



Mokena Fire Protection District

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MOKENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S

TRUSTEE MEETING

March 10, 2026

Administrative Offices

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Fire Station #1

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Fire Station #2

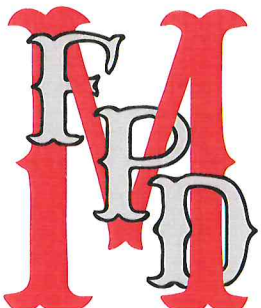
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Fire Station #3

10855 W. 183rd Street
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Established 1883
Organized 1917



The regular meeting of the Mokena Fire Protection District was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at Mokena Fire Station 1 at 6:00 PM.

Trustees Roll Call:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chief Joe Cirelli, Deputy Chief Rick Campbell, Office Coordinator Keyla Darwent, and Recording Secretary Susan Turner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, CORRECTIONS, APPROVAL

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warning, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, Trustee Meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

Trustee Warning made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hennessy, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, Closed Session Trustee meeting. Motion passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

UNION REPORT

None

FINANCE REPORT

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, seconded by Trustee Burkhardt, to accept the Monthly Statement as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Trustee Burkhardt made a motion, seconded by Trustee Warning, to pay the monthly bills as presented in the amount of \$207,130.30. Motion passed with all ayes.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Trustee Hennesy would like to thank Keyla and Susan on a great job planning the awards banquet. Also, it was great to see Kathy.

Trustee Warning would like to thank Keyla and Susan for their hard work on the awards banquet.

CALENDAR AND CHECKLIST

Economic Interest Statements are due May 1, 2026, and will need to be filed by then.

The annual performance review of the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief will be an agenda item for the April meeting. Chief Cirelli advise.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

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

DEPUTY CHIEF CAMPBELL'S REPORT

Fleet Management:

- Progress continues on Truck 92. The elevation and lift cylinders for the aerial ladder had all the corrosion removed and are expected to be painted by the end of this week. Once completed, they will be reinstalled on the aerial ladder. Chandler Services has also contacted Underwriter Laboratories (UL) to arrange for the aerial ladder inspection and testing, as well as the pump testing.
- Engine 91 (Pierce Enforcer) out of Station 1 was out of service for approximately 1 day for a faulty steering gear box. The gear box had a class III leak, requiring the apparatus to be placed out of service. MacQueen Emergency completed the repair.
- Ambulance 92 (Freightliner) out of Station 2 was out of service due to the worn brakes. TransChicago Truck Group performed a complete brake replacement on both axles. The ambulance was out of service for approximately 1 week.

- Ambulance 91 (Freightliner) out of Station 1 was out of service due to a faulty grid heater for the diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). The DEF grid heater, which prevents the DEF from freezing failed and required replacement. TransChicago Truck Group replaced the DEF grid heater under warranty. The ambulance was out of service for approximately 3 days.

Station 3 has experienced a blower motor failure affecting the rear bay heaters. Trico Mechanical is scheduled to replace the blower motor, impeller, and flex connector for the affected unit this week.

MFPD has renewed its annual service contract with Zeiter Septics. This contract provides bimonthly preventative maintenance and system monitoring. Regular preventative maintenance has proven essential for reliability and longevity of this type of system.

The Board approved the following Class Requests:

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| • Keyla Darwent | IFSAP – Line of Duty Death Preparedness |
| • Susan Turner | IFSAP – Line of Duty Death Preparedness |
| • Dave Porter | Arson Task Force |
| • Adam Meyer | Arson Task Force |
| • Jim Cresto | Blue Card CE Renewal |

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

FIRE CHIEF CIRELLI'S REPORT

Chief Cirelli is hopeful to have a draft budget ready to present at the next trustee meeting.

We have one Engineer out on a duty-related injury.

The Engineer practical is scheduled for March 18th, with the written being on March 25th. This is for a 3-year promotional list. Firefighter Crabtree was promoted temporarily to Engineer, not to exceed 180 days.

Our full-time eligibility list is about to be exhausted. Our testing process will be changing; the previous testing company has altered their business model and will have an annual subscription. We intend to change from IO Solutions to the National Testing Network.

Chief Cirelli has been appointed the MABAS 19 Vice-President after Orland Park Fire Protection District's chief resigned.

The annual employee recognition dinner was held on Friday, February 27th at Jamo's Live, and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. It was a special night being able to honor Kathy for her retirement. Chief Cirelli would like to thank Susan and Keyla for planning the event.

Chief Cirelli recommends increasing payments each month for the new engine to \$10,000 per month, that way it can be paid-off sooner.

The Board agrees to increase payments for the new engine to \$10,000 per month.

MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORTS

The Trustees reviewed the monthly alarm reports for February.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

RENEWAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE (IPRF) WITH \$25,000 DEDUCTIBLE

Chief Cirelli has received the renewal rates for worker's compensation from IPRF for 7/13/26 — 7/13/27. Chief Cirelli is happy to report that while the premium has increased approximately \$9,000, the rates have gone down slightly. Renewal premium is \$275,093 (from \$266,570). This is continuing with the \$25,000 deductible and modified work program (light duty). Chief Cirelli strongly suggests that we renew.

Trustee Hennessy made a motion, second by Trustee Blank, to approve the renewal of Workers Compensation Insurance (IPRF) as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

APPROVAL OF AUDIT ENGAGEMENT WITH HEARNE AND ASSOCIATES FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING 2026, 2027 AND 2028

Our auditor, Hearne and Associates, is up for renewal. Chief Cirelli recommends we engage Hearne and Associates for another three years.

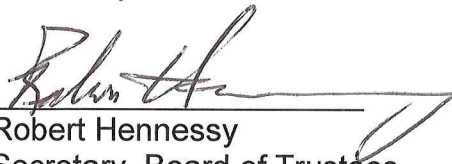
Trustee Warning made a motion, seconded by Trustee Hennessy, to approve the Audit of Hearne and Associates for Fiscal years ending 2026, 2027 and 2028 as presented. Motion passed with all ayes.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM after a motion by Robert Hennessy.


Robert Hennessy
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Recording Secretary: Susan Turner