

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 12/07/2022

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:07

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

Meeting agenda approved with two additions to include a survey CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan), the Fire Marshal inspection in January. Minutes for November 2022 approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

18 - EMS calls in November 2022. Steve reviewed and went over protocols and issues with an MVA involving large sanitation truck and sanitation employee who died because of the accident. This incident is likely to generate legal activity. We as EMTs should not speculate give only the facts and information given to us. We should not provide information to members of the public, through conversations or through social media, about circumstances of the incident about which we have knowledge based upon our VFD/EMS activities. We are obligated to speak to law enforcement and give them information regarding accidents of this nature. If law enforcement or any other entity needs documents related to the incident, they need to go through the Fire Marshal and the County Attorney's office for a necessary chain of custody, paper trail. If contacted by any attorneys, they must provide a subpoena for questioning, and you should have an attorney from the County present. We should not do videos or photos and post them on social media. We must be considerate of the privacy of the patient and their family members. Adam went over safety protocols regarding driving department apparatus. Important to make sure that a 911 call is placed to central dispatch.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

3 - Fires November 2022 – One page out for report of smoke. We were notified to stand down. Another page out for a mutual aid structure fire out of district that was cancelled immediately and the last was an issue with a furnace that smelled hot and weird (possibly result of rodent / bird nest in chimney). New Mexico River Adventures has purchased a new building. We will need to do a fire pre-plan for this business.

Pump testing is on Friday, December 16, 8:00 AM all day long for engines 1 and 2 and tenders 1 and 2 at station 1.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

All the vehicles with pumps have been drained and winterized. It is necessary to keep the pumps drained during the winter months. The pumps also need to be primed before use.

The wild land suits that were ordered have come in. So if you need a new wild land suit get with Adam on maintenance night so he can issue them.

The battery distribution for smoke alarms was successful this month.

Scheduled Training:

- December 11, 2022 – 1:00 PM No company training.
- December 14, 2022 – 5:00 PM we need personnel to assist in filling Christmas stockings for Dixon children. 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus. Important we need all hands on deck to prepare for Fire Marshals visit on January.
- The second Sunday in January Ron will lead a training on ropes, ladders and nozzles.

The state Fire Marshall will be coming in January. Our last inspection was in 2019. Adam has a check list we can refer to. We do not get penalties for deficiencies on the inspection, but they must be corrected. It is important to note that the personnel that perform these inspections are the people that oversee and make decisions on our fire funding and grants. We need to have records, scba, and mutual aid agreements available for review.

Steve asked that if you use the fitness center to update the form that needs to be signed and filled out so it is available and on record for review.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve stated that Delilah and Loretta have resigned their positions from the Rio Arriba County Fire Marshalls office. Currently the only person available in that office is Alex Sisneros. We need to be diligent when filling out requisitions accurately to ensure speedy approval.

The EMT first responder course students all passed their final exam.

We are still waiting on the funds to be allocated for the chipper from the legislature.

Wayne Archuleta will be our new Santa Claus on December 16, 2022 for the Dixon Elementary School Santa Claus visit.

Steve stated the old gurney is not working properly and is too old to repair or find parts. We have submitted a P.O. for a new gurney. The Stryker representative stated it should be delivered around mid January. We were given a \$2,400.00 trade-in. Our cost was \$14,000.00. Currently we need to operate the gurney manually.

We will not have the open house for retirees this month. We will reschedule for a later date.

Alex went over CWPP survey to acquire important information regarding accessibility to properties, bridges, water availability, important structures, trails, pipe lines, electrical lines, historical buildings and also just general risks or values, buildings or things we may want to protect in certain areas. This is necessary to update and map out this information for our District for the CWPP. This will enable our community to get more money to do public education, create a map that can identify water access points and other tools that help when responding to emergency calls. Alex stated others will be interviewed who are familiar with the community that can give valuable insight to the area. This information could greatly increase our chance of acquiring a quick attack vehicle called a wet rescue which would be able to access these more difficult areas.

Meeting adjourned at 20:39