

## **DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 02/01/2023**

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:04

**Members Present:** Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Eloise Martinez, Kathy Hammerlee-Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Aaron Greenwald, Mick Oram, Liz Riedel, Peter Schwathe, Don Ticknor, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Nathaniel Pacheco, Destini Pacheco, Anthony Alvarez. Public Guests: Kyle Kline, Zandria Kline, Tom Minnich

February 2023 agenda approved. January 2023 minutes approved.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena**

19- EMS calls in January 2023. Our running total for the last 12 months is 182 calls.

Liz, Ron, Kathy and Amanda who are renewing their EMT Licenses will not have to get fingerprinted. Steve clarified this issue with Kyle Thornton. There is a form that needs to be submitted to the department of public safety with a check. This needs to be done by March 31, 2023. Steve will process a P.O. for the payment of these licenses. Paperwork needs to be submitted directly with bureau with a signature from Dr. Fernando Bayardo so he can sign off on clinical competence.

#### **Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour**

3 – Fire calls in January 2023 – One call was a chimney fire. We need to advise the community to clean their chimneys. It was suggested that we post it in the Dixon Town Crier and the Dixon through the Grapevine. The other fire was a brush fire. The owners did have a burn permit and were told to make sure not to leave the fire unattended. The third fire was a mutual aide in Chamisal. Dixon responded with two tenders and an engine. Steve, Adam, and Ron responded to this fire. Ron reviewed the issues and problems regarding this fire.

#### **Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie**

Adam went over the many safety issues and protocols that were not followed at the Chamisal mutual aid fire. Such items included not wearing the proper PPE or SCBA. There were many safety issues with the other fire departments. Steve wanted to recognize members from the Penasco department JoeMike Rodarte, Leo Martinez, and Christopher Martinez from Picuris who worked very well as team members.

The biggest problem was the weather. The temperature was only 9 degrees which caused the valves to freeze up on Tender 1. The generator was used to ventilate the structure and it stopped because the water froze the cap so it had to be defrosted with warm water. The other issue was the water froze creating a skating rink which caused poor footing. Steve mentioned that too many POV's were present making it hard to get the apparatus close to the fire. All apparatus was drained when it was warmer the next day. Adam made sure all apparatus was working properly including the generator.

Adam stated it is very important to come in the proper firefighting gear and to bring apparatus. You cannot fight a fire with your POV and in jeans and a t-shirt.

Adam brought up that upon arrival at MVC's it is important to check vehicle(s) are immobilized, do a hazard check, put vehicle in park, turn off ignition, and engage parking break.

The gas detector of Engine 1 the oxygen sensor has failed will be repaired. In the meantime, the gas detector on Engine 2 will be placed on Engine 1.

Adam will arrange with Andy Archuleta to do the annual maintenance on all the apparatus as soon as he can get a purchase order approved.

If you are interested in joining the department gets with Adam to fill out the paperwork and he will start a cycle of recruit training.

#### **Scheduled Training:**

- February 8, 2023 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- February 12, 2023- 1:00 PM Company Training – Simple Extrication.
- February 22, 2023–6:30 PM (Or TBA) Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Mick discussed the issues and on-going problems the Dixon area is having with radio communications. He has been working very hard to correct the problems and will continue to work and keep our communications open.

Anthony Alvarez has been talking with the people in Arizona on the purchase of a chipper and has found a 2016 BC1400. This would be a better machine and more powerful. It has approximately 1000 hours which is very low. It has new tires, new fluids, and new oil. We can purchase a couple of sets of new blades and still stay within our budgeted amount. Anthony will need to go to Arizona to test it and make sure it is working properly. They are currently asking \$34,000.00. Anthony stated it has all the safety features and he and his crew are familiar with this model and would be able to keep it maintained and repaired. He will also have to rent a truck to deliver the chipper to DVFD.

We would need to look into purchasing a metal building with two doors for storing the chipper.

Anthony will need to submit a travel form to the county so they can give him a cash advance and later submit for the remaining 20%.

Alex gave an update on the CWPP. The next public meeting will be February 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan process will be posted on the Dixon Town Crier and Dixon through the Grapevine. Ecotone and Forest Stewards Guild, members of the core team and members of the public will be present. We will review priority actions, try to understand and map better different communities and other hazards we need to be concerned with in our Dixon community. There will be a presentation done of all the work done to date and the last capturing of feedback. All this information will be given to Ecotone and Steward Guild so that they can draft the actual plan. This will be presented in a binder so that we have something to work off of and refer to and also raise money off of. Alex would like to interview several members of the community for more information. This hopefully will be ready by May 2023.

### **Chief Report – Steven Jenison**

We have been receiving donations in memory of Bob Cornelius who passed away last week. It was also brought to our attention that Melinda Shaw who was very important in the day-to-day operations of the EMS Region 1 & 3 was killed in a car accident on January 28, 2023. She also oversaw the American Heart Association CPR center. She will be greatly missed.

Our new gurney should be arriving a week from Friday. The manual gurney is in Rescue 3. Please make sure you know how to operate the manual gurney.

Steve stated the new EMT/First Responder Course started January 31, at the Hernandez community center. Steve stated he will be taking the ambulance on Thursday, February 2 to Hernandez for the EMT class for skills training. He will leave his jump bag which has everything we need. Steve stated throughout the class there will be skill sessions and he encourages any of us that are able to attend to assist in skills training would be greatly appreciated because it makes it a lot more meaningful when current EMT's help current students in training. Steve stated that when students submitted their surveys for the last class one thing that was high on their list was the skills training with the assistance of current EMT's.

Steve stated The New Mexico Association of Counties has issued another funding opportunity, similar to the grant that funded us the CWPP. The category is fuel reduction programs. This grant application will allow us to apply for up to \$70,000.00. So this gives us the opportunity to apply for as grant proposing to do something similar to last summer's chipping project. We could possibly set up a project/contract over two years for a chipping project. There is also an education category. Alex is willing to look into this grant.

Steve has written a FEMA Grant for AFG to allow us to do a lot of different things which can include buying PPE, setting up a training program, or buying fire apparatus. Steve has submitted a complete grant to the county for signature in the amount for \$400,000.00 to buy a mini-pumper. This apparatus that has a 1250 gallon per minute pump, 300 gallon tank, an ultra high pressure water delivery system which could be the replacement for foam. This system will produce an extremely fine mist that has high fire extinguishing capabilities. This would be ideal for the biggest gap in our fleet which is something that can get down narrow roads and quickly address a structure or brush fire in a difficult access location. This apparatus has large amounts of storage which would allow us to consolidate all of our vehicle extrication equipment and traffic control equipment. It also has tower lights for traffic control.

The date set for the Annual DVFD Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 7, 2023, where we can present Windy with his plaque of appreciation. Wayne will schedule it with Dixon Elementary School.

We had our annual election of officers. Steve Jenison, Chief, Adam Mackie Deputy Chief, Ron Monsour, Fire Marshall, Amanda Sena Rescue Chief, Eloise Martinez, Secretary Treasurer, Mick Oram, Communications Officer.

Meeting adjourned at 20:11