

## **DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 06/07/2023**

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:06

**Members Present:** Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Eloise Martinez, Wayne Archuleta, Mick Oram, Liz Riedel, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Peter McInerny, Jesse Nichols, Aaron Greenwald, Peter Schwathe, Don Ticknor, Gilbert Valdez, Celestino Archuleta, Anthony Alvarez, Larry Gonzales

Agenda approved with modification of moving chipper business, first. May 2023 minutes approved.

Steve stated many thanks to Anthony for locating, inspecting and travelling to Phoenix, Arizona to inspect and deliver our new chipper to Dixon, NM. The chipper is currently located at Wayne Archuleta's house. It was recommended by Anthony Alvarez that we establish a committee that would govern the use and planning of the chipper. Anthony Alvarez will chair this committee with Wayne Archuleta, Aaron Greenwald, Liz Riedel, Alex Amend and Ron Monsour. Alex Sisneros reminded Steve that we need Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) in place for use and training. Anthony will forward the SOG's for the chipper. The chipper is difficult to maneuver, and it would be best if we purchase a storage container that will allow the equipment to be able to easily drive thru. The committee will be responsible for obtaining accurate measurements and quotes to purchase this container. We have been getting inquiries of when the chipper will be available. This should be addressed by the committee.

Alex Amend stated that we applied for \$70,000.00 in order to do 2 chipping projects this summer. We were awarded \$23,000.00, plus \$2,300.00 matching from the Dixon Community Fire Department funds for a total \$25,300.00. Since the summer schedule is very full, it was advised the ideal time would be late fall or winter. It was tentatively scheduled for February 2024. We have until June of 2024 to utilize this money or lose it.

Alex will get with Eloise to go over monies expended regarding Ecotone.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena**

13 - EMS calls in May 2023. Steve reviewed two EMS calls in detail. Both patients were later admitted to Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.

We discussed the difficulties and possible remedies that occurred at a call that happened today regarding a water rescue.

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

2 – Fire calls in May 2023 – One fire was located on SR 68 near family dollar which we were unable to locate and eventually was cancelled. The second was a vehicle fire located on SR 68 MM 25. This fire was exceptionally difficult due to the fact it was burning extremely hot with 20 foot flames, causing spotfires near the riverbank to occur. Adam came on scene and realized that engine and the transmission contained magnesium. He stated this fire had all the classic components of a rural vehicle fire. He went over apparatus necessary for this call and stated that the spotfires were more urgent to contain rather than the vehicle fire. The fumes were noxious and personnel should be wearing SCBA. This type of fire requires a large amount of water. When approaching vehicles with magnesium do it with care and keep your distance. Magnesium can be explosive upon contact with heavy stream of water, it's recommended to use a diffused stream. Aaron stated be very careful around aluminum and magnesium it will melt and turn into a liquified stream. The substance is so hot it will burn right through your boots. Stay alert and be aware.

Ron reviewed a MVC with the occupant being highly intoxicated with several weapons in the car. He stated to very careful and when approaching any scene. Be aware of the dangers and of your surroundings. Stage the scene and wait for law enforcement to arrive.

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

#### **Scheduled Training:**

- June 9, 10, 11, 2023 – Swift Water Rescue Training
- June 14, 2023 - 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- June 21, 2023 - 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Anyone is welcome to set up training or notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.
- July 9, 2023 - Water Supply

- August 13, 2023 – Maggie former recruit and member of this department is now a fire instructor for Espanola will teach SCBA training.

Kyle Kline has become an EMR and has been advanced from non-probationary to active member.

Adam reviewed an incident for a mutual aid for Taos at MM 27 for an overturned raft. There were three people involved, one person was found on the opposite bank, one in the parking area the last was found unresponsive in the river and was pushed into the bank. The person on the opposite bank decided to swim across the river and ended up being hypothermic which we treated. The last person rescued was a rope recovery in an area that had no shoulder. Personnel were standing in the highway doing the rope recovery which was on a very steep slope. Adam went over the complexity, components and number of personnel required to sufficiently answer this type of call. Adam stated it's very important to wear proper PPE such as wildland gear, sturdy boots, helmet and gloves because you never know what you are going to be faced with on scene.

Alex commented on the radio communications and miscommunication and how it seemed to be rather confusing. There was an extensive discussion on the difficulty of radio communications in the Taos area, with central dispatch and how to possibly correct the problems. There was a discussion regarding radio communication protocols, proper channels and procedures.

Amanda and Aaron commented and questioned protocols regarding the Incident Commander and his roll.

**Chief Report – Steven Jenison** The EMS first responder course is currently being held at Station1 here in Dixon, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:00 to 10:00. That course is fully enrolled and ends August 7, 2023.

Alex Amend discussed the proposal he is preparing to have solar panels installed and batteries. This would be part of our CWPP, and enable DVFD to have a more centralized emergency response at Station 1 in Dixon, which could better support large community size disasters. The cost is approximately \$52,000.00. The Remy's Good Day Fund foundation only supports solar projects that can assist with \$20,000.00. The department would have to come up with the additional funds. Steve stated Alex Sisneros, Director of Fire and Emergency Services, will authorize the remainder of the balance of \$32,000.00 to come out of the Dixon Fire budget. Mick Oram stated he will need to be involved with that planning due to the fact that the solar panels can interfere with radio communications.

Steve requested we purchase a new air compressor because the one we have is currently not meeting the needs of this department. Steve has obtained quotes and will submit the requisition after July 1, 2023.

The FEMA grant application for the mini-pumper has not yet been awarded. FEMA stated they will let us know sometime between May of 2023 to September 2023.

On July 1, the State Fire Marshals state fire fund applications process starts. That can be a source for a portion of the amount to make the purchase of the quick attack vehicle. We could also use funding from the Dixon Fire budget for this purchase.

We are close to becoming a Fire Wise USA Community Status. Alex Amend will follow up on the application.

Summer Youth Cadet Program will be advertised in the Dixon Community before we extend the invitation to Penasco. Recruitment will begin this week in the Town Crier and Dixon through the Grapevine. Amanda will provide the number of students who will be participating.

Fourth of July is on a Tuesday, this will come together fairly smoothly and budget has already been approved.

Steve stated we have sandbags available in limited quantities.

Meeting adjourned at 20:36