

Avra Valley Fire Dept. Gets Directors, Officers

Anna Garrison was chosen president of the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department Sunday at the annual meeting of the Department's Board of Directors, immediately following the installation of seven newly elected board members to the Department's ten-member Board. Jack Wise was selected as the organization's vice president, while Joann Ragels was named secretary, and Della Hudson was chosen treasurer.

Wise, Mrs. Ragels, and Mrs. Hudson were among seven directors elected to the Department's Board in balloting that preceded the annual meeting. Mrs. Garrison was among three incumbent Board members who continued on the Department's governing body. The other two directors who continued on the Board were Walter Colby and Barbara Starkey.

Elected to vacant seats on the 10-member Board in light balloting Sunday, in addition to Wise, Mrs. Ragels, and Mrs. Hudson, were William Bitterman, Carl Collins, Charles Prather, and Walter Osman.

Prather, of the Hunter Estates neighborhood, and Collins, of the Silverbell West neighborhood, have not served on the Board previously, while the others have.

Colby was elected to a one-year term, Collins to a 2-year term, Mrs. Starkey to a 3-year term, and Bitterman to a 4-year term. Osman and Prather were named District Representatives.

The Board of Directors of the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department meets the first Tuesday of each month at Fire Station No. 2, 16250 West El Tiro Road. The meetings are open to the public.

The Avra Valley Volunteer Fire Department is the non-profit operating organization that provides fire-fighting and emergency services to the Avra Valley Volunteer Fire District. The District is governed by a three-member Board that is elected by the District's registered voters. Any resident of the District, whether a registered voter or not, was eligible to vote in last Sunday's departmental election.

The Avra Valley Volunteer Fire District covers the western portion of the lower and middle Avra Valley, from the Papago Indian Reservation on the south to the Pinal County line on the north, and from Pump Station Road on the west to Avra Road, the Town of Marana, and Interstate 10 on the east.

The Department also provides an answering service for medical assistance calls under a cooperative arrangement with the Marana Community Clinic in Marana and with the Pima County Sheriff's Department's 911 emergency call system.