

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 03/01/2023

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

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Eloise Martinez, Wayne Archuleta, Mick Oram, Liz Riedel, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Kyle Kline, Peter McInerney, Tom Minnich, Jesse Nichols, Nathaniel Pacheco, Destini Pacheco

Guest Speaker – James Martinez, former County Commissioner presented DVFD a plaque in appreciation for our excellent service.

Agenda approved. February 2023 minutes approved.

Four individual Kyle Kline, Jesse Nichols, Tom Minnich, and Peter McInerney have submitted applications to join the DVFD. DVFD approved and voted that all be allowed to join (pending background check.) All four members were sworn in.

Officer Reports

Steve Jenison gave a brief history on our budget how we acquire the monies and how it is spent. Dixon VFD fire budget is approximately \$230,000 (\$123,630 distributed from NM State Fire Fund in FY 2023) which includes carry-over from previous years; and our EMS budget is approximately \$7,000.00 from the NM EMS Bureau (NM Department of Health). We should get updated budgets by around the 3rd of the month. We can carry over funds from year to year so that we can save up for new apparatus. We also have \$50,000.00 that was awarded by the New Mexico State Legislature for the purchase of a commercial wood chipper. Anthony Alvarez has found a used chipper at a place in Phoenix, Arizona called Iron Mike's. Anthony will travel to Phoenix to inspect and deliver the wood chipper. We will be submitting competitive bids and have a purchase requisition processed for this purchase.

We have recently applied for a \$400,000.00 to purchase apparatus from FEMA. We should know by May whether or not we will be awarded this money. Members of the NM Congressional Delegation wrote letters of support for our grant request to the Director of FEMA. If awarded we would be responsible for \$18,000.00 in matching funds.

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

6- EMS calls in February 2023. We have four members, Kathy, Liz, Amanda, and Ron that have applied for license renewal. The purchase order for these for renewal licenses has been approved. The P.O. was forwarded to Peggy Griego the licensing person at the EMS Bureau and she has acknowledged receipt. When processing your application just enter the P.O. number as the form of payment for the licensing renewal fee. Once application is submitted it will be electronically forwarded to Dr. Bayardo, the Medical Director, for his approval. Amanda and Liz are the only ones who need to submit a form to Homeland Security for a background check this cycle.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

1 – Fire calls in February 2023 – NM 75 there was a fire at a home that was burning some weeds and brush that got out of control. The homeowner did have water but his cistern went dry. The fire started to get out of control so he called 911. DVFD arrived and quickly put out the fire.

We had two MVC's. One at mile marker 17 a woman in a car was hit by a large rock which flipped her car. She sustained no serious injuries. Her car was not so lucky. The other MVC was a minor incident.

Ron stated when you do maintenance on apparatus using the check-list, make sure that the items are indeed inspected and working properly. Make sure you run the pumps on the apparatus because when we don't use them a lot they will get start to stick. If you don't know how do something or have questions please ask someone. It's very important that our equipment works properly when we respond to incidents.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam reviewed the call for the rescue of a cat in 80-foot-deep dry cemented well. He was able to rappel down into the well, rescue the dehydrated, and hungry cat, and using the bridge method climb out of the well with assistance.

In the past when we had rope training Adam realized we needed to replace a lot the rope equipment and did so. The only time we've used the rope equipment was for a river rescue in Pilar.

We arrived with proper equipment and wild land PPE. Adam stated he could not have done it alone without having a safety person who is familiar with using a rope and a descender. This was a team effort.

This just shows how important it is to attend the training classes. Adam noted that he went through the carabiner clips rather quickly. He has ordered more carabineer clips that are also lighter.

Scheduled Training:

- March 8, 2023 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus. We need to start running the pumps as part of maintenance and keep the engines primed.
- March 4, 2023 - Company Training - New recruits will be training on hoses couplings and appliances, nozzles and streams and a few other topics. April 2, will be the next new recruit training. All are welcome to join.
- March 12, 2023 – Company Training will be reviewing extrication tools. At a later date we will take a car apart using the tools we will review on this day. Adam asks if you are certified in extrication that you assist him with that training.

Adam stated by April 2, the new recruits should have taken the Wild Land training online. Adams goal is to have the new recruits ready to respond actively to wild fires in May.

Adam stated he will be teaching all day Saturday and Steve will be in Jemez Springs teaching the fire department. If you are available on Saturday if we get called out, please respond.

There is a series of wild Land courses coming up and Adam will email information when he is notified. Adam and Alex will be taking S212 which is chainsaws on May 5, 6, and 7. He recommends other volunteers take this course.

There are other courses you can take; wild land refresher course, wild land firefighter 1, basic training is firefighter 2, wild land training is advance training which can be taken online. There are also opportunities for tack tests if you want to be a wild land firefighter for hire during the season.

March 10, 2023 the Fire Marshall will be here at station one for inspection. The county has decided to inventory all our tagged items, that includes the radios. Mick will send out an email with instructions to send him the inventory numbers for the radios.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve stated the evening of March 7, 2023, 6:00 PM there will be a meeting of all the Fire Chiefs for Rio Arriba County at the Agua Sana Fire Station. He is requesting that all officers attend this meeting if you are able. He will send out an email.

Alex said CWPP meeting went well. We received valuable feedback and information. The next step will be to prepare reports and analysis. The deadline for all of this is in May.

Steve stated the New Mexico Association of counties has issued another funding opportunity for either fuel reduction project or a community education project. Alex stated he will be putting together the grant for the fuel reduction project which he can work off of last year's grant. The deadline for submittal is March 3, 2023.

The EMS first responder is going well. There are currently 15 students taking this class. There will be another EMS first responder course starting here at Station 1 the first week in June thru the first of August. This will be an eight week course, three times a week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This is all free!

We have received our new gurney in Rescue 3. It's a good idea to get familiar with the new gurney it works much like the old one. Adam stated he will do some adjustments to make it safer to operate.

We will keep May 7 as the date for the pancake breakfast. Steve stated we should have a CWPP booth at the event. NMDOH will have a booth outside offering Covid-19 vaccines. We will advertise in Dixon Town Crier. We will be presenting Windy with a plaque in appreciation for his service with the DVFD.

The dates for the third annual Aaron Griego Summer Youth Cadet Program will be held July 17 – July 21. Wayne Archuleta and Amanda Sena will be overseeing this event.

DVFD approved the purchase of DVFD t-shirts and hats for members. We will also purchase DVFD supporter t-shirts to sell at the pancake breakfast. Meeting adjourned at 20:13