

**DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 10/06/2021**

Meeting held at Station 1 and Zoom. Called to order 19:01

Members Present: Kathy Miller, Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Eloise Martinez, Liz Riedel, Mick Oram, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Carl (Jimmy) Berghofer, Windy Berghofer, Amanda Sena, Mark Dilg, Micaela Martinez, Destini Pacheco

Guests Mark Dilg and Carl (Jimmy) Berghofer were introduced.

Agenda approved. September 2021 meeting minutes approved.

A grant proposal in the amount of \$4,500.00 has been submitted by Steve Jenison at the recommendation of Janet Griego, who is Aaron Griego's daughter, to the United Way of Northern New Mexico to fund next summer's Aaron Griego Junior Cadet Program.

In order for us to be in compliance with the NM Attorney General's Office in terms of being a 501(c)(3), we must hold an election for board members. A proposal was submitted by Steve Jenison of a slate of candidates for consideration, comment and approval. Nominations are Steve Jenison as President, Wayne Archuleta as Vice President, Eloise Martinez as Secretary/Treasurer and the three board of directors positions are Amanda Sena, Kathy Miller and Windy Berghofer. Windy Berghofer moved that board be elected by acclamation. Kathy Miller second the motion. Members were voted in unanimously with no objections as board of Directors for the Dixon Community Fire Department is the 501(c)(3) charitable service organization associated with the Fire Department.

Fire and EMS Budget – Steve Jenison

Current balances for budget for Fire Department with the carry-over from previous year \$216,630.00 and the EMS budget is \$4,139.00. This amount includes the expenditures for the tuition for the four students from Dixon enrolled in the current EMS-EMR class.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

15 EMS calls in September. Two calls were no patient contact. Running total for the last 12 months is 125 calls.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

Department was called out to only one fire call this month. This call was a tree stump fire that was left unattended with and added level of difficulty because the stump was full of bees. Wayne and Peter handled the call.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Scheduled Training:

- October 10, 2021 – 1:00 PM hydrant flow testing, maintenance and major landscaping. We need at least 3 teams to carry out this function.
- October 13, 2021 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- October 20, 2021 - 6:30 Practical and recruit training. Air Ground Operations.

Adam reviewed and analyzed the extremely dangerous electrical power line fire they were called out on. He went over how the team responded, and strategies and tactics for dealing with this fire which was located in an area with poor access and was very overgrown and littered. Adam went over electrical safety and terminology with the safety protocols that should be followed when dealing with an electrical fire of this nature. Important fact is CDC, OSHA and the standard recommendation is to withdraw the distance between two poles when dealing with an electrical fire. It is important to wear proper PPE and to do proper scene size up upon arrival of scene. Two videos were shown of the fire before and after. Important to note, you could hear the arcing of the electricity and the brightness of the light (arc weld) coming from the fire. The fire was so hot the sand was turned to glass. When the fire was put out the ground water boiled for an additional 20 minutes.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve stated our community will be going through a Firewise USA Community process. We have a group of people that have agreed to serve on the committee. A meeting has been scheduled for the committee on October 24, 2021. Steve attended the

Alcalde/Velarde Firewise Community meeting and feels confident we will be able to submit the grant in a timely manner. Our major concern for our community is to submit a plan for avoiding bosque fires.

Steve stated that Mick solved the issue of replacing the door locks on the Station buildings 1 and 2. They will not have to be replaced. Mick removed a part which will enable the locks to stay unlocked but still work when combination is entered to open the doors.

Steve stated we still need footings for the burn ban flags. Wayne stated, tell him how deep and how big you want them. He will get the job done.

The Halloween event will be a drive-thru trick or treat on Oct. 31, Sunday evening, due to Covid-19 protocols and the lack of understanding the population dynamics of the transmission of the Covid-19 virus. A decoration committee was formed. Decorations have been ordered and candy has been purchased. We will start early that day with decorations and Steve will advertise in the Dixon Town Crier. Dress up scary and we will start early that evening.

Meeting adjourned at 19:55