

**DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 07/07/2021**

Meeting held at Station 1 and Zoom. Called to order 19:00

Members Present: Kathy Miller, Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Eloise Martinez, Liz Riedel, Mick Oram, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Alex Amend and Windy Berghofer.

Public comment - No members of public present.

Agenda approved. June 2021 meeting minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

Amanda Sena will be our new rescue chief. Steve Jenison gave report on her behalf and will be assisting her while in transition. Peter and Eloise will assist her with some of the paperwork involved such as requisitions.

12 EMS individual patient contacts in June with 10 actual page-outs (3 patients in one 2-vehicle MVC). Reviewed and discussed one EMS call involving a man who was bucked off horse and sustained serious abdominal injuries. Steve stressing the importance of details of an incident and examination to know that even though not visibly apparent there were serious medical issues that needed to be addressed at an ER.

Steve Jenison will be teaching an EMT-First Responder course in Velarde in the fall starting September 23 through December 13, Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. We were asked to spread the word if anyone is interested to let them know. They need at least 6 people signed up or the course will be cancelled. We do have until late August to get people interested signed up. One requirement is that you must be 16 years of age to take class.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

Three Fire calls this month. One call for a carbon monoxide alarm, another was a structure fire in Velarde (mutual aid) where an extension cord had possibly been overloaded. This fire was very toxic and is still under review. The third was a brush fire, across the river in La Junta making it difficult to get to. Team proceeded on boat taking 5 forestry packs, shovels picks and water lines using the float pump. Adam stated with all the training, crew worked well together and put the fire out within 45 minutes. Showing the importance once again how training and maintenance of equipment is crucial.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam reviewed and went over safety issues in a vehicle roll-over incident they responded to in which a secondary MVC occurred.

FEMA is requesting we be aware of the risk of lightning. A safe place during a lightning storm is inside a roofed vehicle. Do not stand under a tree.

Adam stated that in responding to fires, EMS and MVCs he was very impressed with our responders (Liz, Eloise & Amanda in particular) providing family, victim or crowd support. This is one of the most important things we do.

Scheduled Training:

- July 11– 1:00 PM Water and River Operations- Kathy Miller will lead this training.
- July 14 – 7:00 – 8:30 Maintenance of tools and equipment
- July 21 - Practical recruit PPE Training

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Dixon VFD Junior Cadet Program – Start on July 19 – July 23, Monday through Friday, 9:00-4:00. Wayne Archuleta is the coordinator of this program. We will be providing breakfast and lunch each day. We have 14 signed up at this time. We will have to meet later this week to set up final schedule and who will be available to support the instructors for each day. Steve will send out email and all encouraged to assist and participate in this event.

Sound-the-Alarm Event with American Red Cross – Friday, July 16 we will be holding our Sound the Alarm Event with the Lucas Brooks with the Red Cross. We have between 20 and 25 individuals signed up for this event. We will need as many volunteers available as possible to assist. We need more than one team, with three per team.

Follow up of July 4th Celebration – This event was a great success. We discussed issues and remedies for our future annual 4th of July events.

Placing new Dixon Tender 2 in service - We are waiting for the license plate and the drop tank. Alfredo stated within the next week or so we should have them. Adam has requisitioned \$3000.00 worth of equipment for the new Tender. The question was raised with Alfredo about what we would like to do with the old Tender. We have two options. We can donate the old Tender to another station or auction the Tender and the revenue from its sale will go back into our fire budget. Discussed options and decided that it would be best to discuss more of the details of these two options with Alfredo before making a final decision.

Steve received an email from Alfredo which was forwarded from Randy Varela the State Fire Marshal which was an RFP with sizable amount of money for new apparatus. Steve will contact Randy Varela requesting the purchase of a Command / Rescue vehicle which can be used as command center for incidents to carry all our extrication gear and other necessary equipment so we can centralize all our equipment. This should be our next priority. We will be submitting a grant.

Final Report: 2021 On-line fundraiser for Dixon CFD – We had over 100 individuals donate to this year’s fundraiser. We met and exceeded our goal in a span of 10 days. We will have the pancake breakfast next year and give the online fundraiser a rest.

Installation of a shower at Station 1 – We are still waiting on plans for the existing bathroom from the County.

Update: Replacing Dixon VFD signage at Station 1 & Station 2 – A requisition has been submitted to the county. We are waiting on the P.O.

Updating fire pre-plans in Dixon – No updates on pre-plans at this time.

Appreciation of Dixon VFD Chief Kathy Miller – Kathy Miller served as Fire Chief with honor and distinction for 5 ½ years. She was awarded a plaque for her service.

Meeting adjourned 20:00