

MINUTES

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 5/04/2022

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:00

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

Agenda approved. April 2022 minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – (Amanda Sena-Unable to long on)

18 - EMS calls in April. Peter Schwathe passed the NREMT Advanced EMT certification exam – NM EMT-I licensure pending.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

6 - Fire calls in April. Three of the calls were false alarms. One fire was a burning of a fence line that was not an approved burn. The second was smoke from a semi-trailer whose brakes overheated. The last was a structure fire in Penasco for mutual aid. Adam, Steve, Wayne and Kathy attended that fire.

Burn Ban flag is up at station two and the US Flag is missing and station two.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam reviewed a national position statement for running with lights-and-sirens in the ambulance. Adam went over accident statistics when running with lights-and-sirens and ambulance collisions and “wake effect” collisions, which are both known as secondary collisions. It was pointed out that running with lights-and-sirens has very little significant impact on total arrival time. Total response time saved is minuscule. The use of red lights-and-sirens should only be used in matter of life-or-death situation. Ambulances can exceed the speed limit with lights-and-sirens but not recommended. Responding in fire apparatus it is not recommended to use lights-and-sirens unless extreme emergency. Our approach is always a safe and effective response, emphasis on safe. It is important to note that when driving with lights-and-sirens to increase following distance. Turn lights on when arriving at scene so others can know what’s ahead and to slow down.

Adam reviewed the logistics, procedures and safety protocols that were followed and not followed at the Penasco fire. This was an extreme fire behavior at an abandoned gas station that was full of clutter and highly flammable O2 cylinders. There were several explosions, high winds and heavy smoke. There was a residence located at the back of the building.

Adam noted it is very important that when turning the water on and off, to do it slowly to avoid knocking the firefighters off their feet. He reiterated the importance of wearing proper PPE when fighting these fires. It is important to be aware and to continue to reassess the scene.

Steve stated it would be indicated to always bring Rescue 3 to any structure fire in our own fire district, to have somebody there present to do rehab and check on the firefighter’s vitals and general well-being. Someone could load up Rescue 3 with snacks and rehab gear such as pulse oximeter, blood pressure cuffs and writing down names, numbers and vitals. Rescue 3 should be staged away from the fire.

Engine 1 is fully operational but will be taken in for new tires soon. Rescue 3, the brakes have been fixed. T1, the intake pressure gauges is stuck and will be replaced.

Adam has placed maps of Rio Grande Fire District in all apparatus folders.

It is now required to wear long sleeve t-shirts under bunker gear and wild land gear. Please pick them up before you leave.

Scheduled Training:

Adam was very impressed with our response to MVC on Sunday. Everything went very smoothly and effectively. This happened because we have trained and we work well as a team and we know what needs to be done and get it done.

Adam emphasized the minimum requirements that are necessary to respond to calls. The recruit training cycle for this cycle is finished. This cycle instead of going through all the modules and trainings, recruits have booklets that have all the modules

and online trainings that need to be done. If you have modules that you haven't completed let Adam know so that he can set up training time with you to get it done.

Third Wednesdays he would like to do more one on one, and smaller group trainings, such as pump training. This needs to be done several times to get used to it. We can work on patient handling, driver training and any other training that need more work or modules that need to be done.

- May 7, 2022 – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Wildfire Community Preparedness Day (Saturday) Firewise USA
- May 11, 2022– 6:30 PM Tools, apparatus and maintenance.
- May 15, 2022 – 8:00 – 12:00 PM DVFD Annual Pancake Breakfast
- May 18, 2022 – 6:00 PM New recruit training – Hydrant Operations (calibrate-flow testing of Canoncito fire hydrants.) We only need a small group for this training.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Our current fire budget balance is \$184,011.24 which does not include our Wild Land Fire Grant monies of \$20,000.00 which is a separate budget. Any funds not expended in the fire budget will roll over to next year. The EMS budget balance is 1,967.94. Steve was informed by Kyle Thornton, the Director of the EMS Bureau at the Department of Health that we can roll over any funds not expended to next year by sending him an email stating the amount we would like to carry over.

There were three present at the Chimayo pilgrimage, Steve, Adam and Gilly. The county appreciated our efforts and it went very smoothly. Adam stated that when Espanola is unable to respond it really made him worry about having Rescue 3 away all day. Steve stated that we were assured a county rescue would be here to replace it. This did not happen. This is a real concern for future events.

We are still waiting on the CEVO Fire apparatus training. When this is made available this will be one of our Sunday afternoon trainings.

We now have a beautiful DVFD Banner to display at functions. (Ron and Mick have grommet maker they will bring it on Saturday.)

Wildfire Community preparedness Day is this Saturday from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This is a required event if a town wants to get Firewise USA designation by the National Fire Protection Association. This is a very important time to be getting information out about wildfires. We have a lot of literature from Firewise USA and from the International Association of Fire Chiefs for program called Ready, Set, Go!, that give instruction on how to evacuate if indeed you are forced to evacuate during a wildfire. Adam will wash the fire apparatus early Saturday morning. Frances and Liz will clean the fire station on Friday afternoon. Destini will be Sparky the Fire dog at the event. Gil's Rentals is donating a snow cone machine and the Dixon Coop is donating 5 boxes of 24 paletas each. Kombucha Marimaba will be playing.

We will need personnel to serve the snow cones and paletas. We will need at least 3 people to go around and survey people who attend about whether or not they have done anything on their property to mitigate wildfire risk to their home. This is one of the ways we get Firewise designation by demonstrating that people in the community have done a certain amount of hour of activity on their own property.

We have already met our required match by receiving \$50,000.00 dollars in capital outlay money from the NM Legislature through the sponsorship of Susan Herrera to buy a chipper. The only thing we have left to get the Firewise designation is to have this event on Saturday and to have a risk assessment done. We also have to have a three-year plan including meetings, clean up properties and respond to fire calls. We need to be at the station one at 10:00 on Saturday. We will have a Firewise table at the Pancake breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast Sunday May 15, 2022, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Saturday evening, we will take the table and chairs to the cafeteria at the Dixon Elementary School to set up. We will also get the kitchen ready by laying paper on the floor so that it's easier to clean up afterwards. Steve will be sending out emails with times and dates of all activities prior to and for the day of the event with instructions. The more people we have to set up the faster it goes. Sunday breakfast starts at eight so we should all be there by 6:00 AM. Food for the breakfast will be delivered Tuesday which will be stored in the Mission refrigerator and freezer. Coffee is being donated by Taos Roasters. Liz will get the paper and duct tape for the kitchen. Coop will pick up the coffee. Green chili is being made by Elena Arellano and red chili being made by Charlotte Valdez. Kathy will make a list to run to Sam's club a few days before the event. Lou Malchie made all raffle tickets and they are selling well. Kathy will put a notice in the Dixon Town Crier and put up a few flyers at the Post Office and the Coop. Steve will continue to post it on Dixon thru the Grapevine and Facebook. He asks we share it on our Facebook page. Nancy and Sandy will be selling the raffle tickets.

We have several Grants pending and hoping they will come through soon.

We will be having the second annual 2022 Aaron Griego Cadet Program. We are looking at holding it on July 18-22, 2022. We will follow-up with Wayne Archuleta. We need to establish the date so that Wayne and the teacher can promote it while the kids are still in school. We will only accept up to 16 candidates. Wayne feels we will have some return cadets attending this year's program.

The last item is fire pre-plans. Steve mentioned it to Dick Padberg and he was on board so Ron and Eloise will set that up in the near future. Steve has not heard anything from the Toolshed. It would be good to get with them to go over liability and safety issues. Steve would like to get Zuly's and the Mission building fire pre-plans done first. Alex stated he could assist Ron in getting these pre-plans done. Fire pre-plan needs to be done for the Blue Heron.

Meeting adjourned 20:23