

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 1/04/2023

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM.

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Eloise Martinez, Liz Riedel, Kathy Hammerlee-Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Don Ticknor, Mick Oram, Aaron Greenwald, Peter Schwathe, Frances Griego, Gilbert Valdez, Nathaniel Pacheco, Destini Pacheco, Anthony Alvarez

Meeting called to order 19:07. Meeting agenda approved. Minutes for December 2022 approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

10 - EMS calls in December 2022.

DVFD members have the continuing education under control for renewal of licenses for EMT's. For most members it is not necessary to renew license until March 31, 2023. Steve needs to know who all are renewing their licenses so that he can submit a purchase requisition to the county to pay for license renewal fees. The county will submit P.O. to EMS Bureau to cover the renewal fees.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

3 - Fires December 2022 – We had a fire alarm at the Dixon Elementary School which is an ongoing problem. The gas heater in the utility closet between the 5th and 6th grade classrooms gets too hot and sets off the heat detector and sets off the alarm. Wayne stated they were supposed get this fixed he will follow up with the school.

We had a field fire set on a Monday. The gentleman involved was notified that this was not allowed. This gentleman was very aggressive and abusive and has acted in an abusive manner toward DVFD personnel in the past in different contexts. We should not hesitate to call for law enforcement presence if indicated in future.

The third fire was at mile marker 3. Someone dumped some ashes that were still burning. This has happened before in this area last year. We might have to put a notice out advising not to do this.

The pump testing went well. All apparatuses passed inspection. Engine 1 has issues with the vacuum test because it has a small air leak but still managed to provide suction in the 25 seconds allowed.

Ron was pleased with the incident and training spreadsheets submitted for last year. The data provided the information which showed the DVFD had 1900 hours of training last year, with an average of 99.5 hours per person. Steve, Adam and Ron had the highest number of hours. Steve stated we had a total of 220 calls last year, 172 of them were EMS the rest were fires. We should be including MVC's in both EMS and Fire responses.

Adam stated that when we add up all our training hours we should also include our response to incidents as training hours. Steve stated we have 1400 hours of response time to incidents.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

There was an incident where Engine 1 was being driven out of C bay with one of the side doors open and wrecked the bay door and bent the building. This will have to be repaired. Important to check all doors on apparatus are closed. Stay focused when operating apparatus.

Adam stated during the last couple of weeks when responding to incidents we have had just enough personnel to cover the calls. We don't always know what we need until we get there. It is important if you are available to please respond to incidents.

All equipment and apparatus is working to specifications. Adam replaced the charger for the flashlight under the driver seat on tender 1. Adam stated there are hose bridges on both engines now that are up in the dunnage. Adam will look into purchasing an exterior light for Station 2.

Adam has received boot laces for the wildfire boots which tend to get worn out. The wildfire boots require two sets of laces. So if you need laces see Adam.

The annual fire extinguisher check was done this month. Engine 1 and brush 1 have shiny metal extinguishers labeled as foam class b extinguishers. The manufacturer no longer makes this particular extinguisher because it is a cancer-causing agent. The tech stated that we can cover the label that says foam class b and label it water. So these extinguishers will be labeled water and be straight water extinguishers.

In the spring when we start applying for grants we will focus on getting a grant to cover the purchase of wet rescue and initial attack vehicle similar in size to Engine 2. This would be set up with a big pump and lots of room for water and rope rescue equipment.

We will be setting up our annual vehicle testing with Andy Archuleta. So if there are any items that we need to make the mechanic aware of please let Adam know.

Adam has asked that if anyone is interested in presenting training he would be more than happy to let you lead a training session. Do not be afraid, it just takes some research, preparation, and teaching.

Scheduled Training:

- January 8, 2023 – 1:00 PM Company training. Ron will lead training on chutes, ladders and knots.
- January 11, 2023 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve got confirmation from Rio Arriba County Finance Department that the \$50,000.00 that was allocated from the NM State Legislature capital outlay that had been promised, that Susan Herrera had advocated on our behalf is now in our budget for purchase of a chipper. Steve has contacted the Vermeer retail outlet in Albuquerque. Anthony Alvarez stated that they are probably the most expensive vendor to purchase from.

Steve invited Anthony Alvarez who was involved in the past with our chipping project to come and address what chipper would best fit out needs with a strong emphasis on safety and would allow our volunteers to operate safely and still is cost effective.

Anthony Alvarez advised the apparatus we should purchase would be the tow behind chipper with auto feed by Vermeer. They have redundant safety mechanisms and are easy to operate. He went over the XP1000 and the XP1400 models. Anthony stated it would be best to purchase a used approximately 2 year old machine at a cost of \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. The new chippers are very expensive. The used chippers can be inspected and looked over before purchase. He would be willing to assist us with contacting, inspecting and meeting with vendors in Arizona or Texas. Anthony stated we will need at least a one ton truck to tow the apparatus. In reviewing what was presented to us it was decided we would look at purchasing an XP1000 which are readily available. There is no deadline on the purchase date.

Aaron asked about insurance and liability. Steve stated we are purchasing the equipment with Rio Arriba funds and would be covered under the authority of Rio Arriba County and covered as DVFD volunteers working for Rio Arriba County. No lay people would be authorized to operate machinery.

We will need to think about where we will store the apparatus. We need to make sure we have some place where it will be secure.

Steve stated we should start thinking of what we can spend some of our DVFD funds that would best serve our community. One item we might want to purchase would be some plug in carbon monoxide detectors/smoke detectors to make available to members of our community.

Steve stated there is an upcoming meeting for CWPP. He will verify time and date with Alex.

Steve received an email from the library stating that they are working with Ecotone through a grant on a project on how to handle flooding and erosion situations and they would like us to participate.

Our Firewise USA project is being carried over so that we can use the CWPP that we generate from Ecotone as the plan for the Firewise project. We can carry over all activities from last year.

There will be another EMT/First Responder course held in Hernandez, NM, starting January 31, 2023 running for 12 weeks with a 2 week spring break. Steve was updated from the admissions office from UNM Taos that we have 17 people booked for admissions interviews.

Steve advised if you know of any individuals that would be able to participate in the activities of DVFD in whatever capacity they are able such as fundraising, grants writing etc... should be encouraged to join us. We really need some more firefighters and EMT personnel.

Steve is having a stainless steel plaque with a picture of Windy made in honor of his service for the DFVD. Once we have received the plaque we will set up an open house and pot luck.

Meeting adjourned at 20:13