

**DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 08/04/2021**

Meeting held at Station 1 and Zoom. Called to order 19:04

**Members Present:** Kathy Miller, Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Eloise Martinez, Liz Riedel, Peter Schwathe, Mick Oram, Amanda Sena, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Alex Amend, and Windy Berghofer. Two prospective Junior Cadets, Micaela Martinez and Destini Pacheco, were present via ZOOM.

Agenda approved. July 2021 meeting minutes approved.

**Officer Reports**

**Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena/Steve Jenison**

11 EMS calls in July. Amanda Sena is in transition. She is our new Rescue Chief.

EMS Bureau approved FY2022 budget in the amount of \$7,000.0.

Steve Jenison recommended and proposed we purchase a Masimo pediatric pulse oximeter probe. In addition to measuring O2 levels, it also measures carbon monoxide levels. The second item Steve recommended we purchase is some Masimo wrap-around adhesive pulse oximeter probes. They come in boxes of 20. The total expenditures for these 2 items would be approximately \$770.00. The purchase of the two items were approved.

Steve Jenison proposed that Dixon Community Fire Department fund a scholarship for one or more individuals who are not affiliated with a current fire department for the upcoming EMT First Responder course being held in Velarde. The cost for tuition is \$390.00 per student. Currently there are 16 students enrolled in this upcoming class with 3 on the waiting list. Scholarship funding was approved unanimously.

**Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour**

2 fire calls this month. Both calls were cooking fires, nothing serious. The residents involved in both cases have agreed to purchase an outdoor propane cookstove and desist in the use of the outdoor woodstove (that does not have a chimney).

**Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie**

The new Tender 2 is currently in service. We are still waiting on a few pieces of equipment that have been ordered.

Adam and Steve advised if you missed the pump training you can schedule for training at a later date. It is highly recommended that you have training and become familiar with the new T2 before operating or driving it.

Scheduled Training:

- August 8 – 1:00 P.M. getting familiar with extrication tools. Adam advised he would like those extrication certified technicians, who are Adam Mackie, Steve Jenison, Ron Monsour, Peter Schwathe, Aaron Greenwald and Anthony Alvarez assist in dividing equipment into four stations and forming groups to rotate to each section of training.
- August 11 – 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. Maintenance of tools and equipment. It is important to notify Adam of any maintenance or repairs that are needed for equipment ASAP so he can have repairs done or order equipment or supplies that are needed for apparatus to function properly.
- August 18 – 6:30 Practical and recruit training. Ropes and knots.

Adam advised that recruit training is a 12-month cycle that can be adapted to accommodate the Cadet Program.

In September we will do extrication practices on some vehicles. We will divide into teams with the extrication certified technicians leading the training for each group.

Adam discussed the firefighter fatality in Caballo in depth. They were responding to a non-injury MVC in daylight. Adam stated that a firefighter was repositioning a fire truck when the firefighter backed into another firefighter that was behind the truck tending to the victims and killed the firefighter. Adam stated is very important to follow safety protocols and to do a 360 around the apparatus before attempting to move an apparatus to reduce the risk of us being involved in an accident. Important to note that back up cameras are extremely unreliable and if possible have a spotter on the ground guiding the backing up vehicle. Backing up an apparatus is the number one cause of collisions. He stated, **WE** are all responsible for our own safety and the

safety of those around us. We all need to watch out for each other and let each other know when something is unsafe and to correct it. Safety is from the bottom up.

### **Chief – Steve Jenison**

**Dixon VFD Junior Cadet Program** - was a great success. The budget for the programs was \$2,770.00. We spent \$2,740.00. Steve recommended that the Dixon VFD Summer Youth Cadet Program be held annually. Thank you to Wayne Archuleta, Amanda, Adam, Liz, Frances and Kathy and the Dixon Coop for daily meals. Thank you to Kathy and New Wave Rafting for organizing a very memorable raft trip for the cadets. Steve will be preparing a final report for the Los Alamos National Lab Foundation, emphasizing it was highly successful and we came in at budget. Steve will propose that they provide us with continuing funding for several years. Steve stated we received recognition from the State Fire Marshal's office praising the department for having this program with great success. Other fire departments inquired about cost, recruitment and the success of the program.

**Fire Apparatus Grant** – State Fire Marshal's office has issued a Request for Proposals for purchase of firefighting apparatus. They are strongly recommending that departments apply for fire apparatus or water systems for communities that have no water systems. We are allowed to ask for up to \$300,000.00 for support of purchasing new fire apparatus. Steve proposes that in having current and past discussions we should think seriously about a Quick Attack (a.k.a. "Mini-Pumper") vehicle. This vehicle is on a Ford pick-up truck chassis and is 4-wheel drive. The truck has large storage compartments, can be outfitted with tower lights, carries up to 300 gallons of water, can come with a 1,000 gallon per minute pump which makes this vehicle a Class A fire apparatus. This will take care of having one vehicle carrying our extrication equipment, vehicle stabilization tools and addresses the problem of being unable to access narrow roads, cross over culverts or old bridges with large apparatus that will not make it. Steve said that a hose reel will be included in the specs. Steve has spoken with Vince Lawing a representative with E1 with Pete's Equipment Repair in Albuquerque who has already specked out the vehicle. Vince can submit specs to E-One for a quote. Should we decide to apply for this grant the deadline is September 15, 2021. We will need three things to go forward.

- Steve, Kathy, Adam and Ron need to meet with Alfredo and Delilah and go over budget in detail. Details of the budget are required in the grant application. There were many questions regarding the budget that need to be cleared up.
- We will need to generate a detailed report with information about the nature of fire calls we have responded to in the last year as reported to NFIRS.
- We will need a detailed report and description of all firefighter related training conducted in the last year.

Steve will supply the remainder of information required. Members watched a video about the Quick Attack vehicle.

**Installation of Shower** – no new information.

**Replacing Dixon VFD signage at Station 1 and Station 2** - The new signs have been installed and look great! The old signs will be saved and possibly hung inside the fire house.

**Junior Cadet Program** - One main reason for having the Junior Cadet Summer Program was to have Junior Cadets join the department. Two individuals were in attendance from the Junior Cadet Summer Program. Micaela Martinez and Destini Pacheco who both showed interest in joining the department and being involved in regular trainings with the potential to become full members of the DVFD at the age of 18. They were invited to join the Department on Sunday for training. Steve stated it is possible to become a licensed EMT First Responder in New Mexico at the age of 16. Steve has a question into the Rio Arriba County Fire Marshal's office asking them to clarify what that means exactly with regards to a licensed EMT First Responder age 16 responding to EMS calls if RA County Bylaws say you can't be a full member until you are 18.

Adam and Steve stated if they are interested, they need to fill out and apply an application for the Junior Cadet Program. This ensures they are covered under the county's insurance. Steve agreed to email the forms to Micaela & Destini.

**Halloween Event Station 1** - We are proposing a Haunted Fire Station. We need to plan ahead because companies run out of stock. Steve proposed we allow \$500.00 budget from the Dixon Community Fire Department for this event. Motion was passed unanimously.

Windy Berghofer was very grateful to the department in regard to response to a 911 call to his home.

Wayne suggested with the new budget we purchase a mega chair lift. Amanda will look up specs and submit order.

Special thanks and recognition was given to Wayne Archuleta for his overseeing and making the DVFD Junior Cadet Program a reality and success.

Meeting adjourned 20:09