



Mokena Fire Protection District

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MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S

TRUSTEE MEETING

December 9, 2025

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Fire Station #1

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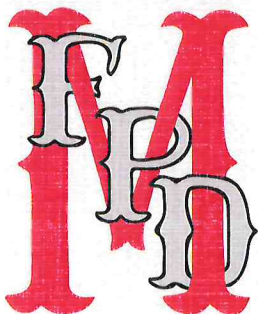
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Fire Station #3

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Organized 1917



The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at Mokena Fire Station 1 at 7:00 PM.

Trustees Roll Call:

Trustee Haas	Absent
Trustee Blank	Present
Trustee Hennessy	Present
Trustee Burkhardt	Present
Trustee Warning	Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief Joe Cirelli, Deputy Chief Rick Campbell, Engineer Mike Dreger (From 7:11 PM – 7:39 PM), and Recording Secretary Keyla Darwent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Blank, to appoint Trustee Warning as the President Pro Tem for tonight's meeting. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burkhardt, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025, Trustee Meeting. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

Trustee Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hennessy, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burkhardt, to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$207,361.12. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Blank wishes everyone Happy Holidays! Trustee Blank would also like to thank the MFPD for helping with Mokena Miracles.

Trustee Hennessy wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!

Trustee Burkhardt hopes everyone has a safe holiday.

Trustee Warning thanks the MFPD for sending flowers for his mother's passing.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

We will begin the budget process for Fiscal Year ending 2027 in January.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

The code enforcement report and community risk reduction surveys were reviewed by the Board.

DEPUTY CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Engine 92 (HME) out of Station 2 had a faulty transmission solenoid along with a faulty internal transmission harness that was causing the fire pump not to engage. This was an intermittent problem. The engine is now back in service.

Updates on Truck 92:

- Aerial ladder lift and elevation cylinders will be completed the week of December 15th.

- A new Allison transmission was ordered and will be installed along with the new Cummins motor the week of December 15th.
- The steering gears and links will be completed the week of the 22nd.
- Chandler Services is scheduling Truck 92 to be completed by the end of this month.

The bunk room project at Station 2 is nearing completion. This week, the station alerting system (USDD) is scheduled to be installed. Once installed, shift crews will begin moving back in. The completion of this project was very successful, due to the efforts and talent of the shift crew members that worked tirelessly on this project. MFPD would like to thank all the members that contributed to the success of this project.

Costello's Flooring is scheduled to replace the flooring in the kitchen and both shift offices at Station 1 this week.

Station 2 has two bay heaters that need to be replaced due to faulty control boards and age of the units. DL Comfort replaced one of the two faulty bay heaters and has ordered the other bay heater. The approximate cost for this repair is \$4,000.

This month's training calendar was reviewed by the trustee members.

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

The Board of Fire Commissioners posted the final eligibility list; there are five candidates on the final list. The Fire Commissioners met and reviewed the results of the background examination for the first and second candidates. The Commission has determined that the candidates failed the background examination; as such, the third candidate has been contacted to ascertain their interest in beginning background examination process.

We have begun working on a proposed apprenticeship program. More updates to follow over the next several months.

Chief Cirelli received the attached letter from President Haas stating his intent to resign from the President position, while remaining on the board to complete the remainder of his term (at least).

As 2025 comes to a close, Chief Cirelli would like to thank the Board of Trustees for supporting our staff and demonstrating trust and confidence in us.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for November.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you letter was received from the family of Helen Warning for the plant donated by the MFPD for the loss of Trustee Warning's mother.

Elwood FPD gave thanks for the help of Mokena FPD assisting in mitigating a complex call that took place at a building fire on November 17, 2025.

LIFT ASSISTANCE FEE ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 2025-5 is an ordinance permitting the charging of care facilities for lift assists, when a patient is not transported (transported patients are already being billed). As of December 4th, we have 43 lift assists (with no transport) to the nursing home in our jurisdiction. The proposed ordinance is one half of the current GEMT rate (currently would be approximately \$1,500 per lift assist).

Trustee Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Trustee Blank, to accept *Ordinance No. 2025-5*, permitting the charging of care facilities for lift assists as presented. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Blank aye; Trustee Hennessy aye; Trustee Burkhardt aye; Trustee Warning aye.

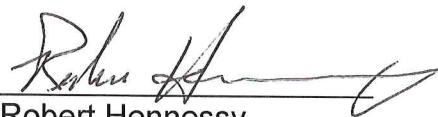
CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Blank, to enter Closed Session at 7:40 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:10 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.



Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Keyla Darwent