

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT BOARD

Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023
Meeting Time: 9:00 AM
Location: 21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

1. CALL TO ORDER

Battalion Chief Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Board Members in Attendance

Battalion Chief Lyle Kennedy
 Captain Tony Donaldson
 Cody Bren
 Lorrie Palmquist
 Chief Delfs

Others In Attendance

Firefighter Michael Ryder

Absent/Excused

Luis Castaneda

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may convene in Executive Session to receive legal advice or to review confidential medical information.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes from the meeting held May 15, 2023.

New Hires beginning employment June 5, 2023:

The following individuals have all completed new hire physicals including the PSPRS required documentation with results from Evolve Tactical fitness noted below.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pre-Exiting Condition</u>
Kristin Feldman, FF/EMT	05-16-2023	Yes
William Lewis, FF/EMT	05-17-2023	Yes
Zachary Harper, FF/EMT	05-16-2023	No
Nathaniel Morales-Ruiz, FF/EMT	05-06-2023	Yes

Separation of service:

Firefighter Ralph Hiraes
 Firefighter Jacob Roberts
 Firefighter Dana Crowe
 Paramedic Tyler Overstreet

Captain Donaldson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Battalion Chief Kennedy seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.



7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY FOR FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL RYDER.

At the recent meeting of May 15, 2023, the Board accepted Firefighter Ryder’s application for accidental disability and voted to send him to an independent medical examiner. Mr. Ryder scheduled an appointment with *Rescue Me Wellness*, where he was evaluated by Lisa Ritter on May 25, 2023. Ms. Ritter, PA-C, MMS, has provided an opinion letter stating the following:

There is no evidence of any pre-existing medical conditions.

The conditions which Firefighter Ryder is suffering with are the direct result of performance of his duties with the Avra Valley Fire District.

Mr. Ryder has a physical condition which totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his position classification as a firefighter, and precludes him from returning to work in the capacity of a firefighter.

Based on the opinion and letter dated June 1, 2023 from Rescue me Wellness, LLC and Lisa Ritter, PA-C, MMS, Battalion Chief Kennedy motioned that the Permanent Accidental Disability Retirement for Firefighter Michael Ryder be approved and effective upon his separation of employment with the Avra Valley Fire District. Captain Donaldson seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.***

Battalion Chief Kennedy offered thanks to Mr. Ryder for his years of service, and added that he will be missed. Captain Donaldson commented that Mr. Ryder is the most genuinely solid firefighter he has had the pleasure to work with. Mr. Ryder responded that it has been an honor and a blessing to be a part of the Avra Valley Fire District family.

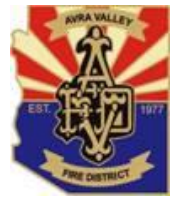
8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE NEW RATES

	<u>FY23</u>	<u>FY24</u>
employEE – Tier 1	7.65	7.65
Tier 1B	8.59	7.65
Tier 2	11.59	7.65 - 10.65
Tier 3	12.56	12.56
employER - Tier 1	16.70	14.57
Tier 1B	16.70	14.57
Tier 2	19.70	17.57
Tier 3	15.46	13.33

Battalion Chief Kennedy motioned to approve the new PSPRS rates for FY24. Captain Donaldson seconded. ***Motion carried unanimously, 4:0.***



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9. CURRENT INFORMATION

Chief Delfs informed the Board of a new bill which is being considered by the Governor which will allow Tier 3 employees to make a new election if they change employers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Captain Donaldson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Battalion Chief Kennedy seconded.
Motion carried unanimously, 4:0. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 AM.