

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 2/02/2022

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:07

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Eloise Martinez, Kathy Miller, Liz Riedel, Alex Amend, Mick Oram, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Amanda Sena, Nathaniel Pacheco, Destini Pacheco, Micaela Martinez, Gilly Valdez, Dutch Shultis, Don Ticknor

Agenda approved. January minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

10 - EMS calls in January. The five EMT licenses that needed to be renewed have been submitted and are being processed.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

4- Fire calls in January. One fire was a yard waste fire, another at MM 4, someone dumped ashes into brush on highway 75 which was extinguished quickly. The third fire was a wood pile fire at Embudo Station, MM 17, which was supposed to be a control burn, but got out of control. The fire towered up into some of the over-hanging dry cotton wood trees which ignited. It took close to four hours to extinguish this fire. There has not been any more work on fire pre-plans. Ron updated the fire pre-plan on Manifestation Arts which is now called the Embudo Valley Vineyards tasting room. The new owner is Johnny McMillan.

Steve recommends we do fire pre-plans for the Mission building, Vivac Winery, Blue Heron and Zuly's.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Scheduled Training:

- February 9, 2022– 6:30 PM Tools, apparatus and maintenance
- February 16, 2022 – 6:30 PM New Recruit training: R3 orientation, EMS Operations
- February 20, 2022– 1:00 PM Company Training – CEVO, certifying emergency vehicle operators. All personnel who intend to keep driving the ambulance must take this refresher course. We will invite Abiquiu FD for joint training.

The fire extinguisher was used on the small fire. In refilling that extinguisher Adam noticed some parts were needed and were so ordered. Unit 242 had a dead battery again. Important to remember to shut everything off and remove key from ignition. Engine 1 is leaking again. We will have to speak to Albuquerque about that repair. Tender 1 shows an oil/water alarm and engine light. It is believed the cause is a faulty sensor. That will be replaced. If you drive Tender 1 keep an eye on the temperature and oil pressure to make sure there really are no issues. Engine 2 clipped the officer side light bracket and will have to be replaced. Adam will notify Andy Archuleta the dealer who services our apparatus of these needed repairs. It is important when checking apparatus on maintenance night that you go over equipment very thoroughly and prepare a list to submit to Adam so that when Andy comes to repair apparatus, we can have those problems taken care of.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve and Eloise will work on the two reports the 501(c) and the IRS 990-Ne-Postcard that needs to be submitted in March.

Steve went over the after-action review for the fire that broke out on Jan 31, 2022. Fire broke out in an old adobe house close to the Dixon Fire Station. Upon arrival at the fire station Steve noticed active large flames were coming out of the west end of the building. Steve immediately called for mutual aid from both Ojo Sarco and Rio Grande Fire Department, who responded immediately. Steve also requested an air truck which was not immediately dispatched, but was finally dispatched after third request. There was plenty of apparatus and personnel who were dressed in proper PPE available to fight this fire. Steve went over the house plans and procedures used to extinguish this fire. Steve pointed out the exposures, such as the large pine tree and house which were close to the burning house. If the fire can't be managed, at least try to keep the exposures from igniting. Access was difficult due to exposures and a fence around the house. Once all apparatus was in place and water was accessed, Engine 1 started suctioning water to fight the fire from a drop tank filled by Tender 2. Steve gave credit to Adam's water engineering idea, the rural hitch, which is a long hose with a gated Siamese adapter on the end of it, that can be dropped at the top of the road and run down to the engine and tenders can hook up to the two connections and feed the Engines water from the road without Tenders having to be going up and down narrow rural roadways. It was decided upon Ojo Sarco's arrival that their tender utilize the fire hydrant for the water supply and relay water via the rural

hitch to Engine 1. The hydrant fed water to the Ojo Sarco Tender which pumped water to the engine which worked very well. Steve continued to review the chain of events that transpired through the evening in fighting this fire. Procedures for fighting this type of fire and the safety protocols were discussed such as having the utilities turned off before entering the burning house. It was noted that at the end of the fire we should shut off the water at the meter.

In following up the next day Steve was notified that there was still a lot of smoke coming from the houses. Steve, Adam and Wayne proceeded to investigate the structure. Using the thermal imaging camera they found a large hot spot. They proceeded to remove all the stucco and found a large piece of lumber was still smoldering.

Steve stated that Frances and Liz did a great job in traffic control which was a big issue.

Steve was very grateful for Ojo Sarco and Rio Grande's assistance.

Ron stated we should have some way of identifying the Incident Commander.

Alex, Mick, Steve and Ron discussed radio protocols and communication.

Alex recommended that the station do 5-minute evolutions for practice monthly.

Steve went over flashover, rollover and back-draft events which are some of the most dangerous issues in firefighting and deadly for firefighters. He showed a short video on flashovers.

Adam was very proud of station personnel. He was impressed that all the months of training all fell into place. Adam stated that there are roles for personnel in wild land gear in assisting and setting up the water supply, traffic control and anything else that isn't in the HOT zone. Adam stated that Alex's idea of using thermal imaging camera in the overhaul stage and even the initial attack phase was an excellent idea. Adam recommended that the IC should have TIC in his hand and using through the duration of the fire. Adam stated that we have been waiting for the county to come up with a unified system for a personnel accountability system for companies working together. He proceeded to explain how to use these clips for personnel accountability. Adam will proceed to order tags and accountability boards and will start training on how to use this system.

Mick commented that it is possible to get a microphone, earphone setup which works inside of SCBA and enables you to stay in touch with those personnel outside the building. The setups are very expensive but Mick will look into it and get some current quotes and specifications.

Important note: All went well due to excellent training, cooperation, participation and the great dedication of the DVFD team that work well together.

Meeting adjourned 20:30