

## **DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 06/01/2022**

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, Alex Amend, Mick Oram, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Amanda Sena, Micaela Martinez, Gilly Valdez, Dutch Shultis, Don Ticknor, Peter Schwathe, Nathaniel Pacheco, Destini Pacheco, Bob Cornelius (19 Members present)

One member of public present, Nancy Levitt.

Agenda approved. May 2022 minutes approved.

Bob Cornelius was voted in unanimously and sworn in as a new member of the DVFD.

DVFD members approved to reimburse Betsy Williams \$520.00 for the DVFD Mugs she made once she has invoiced us. We will sell the remainder of mugs along with the DVFD Supporter t-shirts at future events

The pancake breakfast was a great success. The public feedback was very positive.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena**

19- EMS calls in May, 13 routine EMS calls. Six of the EMS calls were done by Steve and Liz who were asked to go to the Ohkay Owingeh Hotel to check on people who had chronic illnesses who were evacuees from the Mora area. This took place on May 10, 2022.

There was a brief discussion on the roll over MVA on NM 68. Adam mentioned the difficulty in reaching the vehicle and how it would be beneficial for the department to have a squad vehicle where all the rope equipment and all other rescue equipment could be located. Steve has discussed this request with Commissioner Martinez.

Steve will request at the end of June the EMS budget balance from the county so that he can request the NM EMS Bureau to carry over the remaining balance.

Steve stated the blower in the swamp cooler at Station 1 needs to be replaced. The cost will be \$770.00. It is being purchased from Dixon VFD Fire funds.

#### **Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour**

3 - Fire calls in May. One trash fire in Velarde, another trash fire on CR 63, and the last was a fire in southern Taos which turned out to be cancelled.

Ron stated that some county volunteers assisted in the Hermits Peak fire and some of the other fires.

Ron completed three fire pre-plans one for The Blue Heron, Embudo Valley Vineyard, (previously known as the Manifestation) and the Tool Shed. Ron went over the pre-plans. Steve went over how to exit the Coop in case of fire and where apparatus would be best located to be effective. Zuly's and the Mission still need to have fire pre-plans done.

#### **Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie**

Adam stated that currently we are having issues with the vendors filling our Purchase Orders. He reached out to the vendor for the PPE (wild land gear) he ordered and stated that with grant monies he has deadlines he has to meet. The vendor has promised to deliver by November 8, 2022.

Adam received the dog tags he ordered and these will be used for all those who have bunker gear. The dog tags will be used in IDLH (Immediate Danger to Life and Health) such as structure fires and vehicle fires. These dog tags should be utilized for anyone who is going to be close enough to the danger areas. These dog tags have all been issued except to Amanda and Aaron. There needs to be a protocol set up. If anyone would like to help write up the protocol they need to get with Adam. Adam stated in order for this to work everyone needs to take part in it actively. Adam gave some instruction and importance of utilizing the dog tags. Adam will have a draft protocol by next month.

Adam has hydrant tape in different colors that need to be applied to the hydrants. The hydrants all need to be tagged with the tape just underneath the cap. Adam asked if anyone would like to assist, it should only take about an hour.

Adam stated he has the new metal shelves and Mick will assist in putting them together this weekend. Adam requested that he be allowed to purchase a shop vac with community funds which was approved by all.

#### **Scheduled Training:**

- June 8, 2022 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus
- June 12, 1:00 PM Water supply
- June 15, 2022– 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

#### **Chief Report – Steven Jenison**

Steve stated that all Rio Arriba County volunteer fire departments were recognized on May 31, 2022 by the County Commissioners at the monthly meeting by presenting them with a service award. Ron Monsour, Eloise Martinez and Windy Berghofer were present on behalf of the entire DVFD to receive the award.

Testing was done on all the Rio Embudo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association hydrants. They all tested at about 750 gallons per minute approximately. These are considered to be class B hydrants, which is between 500 and 1000 gallons per minute. Only one exceeded slightly exceeded 1000 gallons per minute. This information will be submitted to ISO so that the hydrants can be considered to be creditable water. The Dixon hydrants are considered to be class A or AA which means they are rated at 1000 to 1500 gallons per minute or greater than 1500 gallons per minute.

We applied for a grant from the International Association of Fire Chiefs who has a program called “Ready Set Go!”. They issued a request for proposal for community chipping project. Alex Amend, Anthony Alvarez and Steve Jenison wrote a grant proposal. Dixon Community was awarded a sum of money. This will enable us to hire Anthony Alvarez’s company Baby Gorilla Tree Services to do a wood chipping project here in Dixon. This will be held on July 23, July 30 and August 6 weekends. Residences will sign up to have chippable brush chipped and removed from properties by Baby Gorilla Tree Services. There will be a community meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> to give instructions to the public as how to participate and have this work done for their property. The Fourth of July event we will also sign up persons interested in participating. We will need volunteers to assist these weekends. A total of 6 full days of this service will be available to the Dixon Community. Get the word out to the community. Anthony’s company will get rid of the wood chips. Alex mentioned we should have Brush 1 on scene in case of fire.

The combination of grant monies we received, and the number of volunteer hours will exceed the number required to meet Fire Wise USA designation. Once this project is finished, we will be able to submit out application to Fire Wise USA and should get the designation before the end of the year. We will be getting \$50,000.00 from NM Capital Outlay to purchase our own wood chipper that Susan Herrera advocated for us.

Steve stated we were awarded grant money from the New Mexico Association of Counties to do a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. We were awarded \$30,000.00. Jan-Willem Janssens, Ecotone and Forests Stewarts Guild to do a formal wildfire protection plan that will include things like addressing structures in town. That will run from July 2022 through June 2023.

We pledged 10 percent matching funds to each of the grants one for \$30,000.00 and the other \$20,000. We will be spending \$5,000.00 from the Dixon Community Fire Department funds to provide the matching funds for those two grants.

We will have the Fourth of July Celebration again this year. We will have hot dogs, Frito Pies, paletas and snow cones. We have the kiddies’ pools and jumpers. Adam will be in charge of the Frito Pies. The Department approved funds for the event.

Wayne will spear head the second annual Aaron Griego Summer Youth Cadet program which will be held on July 18 through July 22, 2022. Wayne has reached out to some of the last year’s participants to see if they are interested in being involved again this year. This would enable them to get more advance training. Wayne will also try to get some younger kids to sign up for at least one full day of training. Kathy will check on and set a date for the water rafting day. Wayne mentioned they were really interested in doing the ropes and repelling. Adam recommended going through the recruit training book and select some the practical components from that. Steve encourages all to participate.

WE are still waiting on approval of the SAMHSA grant for EMS education. EMS Bureau will have a committee meeting about the trauma systems funding act grant where we asked for electrical extrication tools. Steve will attend that meeting that will be held on June 15, 2022 and hopefully soon thereafter it will be awarded. These tools we are very helpful in extrications, especially at many locations in the canyon.

Our weather station is down and Chuck Wright recommended it be replaced. The purchase was approved at the cost of \$550.00 with Dixon Community Fire Department Funds.

Meeting adjourned at 20:20