

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 11/02/2022

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:03

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Eloise Martinez, Liz Riedel, Frances Griego, Kathy Hammerlee-Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Alex Amend, Don Ticknor, Mick Oram, Peter Schwathe, Aaron Greenwald

Agenda approved with additions to include the Christmas Light Parade and review of meeting at Ojo Sarco regarding a controlled burn. October 2022 minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

11 - EMS calls in October 2022. We have a new Medical Director Dr. Fernando Bayardo. Amanda recommended those needing to recertify should start thinking about getting that done ASAP. Steve stated in terms of recertification that the Rio Arriba Fire and Emergency Services office may offer a combo refresher course. He will follow up with Delilah to check on the status. If there is not going to be a training Steve will try to have one here in Dixon, maybe the third week in December. Amanda stated that if anyone in other departments is offering Continuing Education classes for recertification to please make all departments aware so they can attend to qualify for CE hours.

Amanda will do the pharmacy inspection on Friday.

We assume the protocols will remain the same with the new Medical Director.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

1 - Fire October 2022 – This fire was a control burn that got out of control and was quickly extinguished.

Ron reviewed the highlights of the Ojo Sarco meeting that went over a control burn that will possibly take place in January or February weather permitting in the forest in the Ojo Sarco surrounding area. The objectives of the meeting were to improve and establish better communication, to understand the plan and to get ideas for implementation of the plan. The forestry division is planning on burning and clearing nearly a century of fuel that has accumulated in the area. This has raised some concerns regarding the negative impact this could have on Ojo Sarco, the surrounding areas and wildlife. Currently 137 acres of land have been cleared and all the slash has been piled up in several piles. Ojo Sarco community is terrified, seeing all these large piles of slash and not understanding what's going on, nor are they comfortable with the upcoming prescribed burn. Forestry will not start the burn until conditions such as humidity over 20%, snow load on the ground and over all temperatures are below 65 degrees, no or low wind speeds are met. They will monitor areas after fires are extinguished using various methods to avoid rekindle. Forestry division would like to utilize volunteer personnel and equipment and possibly offer to pay these individuals to assist. In general would like to keep the communities and Volunteer departments informed so they can better understand what is going on and why.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

The VFA grant monies have all been used except \$18.00. Providing that the wildland jumpsuits that were ordered are delivered in the middle of November we should be able to be reimbursed close to \$20,000.00.

Once Amanda fills out the paperwork all personnel have completed their bunker gear inspections.

The foam tank indicator shows empty on Brush One, possibly has a broken wire. This will not be looked at until Andy is here in the new year to do vehicle maintenance.

New flashlights will be placed on Tender 1.

From the Wildland grant we now have handheld weather stations on each of our apparatus. Adam has also installed hand held GPS on all apparatus except at station 2 apparatus which will be done soon.

NFPA has an online training for alternative fuel vehicles which Adam was not impressed with the presentation. Adam stated it did have some useful information regarding immobilizing and deactivating electronics in electric hybrid vehicles. Normally we cut the 12 volt battery cable which disables the engine and electronics in a normal car, but in an electric car it is still being supplied by high voltage batteries. The relay fuse needs to be pulled to make sure that all is disabled.

Scheduled Training:

- November 9, 2022 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus. Adam and Ron will be changing all batteries in SCBA's. If you are able to help please attend we could use the help.
- November 13, 2022 - 1:00 PM Company Training. Large diameter hoses and intake valves.
- November 16, 2022–6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Adam reviewed one of the MVC's which included the blue bus and a side swipe of a 18 wheeler full of gasoline reminding us that we were just inches away from having a major incident or multi casualty incident.

Adam stated flu shots are available at your local CVS and Walgreens and recommends we all get one. Liz stated that the Embudo clinic has flu shots available by appointment. On November 11, they will have a flu shot clinic.

The Light Parade will be held this year on December 18, 2022 it will start at the first arroyo which is a better location. Our involvement should be to lead and end the parade with apparatus for protection. Law enforcement and the highway department will be involved in traffic control. While the parade is in process it is recommended to have two people stationed at Station 1 to man Rescue 3 in case of emergency calls. We will not decorate our trucks because they are always on duty, these are working trucks. Ron mentioned that it was decided by the persons involved to only have one lane for the parade leaving one lane open for traffic. This could create hazards for bystanders on the side of road. The state police will be responsible for traffic control. Ron feels if we communicate this issue that the State Police will keep traffic clear, especially since it only lasts 15 minutes.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Ron Monsour, Congratulations on completing training for Firefighter 1 & 11. He is now certified. Ron gave a big thank you to Adam for assisting him in passing his practicals, without his help with the bowline knot he never would have passed. Facility training will be noted in training forms for better ISO ratings.

Our new Rio Arriba Fire and Emergency Services Director is Alex Cisneros.

Alex Amend stated on October 26, two meetings were held for the CWPP. One was the core team who are the more institutionalized stake holders involved in the Community Wildland Protection Plan (CWPP), who we reached out to for our grant application whom we got letters of support from. They did some discussion and brainstorming as to what could be done to set up a good CWPP. The second meeting was a public meeting with community members who attended and went through some exercises with the core team that could help in planning out good strategies for a successful CWPP.

The EMT first responder course is about half through. There will be a special two week component involving how to best deal with substance use calls and opiate overdoses. This will involve the Mountain Center. The sessions involving the Mountain Center and Brian Serna will be open to anyone in the department who may want to come.

The next EMT first responder course will begin on January 31, 2023 and run through the middle of April. It will be held at the Hernandez Community Center. Steve Jenison will be teaching this class.

Susan Herrera stated the state is preparing to sell the bonds to make the monies available to us so that we can have the monies available to use to purchase our chipper.

Studio tour is this weekend. We should be available if you are able to respond to calls. We also need to have some people available to show up in bunker gear with the boot in front of the COOP to accept donations for the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department.

We are planning on going to the Dixon Elementary on December 16, 2022 so that children can see Santa. We are looking to recruit someone to be Santa, possibly Windy or Ron. DVFD approved budget for Christmas surprises for the children.

We are planning to have a pot luck, open house on December 18, 2022 in the afternoon to honor our retired volunteers.

Steve and Adam will be having a party in December for the current members of the DVFD.

Meeting adjourned at 19:54