September 18th, 2025

**Sonoita-Elgin Fire District Board Vacancy Announcement**

The Sonoita-Elgin Fire District (SEFD) currently has an open seat on its Board of Directors. We are seeking **community-minded individuals** who are passionate about public service and committed to supporting the leadership and management of our local fire district.

**Mission:**  
SEFD’s mission is to protect and serve the community through effective fire protection, emergency response, and strategic planning. Board members play a vital role in guiding the district’s operations and ensuring its long-term success.

**Time Commitment:**  
Board members typically attend **12–15 meetings per year**, with a monthly commitment of approximately **2 to 12 hours**, depending on the agenda and district needs. Some months may require additional meetings.

**Ideal Candidates:**  
We are looking for individuals with experience in **management, finance, or governance**, and who can work collaboratively within the framework of Arizona law and SEFD policies.

**Legal Requirements to Serve:**

* Must be a qualified elector (registered voter) residing within the fire district for at least the past twelve months and must remain a resident during the term of office. (A.R.S. 48-802(D)(2)).
* May not be related to any other board members. (A.R.S. 48-802(D)(2)).
* Must take an **Oath of Office** before beginning service (A.R.S. §§ 38-231 & 38-232).
* Must review and comply with **Arizona Open Meeting Law** (A.R.S. § 38-431.01).
* Must complete a **Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure**.
* Must attend **professional development training** provided by the Arizona Fire District Association (AFDA) within one year of appointment (A.R.S. § 48-803(I)).

If you are interested in volunteering to serve your community and help shape the future of SEFD, we encourage you to submit a letter of interest or reach out for more information. Letters and questions can be sent to- Tricia Flaherty (flaherty@sefd911.org).