

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 07/07/2022

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:10

Members Present (16): Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Eloise Martinez, Kathy Miller, Liz Riedel, Alex Amend, Mick Oram, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Amanda Sena, Micaela Martinez, Dutch Shultis, Don Ticknor, Anthony Alvarez, Aaron Greenwald

Agenda approved. June 2022 minutes approved.

Officers Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

16 - EMS calls in June 2022, 157 running total for 12 months.

Dr. Alfredo Vigil's contract has expired, and he is no longer the EMS Medical Director for Rio Arriba County. There is a physician (Dr. Eric Ketcham) who is the medical director of record for the SAMSA Grant that the county has for Naloxone distribution. He is currently interim EMS Medical Director. He has not yet signed a contract. This will not affect us responding to calls. In order to be a practicing EMT, you have to be affiliated with an EMS provider organization and they have to have an EMS Medical Director, who is responsible for deciding the scope of practice and giving medical direction. Amanda Sena will follow up with Presbyterian Hospital to see if there are any ER physicians there who might be interested in the position.

The air conditioner in Rescue 3 has been repaired and is working.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

5 - Fire calls in June 2022. There were two brush fires believed to be arson, one false alarm, one illegal burn and the Bosque Fire.

No fire pre-plans have been set up at this time.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam reviewed logistics and safety issues with the fire at the bus stop and the two roadside fires along NM75. The roadside fires both appeared to be arson. Ron stated that there was a person of interest in Taos, NM who was accused of arson. He has since changed his name and moved to Dixon, NM. It is important to note any suspicious vehicles or persons hanging around the fires. If a vehicle seems suspicious carefully, snap a picture of the license plate.

Adam stated he has extra high visibility vests if anyone needs one or an extra one, get with him and he will issue one.

Scheduled Training:

- July 10, 1:00 – Clean out closets and shelves and set up new shelves and organize bunker gear and wild land gear.
- July 13, 6:30 PM - Maintenance of tools and apparatus. (Currently everything seems to be working properly.)
- July 20, 6:30 PM - Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

We have received a grant to do a community chipping project that is being funded by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. We will be conducting this project on July 23 and 24, July 30 and 31, 6 and 7 of August. Alex Amend is overseeing this project and Anthony Alvarez has been contracted to do the work. Steve stated that we have received confirmation from the woman who runs the program (Lauren Holtzclaw) for IAFC who will be flying out here from Virginia to be present on July 23, with a photographer to take pictures so that they can promote this project nationally. It is very important that we are organized and have plenty of workers to carry out what needs to be done so that things can run smoothly.

Alex and Anthony went over what needs to be done and stated we need several volunteers. Alex will send out an email so he can set up a schedule for volunteers. We currently have 47 locations signed up for chipping. Alex has prepared a map so they can locate properties easily and move directionally.

Steve stated we have funding from the New Mexico Association of Counties to conduct a one-year long community wildfire protection plan for the Dixon fire district. This will almost all be done by contractors. Ecotone LLC (Jan-Willem Jansens) and Forests Stewarts Guild are the contractors. This is a one-year grant starting July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, of next year. Steve spoke to the woman who administers it for the New Mexico Association of Counties (Aelysea Webb) and she stated they will allow us to invoice them quarterly. Once we are invoiced, we can invoice NMAC. We will be providing them with advice as how we can most benefit from a community wildfire protection plan. Our focus will be on how to prevent runaway Bosque fires. Rio Arriba County was also awarded the same grant which will probably concentrate on heavy forest vegetation such as pine trees.

Cadet Program - Wayne Archuleta stated that we have 13 participants currently interested. The schedule for the week will be as follows:

- Monday – Firefighting basics; Fire Apparatus
- Tuesday – EMS / First Aid / CPR certification
- Wednesday – Knots; Low-Angle Rescue
- Thursday – Water Safety & Raft Trip
- Friday – Youth Open House; Pizza Lunch

Steve will contact Gilly and Felicity to see if they have candidates that are interested. If the positions are not confirmed, we will announce it on the Dixon Town Crier that spots are available first come first serve.

Amanda Sena stated that if anyone has any ideas for the Cadet program, please notify her or Wayne Archuleta so they can work it into the schedule.

Fourth of July Celebration was a huge success. On-scene cash contributions exceeded expenses.

Sandbag event went smoothly. 1500 sandbags were distributed to the public, which seemed to be more interested in acquiring the bags so they could fill them up at home with sand.

Pending grant applications:

- The SAMHSA grant proposal for EMS education is still pending, should be awarded by the end of July.
- NM EMS Bureau grant for EMS education supplies was not funded.
- NM EMS Bureau trauma grant for extrication tools was not funded.
- NM Capital Outlay Funding for chipper was funded. We will be notified when funds are available.

Steve stated we will meet with Anthony Alvarez when we are awarded the capital outlay funding for the chipper. Anthony can advise and suggest what would be the best purchases for \$50,000.00. Anthony mentioned maybe at a later time when more funding is available that the purchase of a tub grinder could be funded, which could be shared with multiple communities. This would have to be approached through the Fire Marshal's office to see if the county might be able to fund.

Meeting adjourned at 20:24