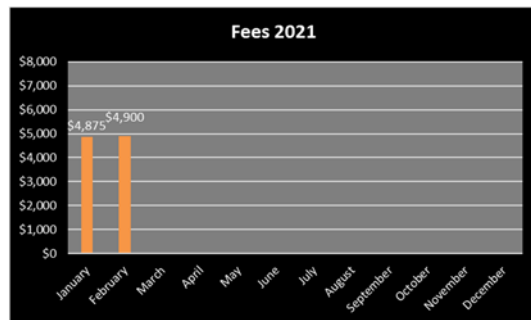
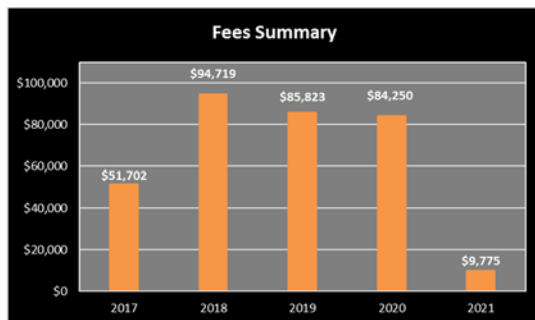
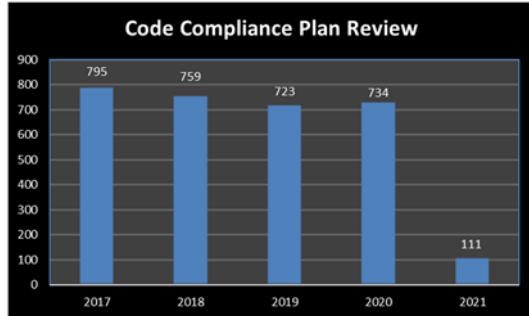
### Miscellaneous

- Beginning phases of planning their annual Honor Guard/Pipes and Drums trip to Colorado Springs which is very time consuming and logistically intensive

### Special Operations

- Joint Golder Ranch Fire District/Northwest Fire District drill
  - Crews were split into two different teams (EN377 was paired with PM338 and SQ338 and EN338 was paired with PM377 and SQ377)
  - Both crews did hands on skills training with chlorine A, B, and C kits
  - 377 has the newer spring loaded B kit, so they went over the application with the newer Northwest guys
  - Every member at the drill had the opportunity to dress in a level A or encapsulated level B to make entry
  - Team one made a full level A entry into an Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) environment to apply an A kit onto a chlorine cylinder
  - Team two made a level A entry onto a rail tanker that had a chlorine leak and applied the C kit
  - After each crew finished the evolution, they swapped evolutions
  - Lastly the completed an After Action Report





Inspections & Activities include public education/outreach, weed abatement/debris burning, certificate of occupancy, code complaint inspection, code consultations, compliance letter, development review committee, fire alarm system inspection, fire flow/hydrant inspection, fire investigation, food truck inspection, gate inspection, general construction inspection, home safety assessment, investigative inspection, kitchen hood suppression system inspection, pre-application, preconstruction meeting, prevention inspection, records request, reinspection, special use permit inspection, suppression system inspection (commercial & residential), tent inspection, and underground fire supply line.

## Commercial Projects Summary

Assigned Inspector: Horbarenko=Red Hurley=Green B. White=Blue Druke=Black

Oro Valley	Oro Valley	Pinal County	Marana
Denny's T.I. 11107 N Oracle	Design Center T.I. 8454 N Oracle	Chirreon Energy 1.5 Miles West of Oracle/Edwin	
F45 Fitness T.I. 9740 N Oracle St104	KFC T.I. 7901 N Oracle	SB Golf Maintenance T.I. 38614 S Bobcat Canyon	
Seis Kitchen T.I. 9740 N Oracle St105	Wise Choice PT T.I. 180 W Magee Ste164	SB The Preserve Fire Alarm 66567 E Catalina Hills	
Flex Gymnastics T.I. 11085 N Oracle	Shell Building L.I. 7315 N Oracle	<b>Pima County</b>	
Episcopal Church 12111 N La Cholla	Jersey Mike's T.I. 7315 N Oracle Ste 108	Reilly's Craft Pizza T.I. 7262 N. Oracle	Thornwood Care Home 7480 N Thornwood
Ashley Furniture T.I. 11935 N Oracle	LuxSpace Studios T.I. 7315 N Oracle Ste 051	The Landing T.I. 8195 N. Oracle Ste105	Honeywell Fire Alarm 11100 N Oracle
The Back Alley T.I. 2060 E Tangerine Ste182	Saffron T.I. 7607 N Oracle Ste101	S-Lab Holdings 7445 N. Oracle Ste255	Vista de Montana T.I. 3001 E Mira Vista
OVPD Generator 1920 E Tangerine	Noodleholics T.I. 7850 N Oracle	Thrivent Financial T.I. 8740 N Thornydale Ste130	Overton Self Storage 2925 W Overton
Ventana Building 4 T.I. 1910 E Innovation Park	Poolwerx T.I. 7918 N Oracle	Sunnyvale Pharmacy T.I. 8770 N Thornydale Ste190	
PRCA MPR 9500 N Oracle	OV Council Chambers T.I. 11000 N La Canada	<b>Subdivisions (Sprinklers Required)</b>	
PRCA Modulares 9500 N Oracle	TMC One T.I. 10390 N La Canada Ste110	Tranquillo (del Webb and R.V.) approx. 270 homes	Shannon 80 (Shannon and Naranja) approx. 80 homes
Ventana Ammonia Plant 1910 E Innovation Park	Splendido Remodel 13500 N Rancho Vistoso	OV Town Centre (Oracle and Pusch) approx. 77 homes	Capella M (Naranja and La Cholla) approx. 48 homes
OV Self Storage 9255 N Oracle	Sun City Fire Alarm 1565 E Rancho Vistoso	<b>Who Received Their Certificate of Occupancy in Jan</b>	
Linda Vista Luxury Rentals 375 E Linda Vista		Salted Pig T.I. 11835 N Oracle Ste101	Casa Theater T.I. 10801 N La Cholla
Naranja Park Archery 810 W Naranja			

## Education/Training Activities

- Deputy Fire Marshal Akins, and Inspectors White, Druke, and Hurley attended the Joint Fire Investigator Meeting with Northwest Fire District and Oro Valley Police Department

## Fire Investigations

- On February 10<sup>th</sup>, a shed fire was reported in the Northwest Fire District



- The area of fire origin was inside of a storage shed that was being occupied
- The cause of the fire was undetermined



- On February 11<sup>th</sup>, a mobile home fire was reported in Northwest Fire District
  - The area of fire origin was in the master bathroom and confined to the room of origin
  - The cause of the fire was due to improper disposal of smoking materials



- On February 15<sup>th</sup>, a mobile home fire was reported in Golder Ranch Fire District around station 370
  - The area of fire origin was in the master bedroom closet
  - The cause of this fire is undetermined pending further investigation
- On February 17<sup>th</sup>, a mobile home fire was reported in the Northwest Fire District
  - The area of fire origin was on the northwest portion of the structure
  - The cause of this fire is undetermined pending further investigation
- On February 20<sup>th</sup>, a commercial fire was reported in the Golder Ranch Fire District
  - The area of fire origin was in the kitchen portion of the structure
  - The cause of this fire was from a failure of equipment

- On February 25<sup>th</sup>, a mobile home fire was reported in the Northwest Fire District
  - The area of fire origin was unknown (complete loss)
  - The cause of this fire is undetermined pending further investigation
- On February 26<sup>th</sup>, a mobile home fire was reported in the Golder Ranch Fire District
  - The area of fire origin is in the furnace area of the structure
  - The cause of this fire was from a failure of equipment



Can you spot the violations?

Answer to last Month:



**Answer:** Wiring that is no longer in use shall be removed and terminated properly

**2018 IFC Section 907.6.1 Wiring:** Wiring shall comply with NFPA 70 and 72



# Golder Ranch Fire District Call Load Breakdown

<b>Golder Ranch Fire District Call Load Breakdown</b> <b>February 2021</b>											
CALL TYPE	370	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380	TOTAL
Aircraft											0
Brush / Vegetation					1						1
Building						2				2	4
Electrical / Motor											0
Fires - All Other	3								1		4
Gas Leak											0
Hazmat											0
Trash / Rubbish				1					1	1	3
Unauthorized Burning	1										1
Vehicle								1			1
<b>Total Fire</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>
Animal Problem											0
Animal Rescue											0
Assist -Other	11	5	39	14	27	11	6	10	4	4	131
Battery Change	3	1	13	1	2		1	5			26
Bee Swarm						1					1
Defective Appliance	1										1
Invalid Assist	3	2	30	4	9	3	4	1	4	11	71
Snake	1	1	1	4	4	3	1			2	17
Lockout	1										1
Fire Now Out											0
<b>Total Service Calls</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>248</b>
Alarms (Fire, Smoke, CO)	2		6	1	5	1	2		3	10	30
Cancelled / Negative	10		7	3	6	5	4	4	3	14	56
Smoke / Odor Invest.			3	1	2	2				2	10
<b>Total Good Intent</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>96</b>
Motor Vehicle Accident	3			2	2	4	1	1	1	4	18
Rescue-high, trench, water											0
Interfacility Transport					6	1	2			1	10
All Other EMS Incidents	67	10	116	83	105	51	78	32	79	129	750
<b>Total EMS Type</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>778</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1136</b>
Percentage of Call Load	9%	2%	19%	10%	15%	7%	9%	5%	8%	16%	100%
Average Calls Per Day	3.79	0.68	7.68	4.07	6.04	3.00	3.54	1.93	3.43	6.43	40.57
<b>Patients Transported</b>			<b>484</b>								
<b>Last 12 Month Call Load</b>			<b>16752</b>								
<b>Last February Call Load</b>			<b>1213</b>								

# **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT**

## **BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Human Resources Division

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED AN REDESIGNED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR NON-UNIFORM PERSONNEL

ITEM #: 8A

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

### **BACKGROUND**

Based on the scheduled annual salary survey for non-uniform personnel provided by HR Know. In conjunction with a thorough review by Human Resources, Finance, and administrative staff the following non-uniform salary schedule was designed, and address the following issues:

- Address compression issues.
- Adjust for market changes.
- Address inconsistency in steps for journey level versus professional level
- Control labor costs

We are requesting a vote for an effective date of April 1, 2021. This will allow HR and Finance to phase in the salary adjustments onto the new classification schedule.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

Motion to approve and adopt the updated and redesigned salary schedule for non-uniform personnel

CURRENT COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP T-7	STEP 8	STEP T-8	STEP 9	STEP 10	STEP 11	STEP 12
12	\$25,625.28	\$26,906.54	\$28,251.87	\$29,664.46	\$31,147.68	\$32,705.07	\$34,340.32							
13	\$26,265.91	\$27,579.20	\$28,958.16	\$30,406.07	\$31,926.37	\$33,522.69	\$35,198.83							
14	\$26,922.56	\$28,268.68	\$29,682.12	\$31,166.22	\$32,724.53	\$34,360.76	\$36,078.80							
15	\$27,595.62	\$28,975.40	\$30,424.17	\$31,945.38	\$33,542.65	\$35,219.78	\$36,980.77							
16	\$28,285.51	\$29,699.78	\$31,184.77	\$32,744.01	\$34,381.21	\$36,100.27	\$37,905.29							
17	\$28,992.65	\$30,442.28	\$31,964.39	\$33,562.61	\$35,240.74	\$37,002.78	\$38,852.92							
18	\$29,717.46	\$31,203.34	\$32,763.50	\$34,401.68	\$36,121.76	\$37,927.85	\$39,824.24							
19	\$30,460.40	\$31,983.42	\$33,582.59	\$35,261.72	\$37,024.81	\$38,876.05	\$40,819.85							
20	\$31,221.91	\$32,783.01	\$34,422.16	\$36,143.26	\$37,950.43	\$39,847.95	\$41,840.35							
21	\$32,002.46	\$33,602.58	\$35,282.71	\$37,046.85	\$38,899.19	\$40,844.15	\$42,886.35							
22	\$32,802.52	\$34,442.65	\$36,164.78	\$37,973.02	\$39,871.67	\$41,865.25	\$43,958.51							
23	\$33,622.58	\$35,303.71	\$37,068.90	\$38,922.34	\$40,868.46	\$42,911.88	\$45,057.48							
24	\$34,463.15	\$36,186.30	\$37,995.62	\$39,895.40	\$41,890.17	\$43,984.68	\$46,183.91							
25	\$35,324.73	\$37,090.96	\$38,945.51	\$40,892.79	\$42,937.42	\$45,084.30	\$47,338.51							
26	\$36,207.84	\$38,018.24	\$39,919.15	\$41,915.10	\$44,010.86	\$46,211.40	\$48,521.97							
27	\$37,113.04	\$38,968.69	\$40,917.13	\$42,962.98	\$45,111.13	\$47,366.69	\$49,735.02							
28	\$38,040.87	\$39,942.91	\$41,940.05	\$44,037.06	\$46,238.91	\$48,550.86	\$50,978.40							
29	\$38,991.89	\$40,941.48	\$42,988.56	\$45,137.98	\$47,394.88	\$49,764.63	\$52,252.86							
30	\$39,966.68	\$41,965.02	\$44,063.27	\$46,266.43	\$48,579.75	\$51,008.74	\$53,559.18							
31A	\$40,965.85	\$43,014.14	\$45,164.85	\$47,423.09	\$49,794.25	\$52,283.96	\$54,898.16							
31S	\$40,965.85	\$42,939.66	\$44,913.47	\$46,887.28	\$48,861.09	\$50,834.90	\$52,808.70		\$54,782.51		\$56,756.32	\$58,730.13	\$60,703.94	\$62,677.75
32	\$41,990.00	\$44,089.50	\$46,293.97	\$48,608.67	\$51,039.10	\$53,591.06	\$56,270.61							
33	\$43,039.75	\$45,191.74	\$47,451.32	\$49,823.89	\$52,315.08	\$54,930.84	\$57,677.38							
34	\$44,115.74	\$46,321.53	\$48,637.60	\$51,069.49	\$53,622.96	\$56,304.11	\$59,119.31							
35A	\$45,218.63	\$47,479.57	\$49,853.54	\$52,346.22	\$54,963.53	\$57,711.71	\$60,597.30							
35S	\$45,218.63	\$47,410.30	\$49,601.97	\$51,793.64	\$53,985.31	\$56,176.98	\$58,368.65	\$59,136.02	\$60,560.32	\$61,674.65	\$62,751.99	\$64,943.66	\$67,135.33	\$69,327.00
36	\$46,349.10	\$48,666.56	\$51,099.88	\$53,654.88	\$56,337.62	\$59,154.50	\$62,112.23							
37	\$47,507.83	\$49,883.22	\$52,377.38	\$54,996.25	\$57,746.06	\$60,633.37	\$63,665.03							
38A	\$48,695.52	\$51,130.30	\$53,686.82	\$56,371.16	\$59,189.71	\$62,149.20	\$65,256.66							
38S	\$50,218.63	\$52,410.30	\$54,601.97	\$56,793.64	\$58,985.31	\$61,176.98	\$63,368.65	\$64,136.02	\$65,560.32	\$66,674.65	\$67,751.99	\$69,943.66	\$72,135.33	\$74,327.00
39	\$49,912.91	\$52,408.56	\$55,028.99	\$57,780.43	\$60,669.46	\$63,702.93	\$66,888.08							
40	\$51,160.73	\$53,718.77	\$56,404.71	\$59,224.95	\$62,186.19	\$65,295.50	\$68,560.28							
41	\$52,439.75	\$55,061.74	\$57,814.83	\$60,705.57	\$63,740.85	\$66,927.89	\$70,274.28							
42A	\$53,750.75	\$56,438.28	\$59,260.20	\$62,223.21	\$65,334.37	\$68,601.09	\$72,031.14							

CURRENT COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

42S	\$57,106.15	\$59,369.23	\$61,632.30	\$63,895.38	\$66,158.46	\$68,421.54	\$70,684.61		\$72,947.69	\$73,620.96	\$75,210.77	\$77,473.85	\$79,736.92	\$82,000.00
43	\$55,094.52	\$57,849.24	\$60,741.70	\$63,778.79	\$66,967.73	\$70,316.11								
44	\$56,471.88	\$59,295.47	\$62,260.25	\$65,373.26	\$68,641.92	\$72,074.02								
45	\$57,883.68	\$60,777.86	\$63,816.75	\$67,007.59	\$70,357.97	\$73,875.87								
46	\$59,330.77	\$62,297.31	\$65,412.17	\$68,682.78	\$72,116.92	\$75,722.76								
47	\$60,814.04	\$63,854.74	\$67,047.48	\$70,399.85	\$73,919.84	\$77,615.83								
48	\$62,334.39	\$65,451.11	\$68,723.66	\$72,159.85	\$75,767.84	\$79,556.23								
49A	\$63,892.75	\$67,087.38	\$70,441.75	\$73,963.84	\$77,662.03	\$81,545.14								
49S	\$69,133.00	\$72,316.67	\$75,500.33	\$78,684.00	\$81,867.67	\$85,051.33	\$88,235.00		\$91,418.67		\$94,602.33	\$97,786.00		
50	\$65,490.07	\$68,764.57	\$72,202.80	\$75,812.94	\$79,603.58	\$83,583.76								
51	\$67,127.32	\$70,483.68	\$74,007.87	\$77,708.26	\$81,593.67	\$85,673.36								
52A	\$68,805.50	\$72,245.78	\$75,858.06	\$79,650.97	\$83,633.52	\$87,815.19								
52S	\$71,633.00	\$74,816.67	\$78,000.33	\$81,184.00	\$84,367.67	\$87,551.33	\$90,735.00		\$93,918.67		\$97,102.33	\$100,286.00		
53	\$70,525.64	\$74,051.92	\$77,754.52	\$81,642.24	\$85,724.35	\$90,010.57								
54	\$72,288.78	\$75,903.22	\$79,698.38	\$83,683.30	\$87,867.46	\$92,260.84								
55	\$74,096.00	\$77,800.80	\$81,690.84	\$85,775.38	\$90,064.15	\$94,567.36								
56	\$75,948.40	\$79,745.82	\$83,733.11	\$87,919.76	\$92,315.75	\$96,931.54								
57	\$77,847.11	\$81,739.46	\$85,826.44	\$90,117.76	\$94,623.65	\$99,354.83								
58	\$79,793.29	\$83,782.95	\$87,972.10	\$92,370.70	\$96,989.24	\$101,838.70								
59A	\$81,788.12	\$85,877.52	\$90,171.40	\$94,679.97	\$99,413.97	\$104,384.67								
59S	\$85,350.87	\$88,534.11	\$91,717.35	\$94,900.58	\$98,083.82	\$101,267.06	\$104,450.29		\$107,633.53		\$110,816.76	\$114,000.00		
59S + 10%	\$93,885.96	\$97,387.52	\$100,889.09	\$104,390.64	\$107,892.20	\$111,393.77	\$114,895.32		\$118,396.88		\$121,898.44	\$125,400.00		
60	\$83,832.82	\$88,024.46	\$92,425.69	\$97,046.97	\$101,899.32	\$106,994.28								
61	\$85,928.64	\$90,225.07	\$94,736.33	\$99,473.14	\$104,446.80	\$109,669.14								
62	\$88,076.86	\$92,480.70	\$97,104.74	\$101,959.97	\$107,057.97	\$112,410.87								
63A	\$90,278.78	\$94,792.72	\$99,532.35	\$104,508.97	\$109,734.42	\$115,221.14								
63S	\$91,500.00	\$94,886.67	\$98,273.33	\$101,660.00	\$105,046.67	\$108,433.33	\$111,820.00		\$115,206.67		\$118,593.33	\$121,980.00		
64	\$92,535.75	\$97,162.54	\$102,020.66	\$107,121.70	\$112,477.78	\$118,101.67								
65	\$94,849.14	\$99,591.60	\$104,571.18	\$109,799.74	\$115,289.73	\$121,054.21								
66	\$97,220.37	\$102,081.39	\$107,185.46	\$112,544.73	\$118,171.97	\$124,080.57								
T-66	\$98,590.00	\$102,265.00	\$105,940.00	\$109,620.00	\$113,298.00	\$116,966.00	\$120,645.00		\$124,320.00		\$128,000.00	\$131,680.00		
67	\$99,650.88	\$104,633.42	\$109,865.10	\$115,358.35	\$121,126.27	\$127,182.58								
68	\$102,142.15	\$107,249.26	\$112,611.72	\$118,242.31	\$124,154.42	\$130,362.15								
69A	\$104,695.71	\$109,930.49	\$115,427.02	\$121,198.37	\$127,258.29	\$133,621.20			\$131,376.82		\$135,188.41	\$139,000.00		
69S	\$104,695.71	\$108,507.29	\$112,318.88	\$116,130.47	\$119,942.06	\$123,753.65	\$127,565.24		\$131,376.82		\$135,188.41	\$139,000.00		

CURRENT COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

70	\$107,313.10	\$112,678.75	\$118,312.69	\$124,228.33	\$130,439.74	\$136,961.73								
71	\$109,995.93	\$115,495.72	\$121,270.51	\$127,334.03	\$133,700.74	\$140,385.77								
72	\$112,745.82	\$118,383.12	\$124,302.27	\$130,517.38	\$137,043.25	\$143,895.42								
73	\$115,564.47	\$121,342.69	\$127,409.83	\$133,780.32	\$140,469.34	\$147,492.80								
74	\$118,453.58	\$124,376.26	\$130,595.07	\$137,124.83	\$143,981.07	\$151,180.12								
75	\$121,414.92	\$127,485.67	\$133,859.95	\$140,552.95	\$147,580.60	\$154,959.63								

## Proposed Classification Schedule

	Step/ Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Grades 6-27 are for Administrative											
	6	27,392	28,457	29,523	30,588	31,653	32,718	33,784	34,849	35,914	36,979		
	7	29,310	30,449	31,589	32,729	33,869	35,009	36,148	37,288	38,428	39,568		
	8	31,361	32,581	33,800	35,020	36,240	37,459	38,679	39,898	41,118	42,338		
	9	33,556	34,861	36,166	37,471	38,776	40,081	41,386	42,691	43,996	45,301		
	10	35,905	37,302	38,698	40,094	41,491	42,887	44,283	45,680	47,076	48,472		
	11	38,419	39,913	41,407	42,901	44,395	45,889	47,383	48,877	50,371	51,865		
	12	41,108	42,707	44,305	45,904	47,503	49,101	50,700	52,299	53,897	55,496		
	13	43,986	45,696	47,407	49,117	50,828	52,538	54,249	55,960	57,670	59,381		
	14	47,065	48,895	50,725	52,556	54,386	56,216	58,046	59,877	61,707	63,537		
	15	51,771	54,072	56,373	58,674	60,975	63,276	65,577	67,878	70,179	72,480		
	16	56,948	59,479	62,010	64,541	67,072	69,603	72,134	74,666	77,197	79,728		
	17	62,643	65,427	68,211	70,996	73,780	76,564	79,348	82,132	84,916	87,700		
	18	68,907	71,970	75,033	78,095	81,158	84,220	87,283	90,345	93,408	96,470		
	19	75,798	79,167	82,536	85,905	89,273	92,642	96,011	99,380	102,749	106,117		
	20	83,378	87,084	90,789	94,495	98,201	101,906	105,612	109,318	113,023	116,729		
	21	91,716	95,792	99,868	103,945	108,021	112,097	116,173	120,250	124,326	128,402		
	22	100,887	105,371	109,855	114,339	118,823	123,307	127,791	132,274	136,758	141,242		
	23	110,976	115,908	120,841	125,773	130,705	135,637	140,570	145,502	150,434	155,366		
	24	122,074	127,499	132,925	138,350	143,776	149,201	154,627	160,052	165,478	170,903		
	25	134,281	140,249	146,217	152,185	158,153	164,121	170,089	176,057	182,025	187,993		
	26	147,709	154,274	160,839	167,404	173,969	180,533	187,098	193,663	200,228	206,793		
	27	162,480	169,701	176,923	184,144	191,365	198,587	205,808	213,029	220,251	227,472		
Current Grades	28	Grades 30-41 are for Suppression											
	29												
30	30	39,967											
31S	31	40,966	42,940	44,913	46,887	48,861	50,835	52,809	54,783	56,756	58,730	60,704	62,678
35S	32	45,219	47,410	49,602	51,794	53,985	56,177	58,369	60,560	62,752	64,944	67,135	69,327
38S	33	50,219	52,410	54,602	56,794	58,985	61,177	63,369	65,560	67,752	69,944	72,135	74,327
42S	34	57,106	59,369	61,632	63,895	66,158	68,422	70,685	72,948	75,211	77,474	79,737	82,000
49S	35	69,133	72,317	75,500	78,684	81,868	85,051	88,235	91,419	94,602	97,786		
52S	36	71,633	74,817	78,000	81,184	84,368	87,551	90,735	93,919	97,102	100,286		
59S	37	85,351	88,534	91,717	94,901	98,084	101,267	104,450	107,634	110,817	114,000		
63S	38	91,500	94,887	98,273	101,660	105,047	108,433	111,820	115,207	118,593	121,980		
59S + 10%	39	93,886	97,388	100,889	104,391	107,892	111,394	114,895	118,397	121,898	125,400		
T-66	40	98,590	102,265	105,940	109,620	113,298	116,966	120,645	124,320	128,000	131,680		
69S	41	104,696	108,507	112,319	116,130	119,942	123,754	127,565	131,377	135,188	139,000		

# GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT

## BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF A BUDGET STUDY SESSION FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET

ITEM #: 8B

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

### BACKGROUND

The 2021/2022 budget study session is a public study session that will present in detail a department-by-department operations and maintenance budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Additionally management will present an updated five year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), as well as all revenue sources.

This budget study will provide the Board with the opportunity to provide feedback and direction for Management. Once the Board has agreed on the appropriate funding level for the District, the Board will, in a regular session, move to approve the preliminary budget for public comment. After a cure period, and an opportunity for public comment in a study session, the Board can then move to formally adopt the budget and submit a recommended levy to Pima and Pinal Counties.

Staff is looking for a recommendation from the governing board, for a date for the first budget study session.

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

Motion to set the first budget study session for   (date)  .



# **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT**

## **BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Jeremy Hilderbrand, Division Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-0001 DECLARING THE LISTED DISTRICT ITEMS AS  
SURPLUS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THE DECLARED SURPLUS  
ITEMS IN A WAY THAT BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT

ITEM #: 8C

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☒ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

### **BACKGROUND**

The Golder Ranch Fire District has accumulated items that we no longer use or need. The attached documentation provides a list of those items the district is seeking to surplus. This agenda item is to receive approval to classify these items as surplus and to place the items on a public surplus auction site. This operation will be directed by Chief Hilderbrand and by Carol Espinoza (Fleet Maintenance).

All items are listed.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

Motion to approve Resolution #2021-0001 declaring the list of items presented as surplus to the needs of the District and direction for staff to dispose of declared surplus items in a way that best meets the needs of the District



# **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT**

Fire ~ Rescue ~ Ambulance  
3885 E. Golder Ranch Drive  
Tucson, Arizona 85739

Chief Randy Karrer

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0001**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT DECLARING THE LISTED ITEMS AS SURPLUS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF TO DISPOSE OF THE DECLARED SURPLUS ITEMS IN SUCH A WAY THAT BEST MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT**

The Golder Ranch Fire District Governing Board hereby adopts and sets forth the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Golder Ranch Fire District is a fire district and political subdivision of the State of Arizona, and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Golder Ranch Fire District is the owner of the list of District property as described in Exhibit A, attached to this document, as surplus to the needs of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Golder Ranch Fire District has determined that the items listed in Exhibit A are no longer of any value to the District, do not serve a useful function and are not required for the continued effective operation of the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**; the Governing Board of the Golder Ranch Fire District declares the items listed on Exhibit A, attached to this resolution, as surplus property and are no longer of need to the District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Golder Ranch Fire District Governing Board directs staff to dispose of such declared items in a way that best meets the needs of the District in accordance with state statutes.



# **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT**

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Chief Randy Karrer

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, at a duly noticed public meeting of the Golder Ranch Fire District Governing Board.

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Vicki Cox Golder  
Chairperson of the Governing Board  
of the Golder Ranch Fire District

ATTEST:

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Wally Vette  
Clerk of the Governing Board  
of the Golder Ranch Fire District

## **EXHIBIT A**

**Requested items to be declared surplus and to be placed on a public surplus auction site:**

### **Auction items (non-vehicle)**

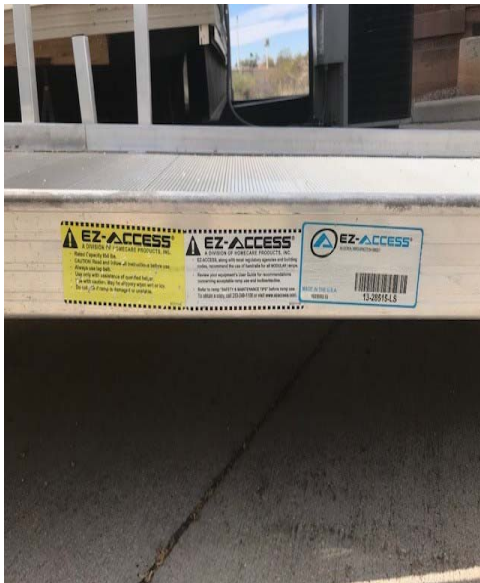
- Wood receptionist desk with drawer file cabinets
- Wood 4 drawer file cabinet (3)
- Book shelf unit mahogany color wood
- Access Ramp, 3 panels 10ft x 34in. (Overall length 30ft.)
- Sniper Sandia Carpet Cleaner
- Metal 6 drawer file cabinet (grey)
- 2 Bar stools
- Cargo slide for pickup truck
- Pressure washer McCuli FH 2800
- Truck Scales (2 Sets)
- Conference Table
- Various ladders
- Smart Projector
- Office Charis
- Work stations
- 24" Dell monitors
- 22" LED TV
- Cisco switches
- Dell Servers
- ErgoTron standing desk
- MDT docks
- Laptops



Entry lobby desk with low file cabinets. As is.



Shelving unit. As is.



Ramp dimensions:

3 Ramp panels: 10 ft X 34 inch 30 feet total length

6 handrail sections for ramp: 10 ft X 34 inch high

64 inch x 64 inch landing

3 ft tall handrail for landing

4 legs for landing: 3 ft

4 legs for ramp: 21 inch

As is. Assembly parts included.



Sniper Sandia carpet cleaner. As is. Has not been used in 12-15 months.



Metal File cabinet. As is.





2 bar stools. As is.



3-File cabinets.



Office conference table. Seats 8.



Various ladders. Extension and attic 12-24 ft. Not for firefighting services, have failed NFPA ladder tests.



Smart UX60 Interactive Smart Projector AS IS worked, last used 12-15 months ago



22" Sharp LED TV



Office Chairs

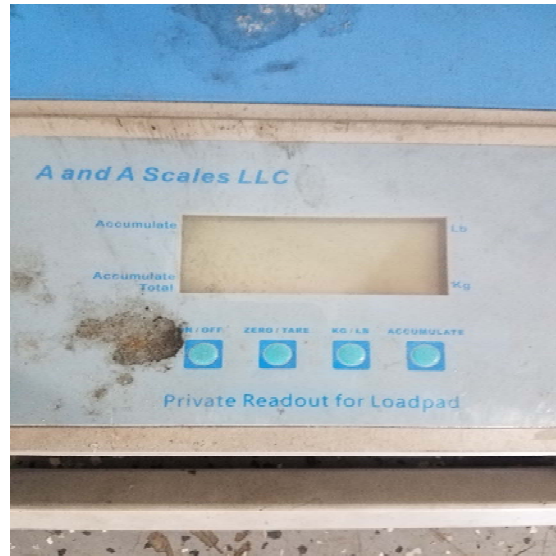
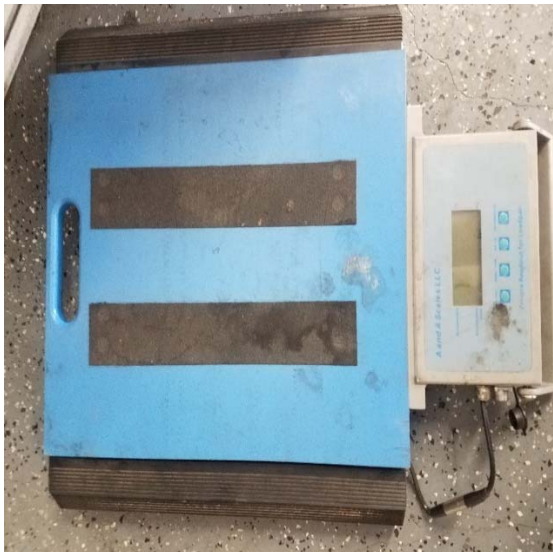


Cargo Slide for Pickup Truck





Pressure washer McCuli FHJ2800





Truck scales



### IT Surplus Items



Lot of computers and MDT Docks (variety)



Lot of (10) Workstations HP's and Dell Desktops and 2 - 24" Dell Monitors  
Unknown conditions



Cisco Switches (variety of models)



Dell Servers (variety of models)





Ergo Tron Standing Desk (missing brackets)

# **GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT**

## **BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A CHIEF OFFICER POSITION

ITEM #: 8D

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☒ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☐ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

### **BACKGROUND**

Succession planning for the future has been a very high priority for me, at the direction of the District governing board. The Golder Ranch Fire District has grown significantly in the last ten years in terms of assessed value, revenue, geographic boundary and personnel. This is largely due to the consolidation with Mountain Vista Fire District and continued annexations in the Oro Valley area. Growth of any organization requires an intentional philosophical approach to succession planning to prepare personnel to fill vacancies. With the pending retirement of an assistant chief and the fire chief in 2 years, providing opportunity for direct internal coaching, mentoring, and guidance to include on the job training is extremely important for the preparation of our personnel. As you know I have been re-evaluating our current reporting structure and assessing the needs of the organization. As such, I find the need to make additional adjustments.

Therefore I respectfully request the board authorize the reclassification of a Division Chief position to an Assistant Chief position. This would be a \$5000 impact which can be absorb utilizing contingency funds. This Assistant Chief position will be a critical position that would allow direct strategic guidance into the future of the organization. This will also provide a unique and very necessary opportunity for training and mentoring as well as this will also allow for the progression of multiple individuals in the chain of command. Upon retirement of the Assistant Chief position in 2023, the board can determine at that time if that position should be filled.

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

Motion to authorize the fire chief to reclassify a division chief position to an assistant chief position utilizing contingency funds

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Dave Christian, Finance Manager

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE  
DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

ITEM #: 8E

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

**BACKGROUND**

Presented are the monthly financial reports and cash reconciliation.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

Motion to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial report as presented.

Golder Ranch Fire District  
Summary Budget Comparison - SUMMARY BUDGET TO ACTUAL \*\*BOARD PACKET\*\*  
From 2/1/2021 Through 2/28/2021

Account Code	Account Title	Current Period Budget	Current Period Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
5000	Labor/Benefits/Employee Development	2,120,478.14	2,071,532.39	20,291,682.87	20,210,259.55
6000	Supplies/Consumables	116,997.42	147,860.26	1,062,179.36	743,027.87
6500	Vehicle / Equipment Expense	57,978.67	43,129.99	463,829.36	384,240.19
6750	Utilities / Communications	38,243.87	28,914.52	308,277.70	284,702.75
7000	Professional Services	121,475.03	81,350.27	865,000.56	611,228.69
7500	Dues/Subscriptions/Maint. Fees	29,846.60	2,088.00	236,877.47	156,773.17
7750	Insurance	4,833.33	0.00	91,484.64	91,191.00
8000	Repairs / Maintenance	34,573.50	51,540.27	348,888.00	332,696.52
9000	Debt Service	383,042.16	602,564.37	727,516.28	627,657.40
9500	Capital Outlay	1,144,416.66	44,035.76	2,274,738.32	646,009.88
9900	Interest Expense	306,505.00	29,960.45	307,926.00	282,872.37
Report Difference		(4,358,390.38)	(3,102,976.28)	(26,978,400.56)	(24,370,659.39)

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION OR LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING AN UPDATE ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, NOTICE OF CLAIM RECEIVED, AND POSSIBLE PENDING LITIGATION

ITEM #: 8F

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Discussion Only ☒ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☒ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

This item allows the Golder Ranch Fire District Governing board to obtain legal advice regarding an EEOC complaints received, a notice of claim that was received, and possible pending litigation.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3) for the purpose of legal advice with the attorney.

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Brooke Painter, Board Services Manager

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM #: 9

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

**BACKGROUND**

This agenda item allows an individual Governing Board Member to recommend item(s) to go on future agendas.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.2(H), the Board will not discuss the items(s) at this time because it would be a violation of the Open Meeting Laws and no voting action will be taken on the recommended item.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.



**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD COMMUNICATION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Governing Board

FROM: Randy Karrer, Fire Chief

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Call to the Public

ITEM #: 10

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Discussion Only ☐ Formal Motion ☐ Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION: ☐ Approve ☐ Conditional Approval ☐ Deny

SUPPORTED BY: ☒ Staff ☒ Fire Chief ☐ Legal Review

**BACKGROUND**

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. The Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the Call to the Public, which are not on the agenda due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law; however, individual members of the Board are permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct staff to review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda. \*\* Please see revised instructions to speakers at the bottom of the agenda.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

No motion is necessary for this agenda item.