

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 4/06/2022

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:05

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Eloise Martinez, Kathy Miller, Liz Riedel, Mick Oram, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Nathaniel Pacheco, Destini Pacheco, Micaela Martinez, Dutch Shultis, Don Ticknor, Aaron Greenwald

Charlotte Madueño was our guest this evening. She has volunteered to do a video promotion and some flyers to advertise our Pancake Breakfast on May 15, 2022. She will attend the April 10th, Sunday training to get some pictures for the video and flyers. She has asked that we email or text her pictures of us in action.

Agenda approved. March minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – (Amanda Sena-Absent) Steve Jenison

14 EMS calls in March. Our call rate is going up per month since we are slowly going back to normal life, post Covid-19.

Quarterly pharmacy inspection was done, and we passed. Pharmacist was surprised we don't carry pain meds. County won't allow us to carry Schedule drugs due to risk of theft and diversion.

Gilly Valdez passed the National Registry of EMTs certification exam for Emergency Medical Responders and is now licensed as an EMT-First Responder. This precipitated a discussion with Alfredo Montoya and Alfredo Vigil (Rio Arriba County EMS Medical Director), since Gilly is under 17 years of age according to the Rio Arriba by-laws he cannot be a full member of the department because he is under 18 years of age. The State of New Mexico says he is a fully licensed EMT-First Responder therefore asking the question what his status with the department is. Steve proposed to the County that Gilly can respond with the department as an EMT-First Responder, with at least one Senior EMT present. The County (Mr. Montoya, Fire Marshal; Dr. Vigil, Medical Director) agreed to this arrangement. At this time, he is not allowed to drive the ambulance due to some insurance liability issues. Adam emphasized he is only to respond as an EMT with the EMS team not to assist in fire, traffic control or with extrication tools.

Steve stated that we still have \$4,000.00 in the EMS budget that needs to be expended before the end of June. These monies do not rollover like the fire budget. So we need to take inventory and see what needs to be purchased and use this money wisely. If anyone has any capital expenditures, we might use the money for please submit a request to Steve.

Currently the Fire budget has a balance of \$174,818.67. This does not include the Wild Land grant that Adam wrote which allows us an additional \$20,000.00 which gives us a balance of \$194,818.67.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

11 - Fire calls in March.

- False alarm at the Dixon Elementary.
- Large structure fire in Canoncito, which re-ignited the following day.
- Ash fire.
- Possible Carbon Monoxide.
- 2- Arroyo Fires – Ron Mentioned safety issues where the people continued to try to light the fire. Adam handled this stressful situation with great diplomacy.
- Mutual aid fire in Las Trampas.
- Cottonwood tree fire and Acequia burn.

Steve had a discussion with the new owner of "The Toolshed" about doing a fire pre-plan. He has agreed to do the pre-plan in early May.

Eloise stated that the Embudo Presbyterian Session has agreed to have a fire pre-plan done for the Mission, (apartment, casita) Eloise and Ron will set up a date and time.

Ron will contact Zuly's to see if they would be willing to set up a time for a fire pre-plan.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam stated when using equipment and apparatus it is important to check and maintain in good working order. This should be done by having a regular maintenance schedule, and always inspecting equipment *before and* after using, ensuring all is working properly, has fuel and is not in need of any type of repair. Notify Adam of any issues. Steve mentioned the mileage logs should be modified to include what the fuel level is. Adam will make the modification.

We had two collisions this month with damage to apparatus. Ron was driving Engine 2 responding to a house fire in Canoncito when he turned into the narrow driveway to closely and pulled off one of the flood lights. This was an easy repair at a cost of \$2,400.00 which we upgraded to better lights.

The second collision, Adam was driving Engine 1 returning to the house fire which re-kindled. When pulling out of the same driveway there was an old vehicle parked in the driveway that hadn't been there the day before and the Engine 1 running board got caught and ripped off the back bumper of the old car. Adam notified the owner and Fire Marshal immediately. It is very important to notify the county as soon as possible so that insurance claim can be processed for repairs. It is required that the driver needs to go in for a drug testing when this occurs.

Rio Arriba County recently provided training in Wild land Update and Engine Boss where at least 8 members participated. We have some members signed up for FFT1 which is the higher level of wild land training. Some members will be signing up for L180 practical training.

Ron attended the live fire training in Socorro and stated what most impressed him was that he learned to trust his bunker gear when fighting fires. It is made to protect and keep you safe. Trust your gear. He did mention it was recommended we purchase and wear long sleeve cotton shirts under bunker gear.

Rio Arriba County has arranged with NM Fire Training Academy for a Hazmat Operations Awareness Course. This will be an online course done on your own time and then a practical, discussion and exam in Espanola on July 8th and 9th. This training is the next level up from the training we are required to take.

Scheduled Training:

- April 10, 2022– 1:00 PM Company Training – Pump Fest, how to operate pumps
Adam is requesting that there will be 4 volunteers to be instructors.
- April 13, 2022 – 6:30 PM Tools, Apparatus and Maintenance
- April 20, 2022 – 6:30 PM New Recruit training – Fire streams

This last recruit training will end a one-year cycle for most new recruits training except for Dutch. Adam advised if you missed any training modules to notify him and he will set up a time to do one-on-one training. Gilly and Dutch need to set up a time to do TIM (traffic incident management module) which is required for all responders.

Engine 1 is back in service with a new primer pump switch. Adam explained how to prime and not to exceed 60 seconds, wait to cool down then try to prime again. The Engine 1 primer pump now has an indicator light on the pump panel that indicates when it is engaged.

Engine 2 has new led lamps that have been installed and a new switch will be installed on the dash console.

Tender 1 the alarm light detector switch for low water pressure has been replaced. Tender 1 has also passed its pump test. Adam will remove more of the locker so that suction hoses can be installed with the big handles.

NFPA recommends that tires should be replaced every 6 years. Engine 1 and 2 both meet these criteria and run a risk of tire blow outs. Adam is planning to replace the tires on both units. He stated it is important not to go above the speed limit in these vehicles and slow down around corners to avoid blow outs.

With warmer weather we will not have to drain the pumps anymore. Pumps should be tested monthly.

Brush 1 after responding to a couple of incidents, he noticed that upon return the foam tanks were empty. Adam stated that when the foam pump is running it is always sucking foam and adding it to the water. Adam gave instructions on how to operate the foam pump in order not to waste all the foam.

Adam stated that he has done maps for what use to be the Velarde and Alcalde fire regions. There will be one placed in every vehicle.

The VFA Grant has allowed Adam to encumber \$16,500.00 worth of material, with a balance of \$3,500.00 remaining.

Aaron Greenwald stated that he unable to attend the after-action fire review. Being first on scene, he expressed concerns he had in responding to the house fire in Canoncito. There were detailed discussions on protocols and concerns.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Pancake breakfast is scheduled for May 15. Steve stated he heard back from Sophia, from Rio Arriba County, she has the insurance card that she will present to Espanola schools to show we are covered for liability.

One major expenditure for the Pancake breakfast was the purchase of two, one-hundred cup coffee urns which will be arriving tomorrow. Steve would like to order some DVFD t-shirts from Gorilla Graphics that have one of our logos on the back and the front would read proud supporter of the DVFD.

Kathy reported we have Elena Arellano preparing the green chili and Eloise will prepare the red chili. Kathy went over the list of items needed for the event and where to get them.

Eloise will inquire with the Presbyterian Church if they can borrow or rent the tables and chairs for the event. Adam also stated that we need cooking utensils such as serving spoons, pancake flippers and tongues. Steve will look into having coffee donated. Lou Malchie is working on the raffle.

Steve met with the Rio Embudo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association. There is no reason why their water hydrants cannot be creditable water according to ISO with their current tank size and their main size and number of hydrants. ISO was contacted and stated, all that is needed is to do flow testing on the hydrants. The hydrants in Canoncito will be flow tested on a Sunday afternoon company training in May. This information will be submitted to ISO so that they can convert the hydrants to creditable water to count for better ISO rating.

FireWise USA update – Steve sent out a poll in the Town Crier. Steve also stated we should have a table at the pancake breakfast with fliers and information regarding FireWise USA education. Don Ticknor has agreed to staff that table.

Steve stated we applied through the New Mexico Association of counties for a community wildfire protection plan. Alex and Jan-Willem Jansens did all the work and submitted it on March 30.

We are members of the International Association of Fire Chiefs which currently has a grant where we can apply for a curbside chipping project. We cannot buy equipment but we can hire someone to do the work. Alex will be working on this grant.

Steve stated he received a request from Delilah that they need volunteers on Thursday, 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM and Friday 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM for the Good Friday pilgrimage walk. They will need EMT's and firefighters to assist. Adam and Steve will be volunteering on Friday. If you are interested let Steve and Delilah know.

There are several grants we still have pending no news as of yet.

We have footing for burn ban sign in front of station one and just need to know where to place the footing for the second burn ban sign in front of station two. We will start utilizing these burn ban signs.

Meeting adjourned 20:20