

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 10/05/2022

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

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

Agenda approved. September 2022 minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Steve Jenison for Amanda Sena

10 - EMS calls in September 2022. We are at 165 EMS calls running total for this year. Reviewed and went over protocols dealing with a patient with mental issues who refused to be transported to hospital. This will possibly be a reoccurring issue with this patient. He does have a history of violent attacks on health care workers.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

1 - Fire September 2022 – was a mutual aid for the town of Cordova. Adam discussed the problems that were encountered at this fire. The main problems were no water source, no fire department and no obvious incident commander. They depend on Truchas Volunteer Department.

To get to Cordova you must climb up to Rio Lucio and then Truchas. From there it's a 3000 foot decent to Cordova. T2 and Engine 1 had hot smoking brakes upon arrival in Cordova. Adam recommended the next time they are dispatched to Cordova, to go slow to avoid hot brakes and serious accidents. Wayne recommended if water is needed to go to Chimayo to refill.

Ron will try to do 2 pre-plans, one for Zuly's and one for the Embudo Mission.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Scheduled Training:

- October 9, 2022 – 1:00 PM Company Training – Fire hydrant annual maintenance. We will flush and grease the hydrants only. This helps with point for ISO.
- October 12, 2022 - 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus. It's been two years since the inspection of bunker gear ppe has been done. This needs to be done!
- October 19, 2022–6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Adam mentioned a truck upgrade but we have 242 outfitted. So we might want to replace with something we really need.

Adam has ordered 2 LED Stream Lights for Tender 1 and Tender 2 to replace the halogen lights. The gas analyzer on Engine 2 is back in service. The sensors were replaced. Adam ordered new batteries for all the SCBA's. There are spiral notebooks available for EMS.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve recommended that we have our annual fundraiser at the end of the year to raise capital for hard matches for any grants we might want to apply for.

Fire fund we have \$270,103.73 and EMS fund we have \$7,832.68. Adam proposes with our EMS funds we upgrade our battery system for our Stryker stretcher. Steve will get a price for the upgrade.

Steve stated we have a new Rio Arriba Fire and Emergency Services Director Alex Cisneros he used to be the assistant chief at Chamita. He is planning on having a meeting with the Fire Chiefs in the near future.

Lauren Reichelt the Executive Director of Rio Arriba Health and Human Services Department has resigned. She is the principal investigator for several SAMSA grants that Rio Arriba County has. The fate of these grants is unclear. The EMS training grant will probably not be affected since it is only a one year grant.

Rio Arriba County has signed off on the EMT First Responder Course contracts with UNM Taos to pay everybody's tuition, books and travel reimbursement. Rio Arriba has signed off on a contract with Steve Jenison to be the Project Director.

We also have contracts in place with the Mountain Center to do Harm Reduction Training and with Brian Serna to do Motivational Interviewing Training for the classes.

The EMT class of 17 had their first block exam and all passed with high scores. There was a skill session on airway management and oxygen administration with the help of Adam Mackie, Wayne Archuleta, Frances Griego, Peter Schwathe and Liz Riedel. Steve was very grateful for their assistance.

National Fire Prevention Week starts next week. Wayne has scheduled an event at the Elementary School. An email will be sent out soon with more information.

There will be no Halloween event this year due to traffic hazards and poor visibility of trick or treaters. We do not want to put our community in danger.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Alex stated that on Wednesday, October 26, two meetings will be held. The Core Team meeting will be held from 4:00 to 5:30, people from State Land Office, BLM, Acequia Association and others will be in attendance. At 6:00 PM they will hold a public meeting. These meetings will be advertised in Dixon through the Grapevine, Facebook and the Dixon Town Crier. Alex stated from 5:30 to 6:00 our friends from the Forest Stewards Guild will have refreshments and have discussion on protecting your homes and fire awareness. If you are interested in attending as a Core Team member contact Alex Amend as soon as possible.

Steve spoke with Susan Herrera who stated she has checked with the Legislative Finance Committee and that the state will be selling bonds in about two weeks in order to make available the capital outlay monies needed. When the money is available we should be able to purchase the wood chipper. We will have to meet with Anthony Alvarez so that we can decide what type of chipper we need to purchase with \$50,000.00

Kathy mentioned the truck Delilah offered, we could possibly outfit it with a trailer hitch and a bin for catching the chips from the chip spreader. We would have to find a place to store it. Steve will check with Delilah to see if that truck is still available.

Steve would like to plan a Holiday Open House to honor our retired fire department volunteers. We will plan it sometime in the middle of December.

Our CEVO certificates and patches have come in and are ready for pick-up here on the little table in Station 1.

Mick mentioned we will have the Studio Art Tour this year. We do have a meeting before this event. We will work out the logistics at the November meeting.

Wayne suggested we have a short monthly meeting in December and have a dinner at Zuly's for all department members. Eloise will contact Zuly's and try to set it up for our December 7th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 19:51