

**MINUTES
SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT
WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012
9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Irvin S. Mitchell

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chairman Irv Mitchell, Board Clerk Ed George, Board Treasurer Jack Leonard, Board Vice Chairman Walter Link, and Board Member Robert Luger.

Members Absent: None

Staff: Fire Chief Haner, Assistant Fire Chief Hank Oleson, USCFFA Vice President Matt Lohr, and Administrative Manager Lisa Neubert.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED:

- I. Chief Haner led a discussion on current legislation and fiscal challenges as affect the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget. He provided a historical perspective on the District's assessed valuation and tax levy rate and noted that the District's assessed valuation has decreased 42% since 2008. The assessed valuation for the upcoming 2012-2013 fiscal year is \$294,935,072 and the budget for this fiscal year, 2011-2012, is \$11,226,617. To put the fiscal challenges into perspective Chief Haner noted that in fiscal year 2003-2004 the assessed valuation was \$291,985,038 but the annual budget was only \$7,345,399.
- II. Chief Haner provided an overview on HB2184 which will, if passed the Arizona legislature, provide temporary relief to the fire district \$3.25 tax levy cap that is set by the Arizona Revised Statutes. This temporary relief would be for a two year period during which time no cost of living adjustments or merit raises could be awarded to employees. This bill would allow the District to go up to a \$3.75 tax levy but only for 50% of the budget shortfall. With the passing of HB2184 the District will still be short approximately \$508,863. If HB2184 does not pass the District will be short be approximately \$1,017,726. Both shortfall figures do not include any increases in health insurance premiums.

FOR THE BOARD

Edwin L. George

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Clerk of the Board