**BLUE RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

September 29th, 2017 @ 1:00 PM at Fire District Headquarters

**The Blue Ridge Fire District Board will meet in a SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING on Friday, September 29rd, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. The Meeting will be held at the** Fire District Headquarters, 5023 Enchanted Lane, Happy Jack Arizona. **Board members or other participants may attend by telephonic means.**

**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. Items will be considered in the order listed unless otherwise changed by the Board Chairman.**

**Sessions are open to the public. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations will be made available upon prior request to the Clerk of the Blue Ridge Fire District Board of Directors.**

**As indicated in the Agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (1). The Blue Ridge Fire District Board may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters.**

**AGENDA**

**Meeting will be recorded unless otherwise noted**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**
4. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
5. Discussion and possible action to approve and / or modify the recommendations of the Wage and Benefits Committee recommendations. These recommendations are:
   * Redirect the existing 6% employer cost currently contributed to full-time employees’ alternative 457b pension accounts to fund new employee benefits. Those new benefits to include:
   * 48 hours of sick time allowance during the year with a maximum accumulation of 96 hours in two years. This is a required benefit mandated by legislative action.
   * An increase in PTO (Personal Time Off) by 2 Days after 5 years’ service, leaving in place the entry level of PTO at 10 days, and leaving increases after the 5 years’ service level to future budget consideration.
   * Direct payment of an amount equal to the Insurance Premium Sur-tax ($7,306.66) to the Blue Ridge Fire District Alternative Pension and Benefit Plan. These funds to be distributed to Volunteer members as annual contributions to their volunteer pension accounts based on service during the 2015-16 FY.
6. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

***The public is invited to speak on any area of concern. The Board of the Blue Ridge Fire District cannot discuss or act on items presented during the Public participation portion of the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H). Individual Board members may ask questions of the public, but are prohibited from discussing or considering the item(s) among themselves until the items(s) are officially placed on an agenda for a future meeting. Individuals are limited to a five (5) minute presentation.***

***PLEASE INDICATE YOUR WISH TO SPEAK ON THE SIGN IN SHEET PROVIDED***

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

***COPIES OF THE AGENDA ARE AVAILABLE IN THE AGENDA BOX LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE BLUE RIDGE FIRE STATION***