

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 05/03/2023

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, Don Ticknor, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Kyle Kline, Peter McInerney, Tom Minnich, Jessie Nichols, Anthony Alvarez, Larry Gonzales

We have a new recruit Larry Gonzales.

May agenda approved with addition of swift water initiative presented by Kathy Miller. April minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena (Steve Jenison reported)

6 - EMS calls in April 2023. We had one unattended death on the blue bus. Our running total for 12 months is 158 calls. There was a meeting held of EMS Rescue Chiefs for Rio Arriba County with Dr. Bayardo who is our new Medical Director which Amanda Sena attended. Amanda stated that Dr. Bayardo spent a lot of time praising the DVFD and how well our department is managed and that we always respond to 911 calls. We complete and submit all our run reports correctly and on time.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

4 - Fires in April 2023 – First one responded to was a mutual aid with Rio Grande, for a MVC which was cancelled. The second one responded to was a mutual aid for a MVC, rollover on NM 68 that was located near Velarde Elementary School. The third was a page out for a fire at mile marker 19 in front of Embudo Station. This fire was extinguished by a private citizen. The fourth was a page out for a bonfire. Responders explored and did not locate any fire. A second call out for the same fire. This fire was never located. The issue that evening is that the 911 call center was down. Calls were being relayed through Los Alamos with up to a 3 hour delay.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam went over the call responded to in Velarde, a MVC, rollover with occupant still in vehicle, on NM 68 located near Velarde Elementary School. Upon arrival DVFD realized they were the primary responders with only one Rio Grande personnel responding to call. Rio Grande personnel responded with apparatus but were not equipped with the proper tools for extrication, nor cones or traffic management equipment. It is important when responding to mutual aid calls that we could be the primary responders. So respond with proper apparatus, gear and equipment.

Adam wanted to remind all that upon arrival of any incident to do a 360 overview before engaging with patient, observing for any hazards. Upon arrival on MVC, always check all doors before breaking car windows to extricate occupant. Check for gasoline leaks and turn of ignition to disengage activation of air bags.

When responding to calls be careful upon approach to residences. Ensure that you are at the correct address. You should be wearing your high visibility vest and identify yourself immediately to the resident to avoid any confusion or possibility of getting shot. If upon arrival things look unsafe or unapproachable do not enter. Contact law enforcement and wait for their arrival for them to verify it is safe to enter.

Scheduled Training:

- May 7, 2023 - 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM DVFD Annual Pancake Breakfast.
- May 10, 2023 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- May 17, 2023 - New recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

We have not received any word from FEMA in regards to our grant application for purchase of a quick attack vehicle.

Steve stated the Open House for Bob Cornelius and Windy Berghofer was a great success, with much positive feedback from the families of Bob and Windy.

Anthony Alvarez has purchased and delivered from Iron Mikes in Phoenix, Arizona our BC1400 chipper. Upon inspection he found nine items that needed to be fixed before he could accept the chipper. The next day the company met up with Anthony in Albuquerque to deliver the chipper. Anthony stated that was one item he missed but will fix with a welded piece of metal.

Our next step will be to purchase a metal locking shed that we can drive through to keep the chipper secure.

Our final will be step to train personnel on how to safely operate the chipper.

Anthony will be bringing the chipper to our pancake breakfast.

We need to educate the public that when we provide the chipping service they will be required to make small piles. If upon arrival we find a tangled mess they will be advised to either prep the piles or we will provide a person they can hire to prep the materials properly for chipping.

The EMS First Responder Course being held at Hernandez community center will end May 11, 2023. Our next EMS First Responder Course will be held here at the Dixon Fire Station 1 this summer.

Steve reviewed the new hardware and software changes for the EDispatch. This includes a new touch screen underneath the large screen. Information that can now be accessed through EDispatch are maps with the location of the emergencies or fires, location of fire hydrants with their numbers and flow rate. It can give locations of all Helicopter landing zones, along with the coordinates given in degrees, minutes and decimals. Steve stated as responder's it is important to utilize EDispatch to give your status and to indicate whether you're responding or not. They do have a very good technical support if there are any issues.

NM State Fire Marshal Inspection has not yet been rescheduled.

Steve stated if you use the gym on a regular basis here at Station 1 please update your clinician's statement signed by your physician.

Alex reported that we have a 110 page draft report on the CWPP. The draft needs to be reviewed by core team members from State Forestry, BLM, Jemez and others. We hope to have a final draft with signatures by May 17, 2023 for formal submission.

The New Mexico Association of Counties grant application for chipping project has been submitted by Alex Amend. Stating according to our CWPP this is necessary to keep down the fuel reduction in the Dixon area. If awarded, the money would provide enough to have two chipping projects one in the summer of 2023 and one the spring of 2024.

Steve sent out an email about a one page article about fighting Bosque fires in the Jemez Mountain Electric Cooperative Newsletter this month.

Kathy Miller who will be the lead and Ron Monsour went over the swift water initiative. They will be putting together a team to combine forces in the county to utilize all equipment and train together. Kathy and Ron will be attending a meeting on May 8, 6:30 in Agua Sana to go over protocols. They stated they will have a swift water rescue radio tone. Adam made the point that swift water rescue will always have to be coordinated with rope rescue in the Dixon area. Kathy asked that if anyone has any questions or ideas to get with her.

Wayne asked if sand bags were available that members of community have been asking due the possibility of flooding with the heavy run-off. We do have some but they are limited.

It was voted unanimously to approve \$500.00 budget for Steve to purchase items for the Fourth of July event.

The Youth Summer Cadet Program is on track for July for ages 12-15. Wayne will try to recruit up to 12-15 interested students from the Dixon area. If we do not get enough interested we will expand it to the Penasco community.

Steve went over what needs to be purchased and what work needs to be done to prep for the Annual Pancake breakfast this Sunday. We took a head count of who would be present to work the event. Saturday at 1800 hours we will meet at the Mission to pick up chairs and tables to deliver and set up at the Dixon Elementary School. Job assignments were assigned for Sunday. We will have a table for Fire Wise Pamphlets, T-shirts and cups for sale, raffle tickets, prizes and money collection for the breakfast. Meet up on Sunday at least an hour or hour and a half before the breakfast begins. We have two bands playing for the event.

Our DVFD Chiefs office is complete. Mick will disconnect the fan to reduce the noise in the office.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15