



# LOCAL 2260 UPDATE

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## Local

- T-shirts - we are now working on a new t-shirt design and will be experimenting with a process to be able to purchase shirts through the website. We will start with one shirt to be available online to see how members like the system and to determine if this is a good way to go.

## Mesa

This week labor and management met to address some current issues.

- **TRV's** - as you all know we are just beginning this project and there are several kinks to be worked out. Please be patient and forward any concerns as we develop this program. One very important issue the union raised was the fact that rovers have been placed on the TRV's recently instead of callback personnel. The agreement was callback and it was determined that using rovers was in error. Beginning immediately only callback personnel will be used. Please let us know if this happens anymore. Also, the rumor is true – the TRV's will be implemented using an ambulance style vehicle.
- **Dispatch protocols** - In case you had not heard, there was a delay of the Police command staff review of our proposed protocol changes. The review process is now complete and we will be moving forward with the changes in the next two weeks.

- **Industrial injury program** – Local 2260 along with both Police unions are still negotiating an improved process that will not charge any sick leave to our members who are injured in the line of duty. We hope for roll out of an improved process by the fall.
- **Mesa Fire Deferred Compensation Committee** – I met with the Assistant City Manager this week to give her a proposal we have been working on to establish a separate Mesa Fire deferred compensation committee. As you all know we went through a significant ordeal a few years back with deferred comp. Many lessons were learned from this situation and we feel that we have built a better mousetrap to ensure that Fire personnel will have the best, most cost –effective program and we feel we can do so with a new committee that will ensure the highest integrity. Stay tuned on this important development.

## Gilbert

- **Big news in Gilbert!!!!** Currently Gilbert Fire Fighters have no rights at all to negotiate wages, hours and working conditions with the Town. A few years ago we laid out a strategic plan to gain a Meet and Confer process for Gilbert Fire Fighters. Well folks, the plan has come together perfectly and as long as all goes well, at the end of this month the current Town resolution banning any union interaction will be dropped and will be replaced by Meet and Confer Town Ordinance. Everybody cross your fingers!!!! This will be one of the greatest accomplishments in this Local's history.
- Gilbert Fire Fighters just held another very successful back to school drive to provide basic materials for underprivileged children. Great Job everyone!!!

## Salt River

- SR Fire Fighters are currently working with Kasey Beal to solidify their dues deduction process with the tribe. Everything looks like a go to make their contributions easier.

## Apache Junction

- There are many concerns still with the 07/08 pay package as well as the insurance and sick leave changes. Leadership is still strategizing on how to address these issues.
- A Meet and Confer proposal has been drafted and sent to board members. We are working with them to gain the support we need to establish negotiating rights for AJ Fire Fighters.

## Charities

- East Valley Firefighter Charities recently worked with the Arizona Diamondbacks to have a sleepover at Chase Field for children from the Child Crisis Center. Steve Schureman and Ty Perkins were able to get 200 sleeping bags donated by Bass Pro Shops for the kids. This was a very successful event.

## Upcoming Events

- Union Meeting, Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have special guests from Waveyard to provide a presentation on this project. Local 2260 is endorsing prop. 300 to support the project. We are hoping for a good turnout at the meeting so everyone can learn more about what the Waveyard will bring to Mesa.

Take Care Everyone!!!!