

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 3/02/2022

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:08

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

Agenda approved. February minutes approved.

New Member: Dutch Shultis was voted in unanimously and sworn in as a new member of the DVFD.

New EMT-First Responder: Frances Griego is now licensed as an EMT-First Responder with the NM EMS Bureau. She will now participate as an active EMT-FR for Dixon EMS. An email will be sent to RAC Fire & Emergency Services and Dr. Alfredo Vigil (Medical Director) tomorrow to complete her credentialing.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena-Absent (Steve Jenison reported)

8 - EMS calls, 1 MVC in February.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour - on vacation (Steve Jenison reported)

Steve went into extensive discussion in regards to doing a fire pre-plan for the Tool Shed, which is under new ownership. Steve reviewed issues and concerns he has had in trying to get a fire pre-plan done for the Tool Shed. Steve advised we should get fire pre-plans done for Zuly's, Blue Heron, the Mission Building and the Senior Center.

Steve went over the fire pre-plan he did for the Dixon Coop.

We will in the near future set up a date to do a fire pre-plan for the Mission Building.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

ISO (Insurance Services Office- Independent company, Verisk) inspections will be coming up next year. They evaluate fire departments on these main categories - water supply, fire apparatus, the number of personnel that show up to calls and they rate on how much training and how many participate. They also give bonus points for community education and fire prevention activities. ISO rating is important to determine how much money we get from the state fire fund each year and reduces the fire insurance premium rates for home owners. Need to get that rating up, the higher the ISO rating (smaller numbers are better) the better.

Previous years we scored less than our potential due to lack of training. Adam advised we have greatly improved in this area.

Scheduled Training:

- March 9, 2022– 6:30 PM Tools, apparatus and maintenance
- March 16, 2022 – 6:30 PM New Recruit training: Traffic Incident Management - TIMS
- March 19, 2022– Company Training, eight are registered – Wild land refresher course at Station 1 or on Zoom.
- March 26 & 27 – Forestry Department - Engine Boss, seven are registered.

On May 1, there are six people registered for L180 Practical part of basic wild land training. We will log in all the training hours for ISO.

Gas struts on the door to the ladders on engine one have been replaced. New batteries have been ordered for the thermal imaging camera on brush one. New lights were installed in the patient module in rescue three.

Engine 1 was in Albuquerque to have a new seal replaced on the drive shaft on the pump which was leaking. It was also noted that the solenoid on the primer was not functioning so that was replaced. Engine one returned to Dixon fire station. On Sunday Adam tested the engine to make sure it was working properly and found two new leaks and smelled electrical smoke. Primer motor was found to be burned out and the main solenoid was burned out. Primer motor has been replaced. We are still waiting on the main solenoid. Adam made a point it is very important to test the equipment and make sure it is working properly after any major service and before it is needed.

Engine 2 needs and extending light pole which was knocked off. We are currently waiting on an estimate.

Tender 1 the water sensor pressure is faulty. So the water pressure alarm comes on when you start driving and beeps continuously. This part has been ordered.

A metal rack will be installed for the floating pump on Tender 1. Wayne and Dutch will install this rack.

Tender 1 did not get a pump test due to the fact the guy doing the test did not have the proper fittings. Steve will take this up with Alfredo Montoya. This is very important for our ISO rating.

Adam stated when parking your POV on the side of the road it is important that you are at least two feet beyond fog line, the white line on the side of the road. If you park any closer it narrows the road and creates a serious safety issue. Try to park on the same side as the incident.

We were successful in getting the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant from the Forestry Dept. – Total was \$20,000. We put up 10 percent. We will receive \$18,400. The money will be used to purchase wild land outfits - PPE for new members. Foam will be stocked up on. Tools for T2 will be replaced so that it meets wild land equipment standards. All shovels will be replaced. GPS will be purchased for all current apparatus. Kestrel handheld weather units will also be purchased.

Adam stated he would like to replace the wooden cabinets with 2 sets of four foot metal shelves and totes to store wild land equipment. The cost would be about \$700.00 for total. He would like to purchase with DCFD funds from Lowes. This was approved by the members.

Brush 1 and Engine 1 have class AB foam extinguishers. He would like to replace these with regular water extinguishers. He is also looking into replacing the class B foam with new environmentally free PFA foams.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve and Alex are working on a grant application for funding from the NM Association of Counties for wildfire risk reduction in rural areas. Money comes from BLM and NM Forestry. There are three categories for Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), fuel reduction activities and for education and public outreach. Jan-Willem Jansens (Ecotone) will be assisting Alex and Steve with writing this grant to come up with a community wildfire protection plan. First part of grant needs to be submitted to BLM by Monday, March 7, 2022. BLM will sign off on the grant and then we can continue to finish writing the grant to be submitted by the deadline of March 31, 2022 to the New Mexico Association of Counties. They have letters of support coming from Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Picuris Pueblo, the Embudo Valley Regional Acequia Association and the State Land Office. The amount is for \$20,000.00 with a match of at least 10 percent. DVFD members voted on and approved a match of 20 percent, \$4,000. 00 out of the DCFD fund.

Wayne mentioned getting BLM property to store and have an area for the wood chipper and the chips. VFD will receive on July 1, 2022, \$50,000.00 from the NM Legislature from capital outlay to purchase a commercial grade towable wood chipper. This was made possible with the help of Rep. Susan Herrera. The funds will not be available until after July 1.

Steve submitted a grant proposal for SAMHSA, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration to provide EMS education in Rio Arriba for 3 EMT first responder courses in one year for the amount of \$190,000. This would supply full tuition, books and travel reimbursement for all taking the class. This grant was specifically to address EMS education that are significantly impacted by opioid use.

We also have a grant in with NM EMS Bureau for EMS education supplies for \$40,000.00 and another Trauma grant for extrication tools in the amount of \$30,000. These are both pending.

All paperwork for PERA Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan must be submitted by March 31, 2022. PERA Volunteer Firefighter Pension Plan - With 10 years service can receive \$125.00/month for retirement. With 25 years service you can receive \$250.00/month. If you start receiving the \$125.00/month at 10 years but continue to 25 years you cannot receive \$250.00/month if you keep going. They are trying to change this. We would need to talk with the Fire Marshal's office to get them to change this.

Pancake breakfast will be held this year on May 15, 2022 at the Elementary school. Wayne will get permission from the school. Kathy Miller will chair the committee for purchasing items needed for the breakfast.

The Summer Cadet program has been scheduled tentatively for the week of July 18, 2022.

Footing for the burn ban sign at Station 1 is done. Wayne also installed cable locks to keep them from being stolen.

Fourth of July event will take place this year. Motion to adjourn 20:10