

# Sun City Fire District Governing Board Meeting Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – 09:30

#### SUN CITY FIRE & MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Serving the Communities of Sun City, the Town of Youngtown, and Citrus Point









# Sun City Fire District Elected Officials



Timothy Wilmes Board Chairman Elected 2022



Stephen Arnold Board Clerk Elected 2020



Phil LaBarbera Board Member Elected 2020

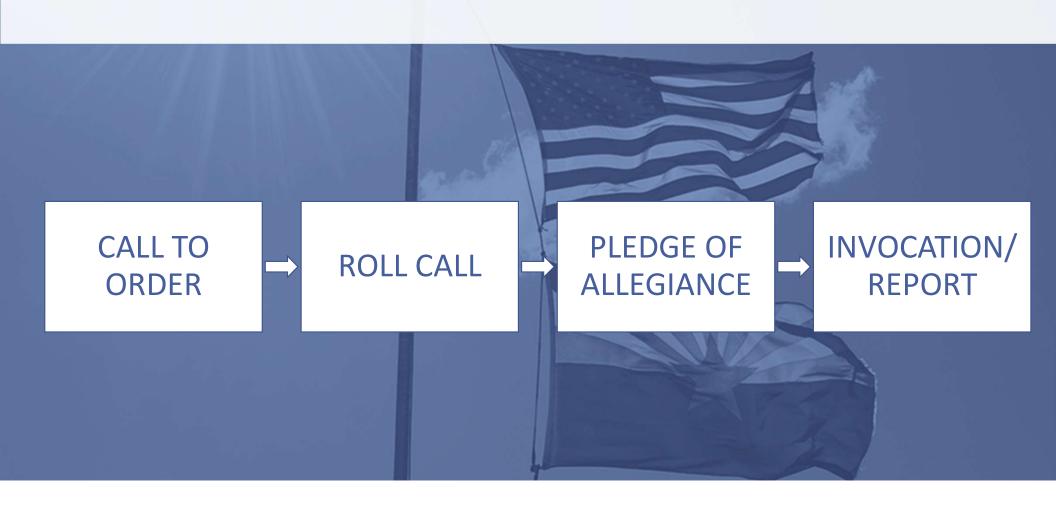


David VanderNaalt Board Member Appointed 2020



Philip Griswold Board Member Appointed 2022

### **MEETING COMMENCEMENT**



#### I. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

NOTICE – Chairman Wilmes will abstain from voting on all agenda items put forth for vote unless there is a tie vote.

A. Approve the Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2023.

### II. CORRESPONDENCE/SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- A. Special Recognition
- B. Community Appreciation Letters
- C. New Hires/Promotions
- D. Service Anniversaries
- E. Retirement Recognition

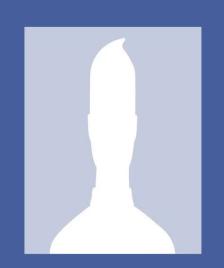


Rob Schmitz Assistant Fire Chief

### PROMOTIONS/NEW HIRES

No promotions/new hires

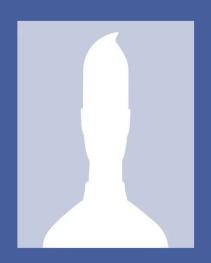
#### **AUGUST SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**



William Damiani EMS Paramedic 2 Years



William Mettler Firefighter/Paramedic 2 Years



Fabian Rodriguez Firefighter/EMT 1 Year



Samuel Herbst Firefighter/EMT 1 Year

#### **AUGUST SERVICE RETIREMENTS**

1. No retirements for the month of August.

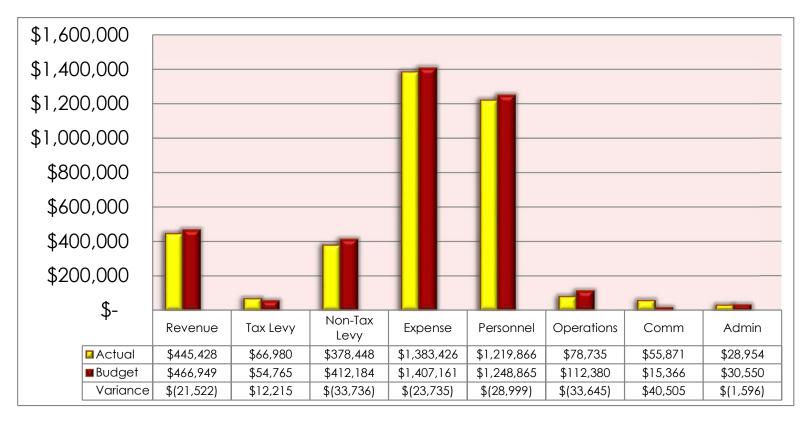
- A. Budget and Finance
  - Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliations July 2023. (Finance Director Gabe Buldra, Presenter)



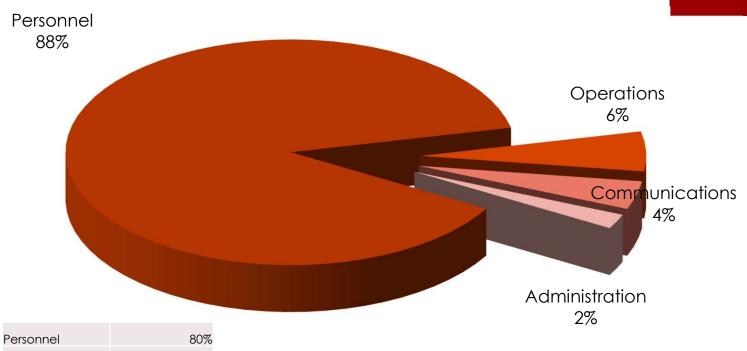
### Sun City Fire District

July 2023 Financial Report

### July 2023



#### Percentage of Expenses Year to Date



Personnel	80%
Operations	5%
Communications	4%
Administration	11%

#### B. Legal and Insurance

- 1. PSPRS / Prop 207 updates (Board Chairman Tim Wilmes, Presenter)
- 2. Action Item Fire District Fee Schedule revisions (Fire Marshal Jim Fox, Presenter)

#### IFC Code Amendment:

Section 1206.1 Permits. Is hereby AMENDED by ADDING the following subsection:

1206.1.2 Operational Permits. An Operational Annual Permit is required to operate a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) regulated by IFC Section 1206 in accordance with the adopted Operational Permit Fee Schedule.

#### Miscellaneous Fees

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Fees Based on Estimated Value

Tents, Canopies, and Temporary Membrane Air Supported Structures

Canopies (Open on ALL Sides) See Operational Permits

\$150.00

Temporary membrane structures and tents				
	<ol> <li>An operational permit is required to operate an air- supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m<sup>2</sup>).</li> </ol>	Single (First) Each Additional	\$300.00 \$150.00	Permit Permit
	<ol><li>Tents (Canopies) open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:</li></ol>		\$150.00	Permit

20MWh (H2 Occupancy).

#### **Operational Permits:** Battery Systems To Install lead acid, Lithium all types, Nickel Cadmium, sodium, flow battery systems and VRLA battery systems 3kWh - < \$150.00 Permit 20kWh To maintain lead acid, Lithium all types, Nickel Cadmium, sodium, flow battery systems and VRLA battery systems \$500.00 Annually 20kWh - <600kWh. To maintain lead acid, Lithium all types, Nickel Cadmium, sodium, flow battery systems and VRLA battery systems \$1,000.00 Annually 600kWh - 5MWh (H2 Occupancy). To maintain lead acid, Lithium all types, Nickel Cadmium, sodium, flow battery systems and VRLA battery systems \$2,500.00 Annually >5MWh - 20MWh (H2 Occupancy). To maintain lead acid, Lithium all types, Nickel Cadmium, sodium, flow battery systems and VRLA battery systems >

\$5,000.00

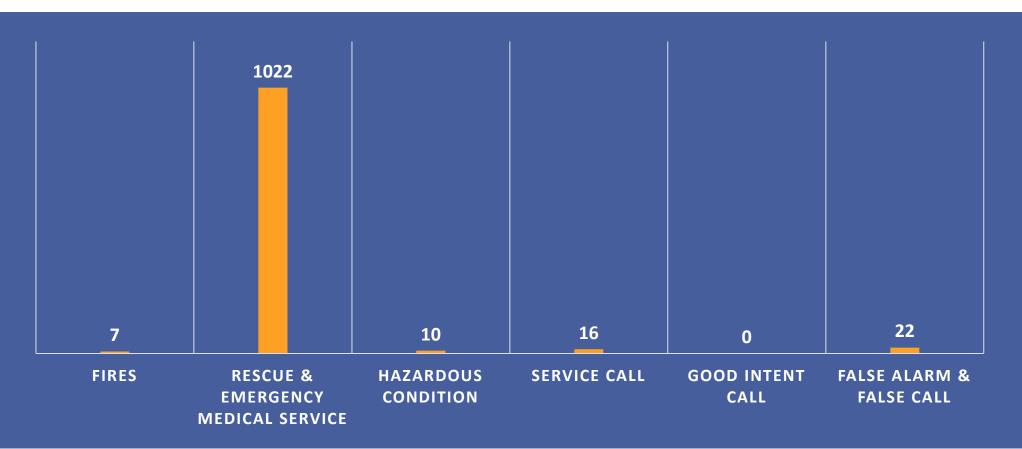
Annually

# C. SCFMD Operations



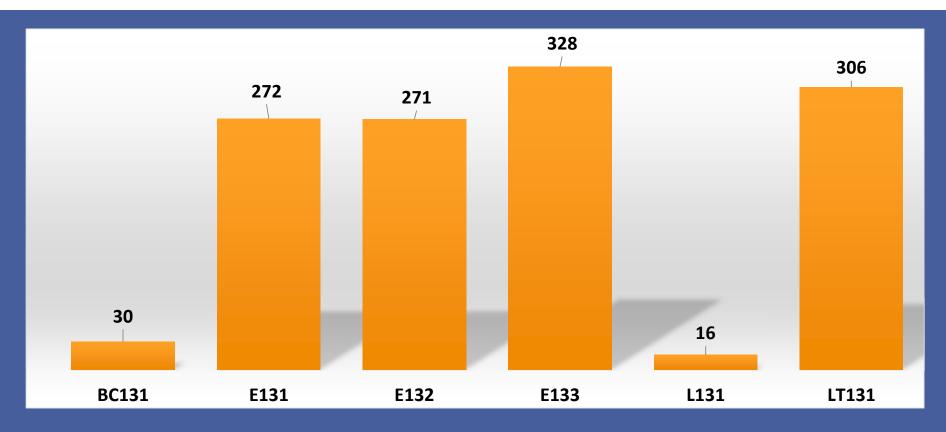
#### **MAJOR INCIDENT TYPES – JULY 2023**

**Total Incidents: 1,077** 



#### **UNIT CALL VOLUME – JULY 2023**

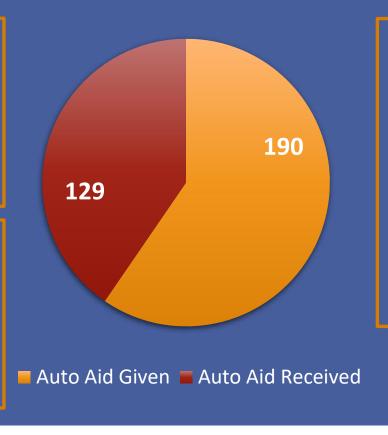
**Total Unit Call Volume: 1,223** 



#### **INCIDENT STATISTICS – JULY 2023**



Overlapping
Calls
82.68%



20:18
Operations
Average
On-Scene
Time

# D. EMS/AmbulanceOperations



#### **AMBULANCE ON-SCENE INCIDENT COUNTS**

**Total Ambulance On-Scene Counts: 841** 



#### **AMBULANCE ALS TRANSPORTS**

#### **JULY 2023**

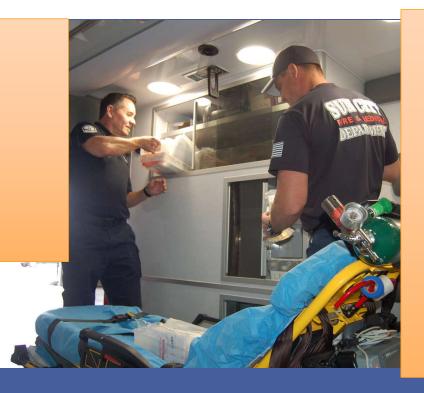
M131 – 184 Transports

M132 – 133 Transports

M133 – 179 Transports

M134 – 122 Transports

**TOTAL - 618 Transports** 



# Receiving Hospital

- 567 Boswell
- 17 Thunderbird
- 10 St. Joes West
- 10 Arrowhead
  - 7 Del Webb
- 3 Honor DV
- 2 Mayo
- 1 County
- 1 St. Joes Hospital

### **EMS/Ambulance Operations**

- 1. Began Pediatric Advanced Life Support training in partnership with Phoenix Childrens Hospital (PCH) staff.
- 2. Started working on Operative IQ (new supply and equipment tracking software).
- 3. CQI reviewed 46 patient care reports (PCRs).

E. ResourceManagement –Apparatus &Facilities



- 1. L131 has been in service for a few weeks and has been running well. We've had to work through a few minor issues in the meantime, but nothing significant. This has given us some time to work on LT131 and give it a break.
- 2. Chief Van Roekel, Mechanic Ramos, and Engineer Musselman are traveling to Columbus, Ohio on August 29<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> for the final inspection of the new Sutphen pumper (E133).
- 3. Chief Schmitz and Mechanic Ramos have finalized the purchase of a new fleet support truck. It sounds like we're awaiting confirmation on some of the equipment that will be mounted to the unit.

- 4. Once the new pumper arrives, the current E133 Sutphen will become the frontline reserve unit.
- 5. We intend to sell the white refurbished 2001 Quantum once we place the new E133 in service.
- 6. Mechanic Ramos was able to troubleshoot starting issues with the refurbished 2001 red Quantum by replacing the fuel injectors. We're confident this has fixed an on-going intermittent issue with this unit. We're wanting to keep this truck as our second reserve unit until we can replace it with one more Sutphen.

- 7. We are looking at taking M139, a current reserve unit, and swapping it with the current M131. M131 is beginning to show signs of wear and has the most miles on it. This will buy the district some time while we determine when a new ambulance can be ordered. New ambulances currently have a two-year lead time.
- 8. Rosenbauer continues to reach out as they work on our new Ladder Tender. We've had to make a few minor changes to avoid a delay in the project. The anticipated completion date is still July 2024.
- 9. We are preparing to transition L131/LT131 to L133/LT133 since the move from FS131 to FS133. This is common practice and preferred as a member of the Phoenix Automatic Aid System. It was recently completed by Peoria when moving L197 to FS195. We may be able to leave the current LT131 as is until the new LT arrives with the correct designation on it.

- 10. One of our retired sets of hydraulic extrication tools found a new home with the Glendale Fire Department in a trade for tuition of our recruits at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Complex (GRPSTC).
- 11. We are researching the cost of upgrading our extrication equipment following some recent training with new vehicle technology. With new construction methods being used on today's vehicles, extrication gear is quickly becoming underpowered. We believe this will likely only affect the cutters and not the entire set.
- 12. We have begun our second round of testing and inspections on all firefighter turnout gear through Arizona PPE.

- 13. Chief Van Roekel has progressed a complaint with Motorola regarding the failure rate of the batteries placed in service in July 2022. In the first year on the trucks, we're experiencing a 20% fail rate. All but one battery has been accepted under warranty, but the replacement time has been 2 4 months...
- 14. A project is in progress to utilize a placard system on our reserve vehicles to make them more readily identifiable when they're being utilized in a frontline position. This will assist command with identifying our units on larger incidents as our current reserve trucks have no unit markings on them.

#### **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - FACILITIES**

- 1. We have received three different quotes and are considering two different products to resurface all facility parking areas. The information will be available for Chief Schmitz to evaluate by this week.
- 2. A contractor was hired to repair the front fence at FS133 and paint the mismatched bay doors at FS131. Those projects should be completed in the next few weeks.
- 3. A Facilities Committee has been re-established to assist in research, approval, and oversight of projects involving our facilities. This committee consists of Chief Van Roekel (Admin), Engineer Brown (Labor), Firefighter Marin, Firefighter Berl, and Firefighter Peters as the voting members.

F. Training/Professional Development



### TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### **Third Quarter Training July - September**

Target Solutions	MCS (Minimum Company Standards)	Westside Training	BC/DC Training	Battalion Training
Workplace Diversity	Alarm Room Tours – July	Tactical Training		Extreme Ownership
Hazard Communications	Throwing for Time			RIC Bag
1500 HAZWOPER	PPE Inspections			Fireground Survival
SCBA Cleaning and operational check	Fit Testing (Fire & EMS)			Captains Mtg 7/13
	Physical Fitness Training (PTF) starting in August T/S/SU			

# G. Administrative/Special Projects



#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & SPECIAL PROJECTS**

1. Feasibility study update. (Chief Rob Schmitz, Presenter)

### FIRE PREVENTION:





## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

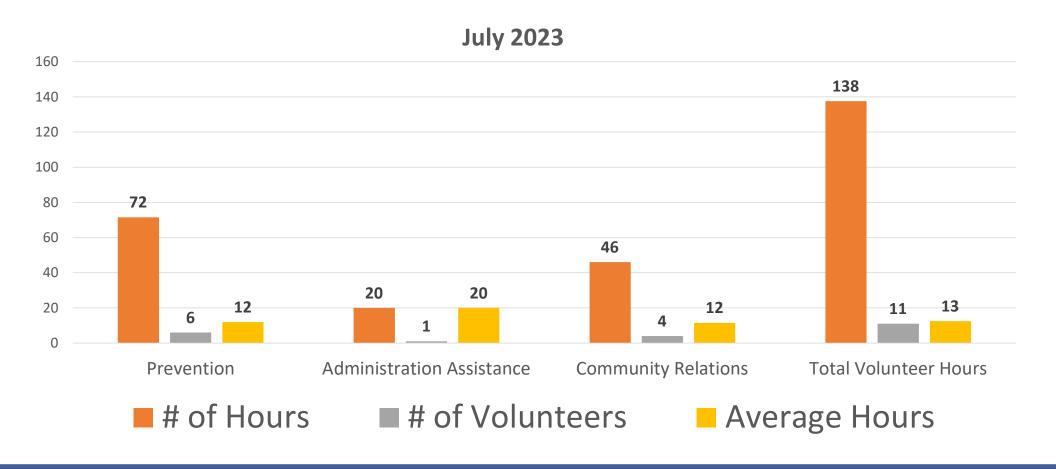
# H. Public Education/Community Outreach

- 1. Prevention Volunteer Service Anniversaries
- 2. Prevention Volunteer Hours Summary
- 3. Volunteer Inspections Report Summary
- 4. Community Relations Program Report
- 5. Community Events
- 6. Community Communication



Kenny Kovac
Assistant Fire Marshal
Fire Investigator
Public Education

#### PREVENTION VOLUNTEER HOURS SUMMARY



## FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTION SUMMARY

Prevention Annual Inspection Summary - July 2023						
Property Use	Initial Inspections	Reinspections	Total Inspections	<b>Total Violations</b>		
Assembly/Assembly Restaurants	17	2	19	1		
Business	64	9	73	8		
Educational	1	0	1	0		
Institutional	2	0	2	1		
Mercantile	2	2	4	3		
Special Property & Other	7	0	7	3		
Total Inspections	93	13	106	16		

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM REPORT**

Over 94 citizens served in the month of July by the Fire Prevention Team!

- 35 Home Safety Surveys
- 35 Lockbox Installations
- 17 Lockbox Key Changes
- 07 Smoke Detector Installations



Lockbox
Appointments
Booked through
End of August

## **COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Discussion Item – Community
 Communication. (Board Member Phil Griswold,
 Presenter)



## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## I. Fire Prevention

- 1. Construction Insp. Report Summary
- 2. Permits Issued / Revenue Report
- 3. Fire Investigation Reports
- 4. Large Community Projects



Jim Fox
Fire Marshal
Fire Investigator
Public Information Officer
Fire Prevention Bureau

## FIRE PREVENTION CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

Prevention <i>Construction</i> Inspection Summary - July 2023					
Specific Use			Total Inspections		
Fire Sprinkler Pressure Test			7		
Fire Sprinkler Final			11		
Fire Alarm			4		
Flow Test			0		
Construction			9		
Hood and Duct			0		
Other Inspection			1		
Total Inspections			32		

# PERMITS ISSUED/REVENUE



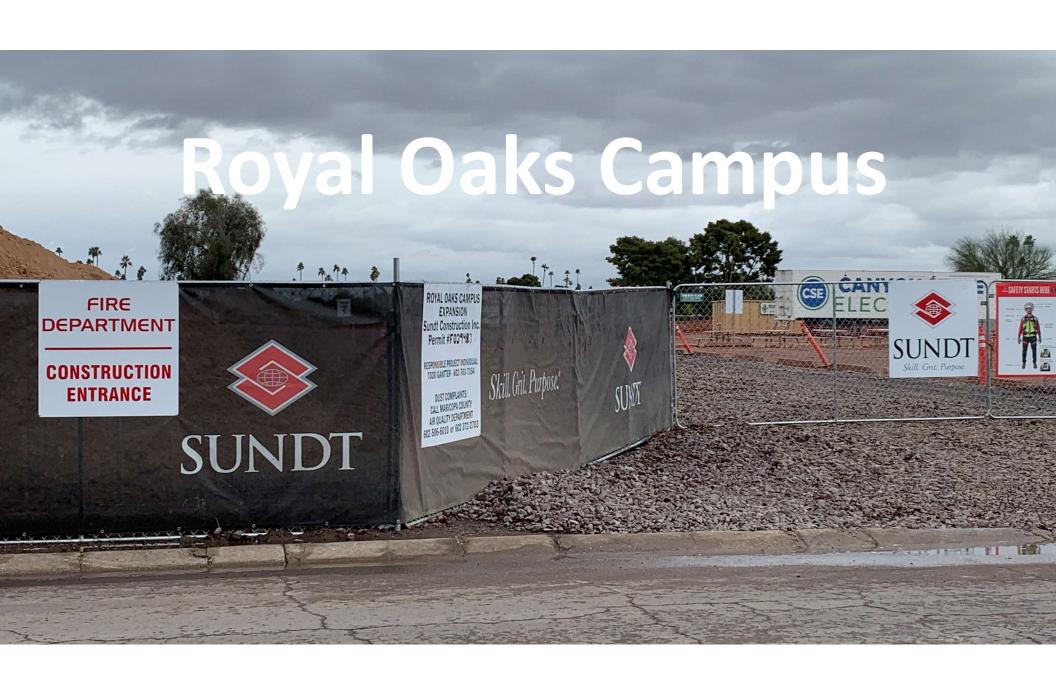
#### **FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORTS**

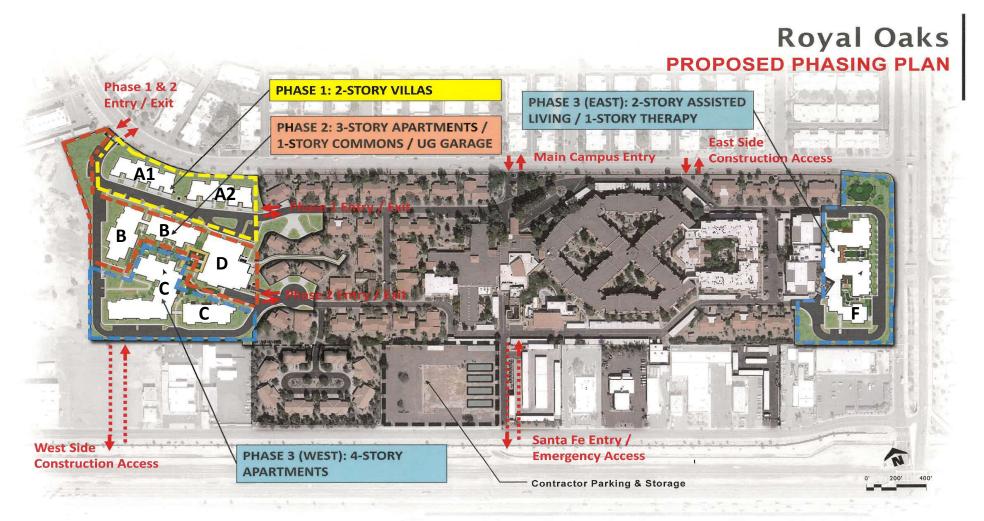
**No Formal Investigations in July** 



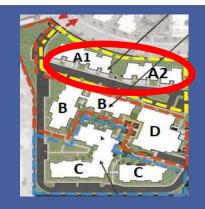
## **LARGE DISTRICT PROJECTS – SUN CITY**

- Royal Oaks Campus Expansion Under Construction
- Royal Oaks Vida Health Care Center COMPLETED
- Sun Shadow Fire Sprinkler in Suites (99th/Bell) Under Construction
- Master Taco 99th and Thunderbird Plan Review
- Oak Street Health 107<sup>th</sup> and Peoria
- White Mountain TI/FA (95<sup>th</sup>/Bell)
- The Heritage Fire Alarm System Upgrade COMPLETED





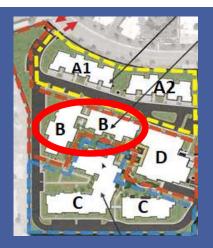




Royal Oaks: Bldgs. A1, A2

2 story Condos 16 Units

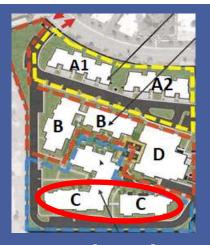
**Completed** 



Royal Oaks: Building B1 / B2

**3 Story** 

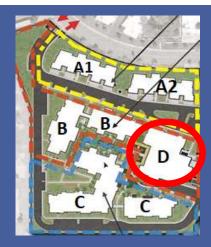
TCO for Occupancy has been issued



Royal Oaks: Building C1 / C2

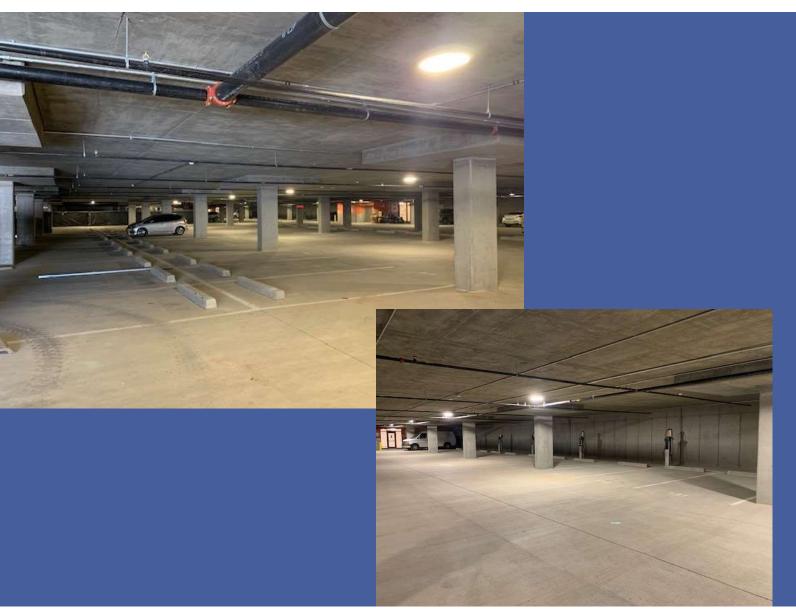
4 Story:

Interior work still Under Construction



Royal Oaks:
Building D1 &
D2 (Next to
Pkg Garage)

**TCO Issued** 





## Royal Oaks: Parking Garage

#### Interior at "B" Bldg.

- ✓ ERRC
- ✓ Fire Alarm
- ✓ CO Detection Comm.
- ✓ Ventilation Stages
- ✓ Egress
- ✓ Special Systems





## Royal Oaks: Vida (PH IV)

(Southeast Corner of Property)

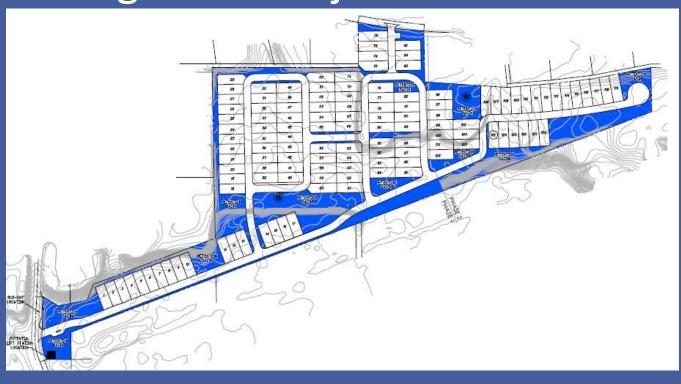
**TCO Issued** 

## LARGE DISTRICT PROJECTS – YOUNGTOWN

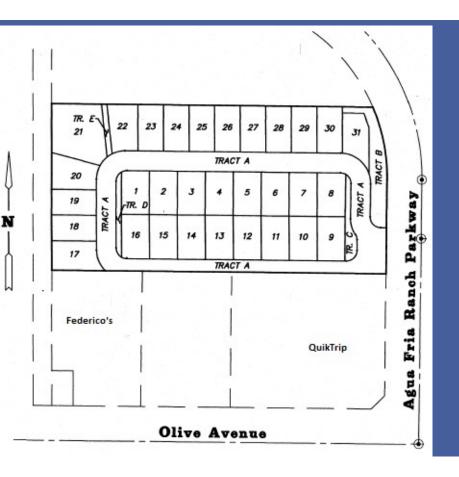
- Ridgeview Residential Subdivision (125 lots) Under Construction
   66 FS Permits Issued (53%), 42 FS Pressure Tests Performed, 33 FS Final Insp.
- Enclave Off Olive Residential Subdivision (31 Lots) Ready for Constr.
- Youngtown Flats 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue Apartments (formerly Business offices)
   (104 Apts.) Under Construction Framing of New Bldgs.
- El Sol Battery Storage Facility New Submittals have completed Plan Review Process (2<sup>nd</sup> Review comments sent) Installing Site Firelines/Hydrants/Water Monitors. Permits issued for On-Site underground Elec. & Wet Systems no Energy Cabinets yet.

## RIDGEVIEW SUBDIVISION

## Ridgeview Project – 125 SFR Lots



## **ENCLAVE ON OLIVE SUBDIVISION**



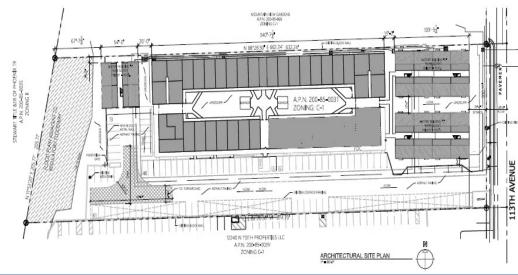
# Enclave Project 31 SFR Lots



## **YOUNGTOWN FLATS PROJECT**

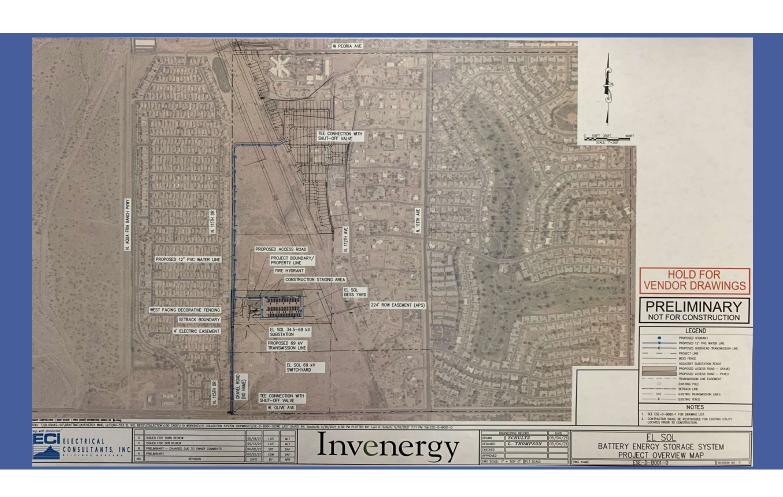


# 113<sup>th</sup> Ave. Apartments (104 Units)



## **EL SOL BESS PROJECT - YT**

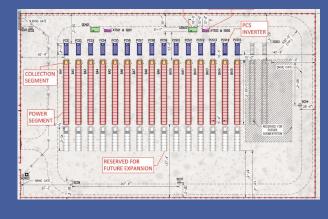
Proposed
Site/Access
Map



## **EL SOL BESS PROJECT - EVOLUTION**







2018
2 warehouses
140' x 300' ea.
(size of Football Fields)

2021
45 containers
53' long ea.
(Converted Shipping Containers)

2023
345 containers
4' x 6' ea.
(Powin Centipede System)

## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

I. Fire Prevention

**Questions?** 

## IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion Item – Board Room décor. (Board Chairman Tim Wilmes, Presenter)

## V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOTICE: The governing board may go into executive session for the purpose of:

- •Employee discipline
- Employment contract
- Attorney consultation
- •Key strategic moves like mergers or acquisitions
- Succession planning
- Employee negotiations

- Senior staff performance
- Executive compensation
- Future retirement plans for managen
- •Executive performance
- Compensation review
- Personnel issues
- Peer-to-peer board discussions

#### V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. At this time pursuant to A.R.S. §38.431.03(A)(4) the board may vote to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing a possible contract issue. (Board Chairman Tim Wilmes, Presenter)

# VI. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Sun City Fire District Board need not request permission in advance. The Fire District Board is not permitted to discuss or take action on any item raised in the Call to the Public due to restrictions of the Open Meeting Law; however, individual Board members may be permitted to respond to criticism directed to them. Otherwise, the Board may direct the staff to review the matter or that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS STATUTE

A.R.S. §38-431.01(H) A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, to all individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS STATUTE

#### A. United Sun Cities Firefighters Association Report



### VIII. NEXT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Sun City Fire District – Administrative Offices

**Governing Board Meeting** 

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – 09:30

NOTICE OF MEETING: Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Sun City Fire District and the general public that the Sun City Fire District Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Fire District Administrative Offices, 18602 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun City, Arizona in the Community Room. The following topics and any variables thereto, will be subject to Board consideration, discussion, approval or other action. All items are set for possible action.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT



- NOTICE: The governing board may go into executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the fire district's attorney(s) on any above agenda items pursuant to ARS Section 38-431.03(A)(3).
- One or more members of the governing board may attend the meeting telephonically.
- Governing board meeting agenda dated and posted (at least 24 hours prior).
  - Posted: August 17, 2023 at 5:00 pm by Lisa Neubert