

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 07/05/2023

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:00

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Eloise Martinez, Wayne Archuleta, Mick Oram, Liz Riedel, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Peter McInerney, Tom Minnich, Jesse Nichols, Aaron Greenwald, Peter Schawathe, Larry Gonzales, Anthony Alvarez, Celestino Archuleta

July 2023 agenda approved. June 2023 minutes approved.

All members filled out new applications who currently volunteer for the Dixon Volunteer Fire Department.

Steve was informed by Alex Sisneros that Guadalupe Mercure who was the Finance Director over Rio Arriba County budget resigned unexpectedly, therefore Fire and EMS budgets could be in disarray for awhile.

Steve went over the Fire and EMS budgets that are allocated to us from Rio Arriba County Fire Marshalls office and Department of Health. The amount for fire is \$130,000.00 which comes from the state fire fund depending on the number of main stations you have, substations and what your ISO rating is. Monies left from prior fiscal years fire fund monies can be carried over to allow for saving up for large purchases such as new apparatus'. EMS budget comes from the Department of Health. We are given \$7,000.00/year and only if 80 percent of all calls are answered by an EMT intermediate or a paramedic do you qualify for \$7,000.00/year. If you do not meet criteria you are only allocated \$5,000.00/ year. Budget is loaded sometime after July 1 of every year.

We plan to use some of the money from the Fire budget to help in paying for the solar project here at station 1. This has been approved by Alex Sisneros and by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Steve stated we reimburse all personnel for licensing and fingerprinting. Retain all receipts and submit to Eloise or Steve for reimbursement.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

14 - EMS calls in June 2023.

Steve reviewed the SOP's and protocols when responding to patients with severe trauma relating to death. When coming across someone who is unconscious, not breathing, no pulse we should immediately begin CPR. There are certain circumstances which we don't. This would be in the case of severe trauma leading to cardiac arrest. There is 0.001% probability the patient will survive even with CPR administered. It is very rare that these types of patients can be successfully resuscitated to live a meaningful life. You must do a 4 lead ECG on all trauma patients. If the reading is asystole you do not give CPR. Always do a strip no matter what you've been told to be sure.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

3 – Fire calls and 2- River Rescues -in June 2023 – First fire was a brush fire that was never located. Second fire was a mutual aid structure fire for Rio Grande which we were asked to stand down. The third a motor vehicle accident SR 63 at the NMDOT Patrol Yard tore up the guardrail. We had two river rescues, one at MM 27 where a person had fallen out of a raft and did a search downstream. The other rescue at MM 24, 3 people involved. One rafter was lost in the river and we were asked to do a search along the river for this person. This individual was later rescued.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Currently we have only one issue that is with Rescue 3. The right turn signal has been repaired and continues to short out in the housing which has been ordered by Andy. Brush 1 is still waiting for repairs for the foam gauge.

Scheduled Training:

- July 9, 2023 – Training, Water Supply and fireman rehab station.
- July 12, 2023 - 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- July 19, 2023 – 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training

We will be doing SCBA training on August 13, 2023.

Adam went over safety protocols and SOP's regarding EMS which involved several incidents where it was extremely useful to have a large number of personnel available to scope out how to extricate patients in difficult terrain or just trying to maneuver around homes, getting the gurney where it needed to be and where best to park the ambulance. We often need extra personnel available to drive Rescue 3 to incidents when other apparatus is required. Adam went over safety protocols and SOP's when entering homes, such as looking for weapons, drugs and checking vehicles for weapons and drugs, and drug paraphernalia.

Adam stated that all personnel that will be driving any apparatus need to have taken training and a driving test with Steve or Adam. Upon approval they will be authorized to drive certain equipment depending on level of training.

Adam discussed swift water training. We have several department personnel who have successfully completed the level one swift water training. Adam would like to form a swift water rescue task force including himself, Kathy, Ron and anyone else interested especially those who took the training. He would like to have the task force take a look from the bottom up, a response planning approach. What are we willing and able to do with the equipment and trained personnel we have. We need to think of our safety first. All previous incidents should be reviewed, and a list of what was needed to respond and be effective. We need to know what equipment we may need to purchase and if indeed we want to be called a swift water rescue team. Are we capable and do we have enough trained personnel, support team and the necessary equipment to respond as needed? There was an open discussion regarding swift water rescues and having a swift water rescue team.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

The 4th of July event was a huge success. We served all the Frito Pies and approximately 176 Hot Dogs. So next year we will purchase 200 hot dogs and buns. We will be purchasing a new kiddie pool for next year. Next year we may remove all the apparatus so that we can utilize the space for the bands and have more room for guests so they can stay cool. We could have personnel showing off our apparatus and how it works.

The Summer Youth Cadet Program – Currently there are 15 enrolled. Steve will need to know sizes of students for t-shirts, and preferences for breakfast and lunch. Amanda will handle the paperwork.

The schedule tentatively will be Monday, July 17 is Fire day with Maggie Hart from the Espanola Fire Department. She will be speaking that day. Tuesday July 18, is knots and low angle rescue with Adam/possible hiking trip. Wednesday July 19, is CPR with Steve. The rafting trip will be on Thursday, July 20. Steve mentioned for the outdoor day to take them on a hike on the Vista Verde trail, which is easy to get to and also has petroglyphs. This will depend on the weather.

Anthony Alvarez reported on the chipper implementation committee. There are many questions and concerns. There are four main concerns.

1. Liability – need to find out who is covered and when are we covered as DVFD or customers.
2. Volunteer worker Fatigue - We need to not overwork our workers and scheduling is important preferably in February.
3. Storage of the Chipper – purchase of building to store the chipper.
4. Training and Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's)- on how to operate chipper safely.

Steve stated he has spoken with the Director of Fire and Emergency Services and was instructed that as long as we have (SOG's) and SOP's in place we are covered. DVFD does final approval of SOG's for our department sending copies to the county.

Anthony stated an important concern, is we want to help those to who are really in need of this service and trying to do for those who are able to do their own.

We do have grant to do another chipping project that has \$23,000.00 with \$2,300.00 match from us. We need to decide when, where and who to help for this project.

Anthony is looking for more people to attend committee meetings. A meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Steve stated immediate concerns are storage building for chipper and final repairs. Anthony stated on maintenance night he will do the final welding and repairs.

Alex stated we are done with the CWPP, and it has been filed with NM Forestry. Alex will write a grant report review for the NM Assoc. of Counties. Alex stated that Gabe with Forest Steward Guild has applied for us on our behalf with the Firewise USA Plan with Steve and Alex as contacts. This will be printed out on a later date. These will help in leveraging other grant monies.

Alex worked to obtain \$20,000.00 in grant monies for a solar project through a Santa Fe Company called Remy's Good Day that funds solar projects. We have contacted Sol Luna Solar about the installation which would include a power back-up. The total cost is about \$52,000.00. \$20,000.00 will come from grant monies awarded and the \$32,000.00 will come from our Dixon Fire budget which has been approved.

The EMS First Responder course is about halfway through. They will be taking the block 3 exam. The class is going well.

The FEMA grant application to purchase the new mini-pumper should be awarded by mid July. This date could change.

Meeting adjourned at 20:40