



Mescal J6 Fire District
98 N Oak Drive Benson, AZ 85602

NOTICE OF FIRE BOARD VACANCY

Notice of Interim Vacancy: On August 26, 2026 the Mescal-J6 Fire District Governing Board declared a vacancy for an Interim Governing Board Member due to a resignation. The district is seeking dedicated applicants to serve the rural 200 sq mile District that includes the communities of Mescal, J-6 Ranchettes, Empire, Salcido Acres, Skyline, and the Dark Star area. The Mescal-J6 Fire District is seeking an Appointed Interim Governing Board Member to fill a vacancy, with the term extending until November 30, 2028, as outlined in Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) §48-263, which allows the board to appoint a member to serve until the term's end.

Position Overview

This is a volunteer (unpaid) position, though reimbursements for approved expenses are provided. The role demands a commitment of 2-5 hours per month, plus participation in district events. The Mescal-J6 Fire District Governing Board requires all members to attend mandatory training within one year of appointment, as mandated by Arizona Revised Statutes, with all reasonable training expenses covered by the district. Board members are expected to attend monthly meetings, typically held on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Fire District Administration Building (98 N Oak, Benson, AZ), as well as any special, emergency, or executive meetings, professional enrichment trainings, or workshops.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities include overseeing the budget, policies, and operations for fire and EMS services across the district's 200-square-mile rural area. Members must exhibit loyalty to the board, prioritize the district's best interests, function as a cohesive unit rather than as individuals, and adhere to the board's Code of Conduct, Bylaws, and Governing Board Handbook.

Qualifications Applicants must meet ARS §48-261 for fire district board members.

Eligibility:

Proof Required: Voter ID and proof of full-time residency.

Must be a registered voter residing within the Mescal-J6 Fire District boundaries that includes Mescal, J6 Ranchettes, Empire, Salcido Acres, Skyline, and the Dark Star area off Hwy 90. Must be at least 18 years of age, a US Citizen, have no felony convictions, must pass a District background check and obtain a finger print card from local law enforcement agency, and able to attend scheduled meetings.

Experience/Skills (Preferred not required):

Familiarity with Fire/EMS, local governance, rural budgeting, community leadership roles, and community volunteering.

Ineligibility

A person is NOT eligible to be a candidate for election to the fire district board if that person is related by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree to a person who serves on the board during the potential candidate's term of office,



per ARS Title 48- 805.03.D.2, or is an employee of the Mescal J6 Fire District or the spouse of an employee of the district, per ARS Title 48-805.03.2B.

How to Apply

- Include: Completed application, resume or bio with relevant experience, letter of interest, proof of residency/voter registration
- Submit Application: Online or contact the district directly for the form.
- Apply on the website at <https://mescalj6fd.gov>
- Email: info@mescalj6fd.gov (Subject: "Board Vacancy Application")
- Mail: Mescal-J6 Fire District, Attn: Board Vacancy, 98 N Oak Drive Benson, AZ 85602
- In-person: Call 520-586-4690 for an appointment to drop off at District administration building during business hours (Mon/Wed/Thu, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM)

Selection Process:

Applications will be evaluated by the current Mescal-J6 Fire District Governing Board to ensure eligibility. Qualified candidates may be interviewed by board members, followed by Special Meeting September 16, 2026, where the appointment will be decided by a majority vote. The board prioritizes District success, Board cohesiveness, and long-term stability in its selection process.

Deborah Wise
Clerk of the Board

August 27, 2026
Date