

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 09/06/2023

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:10

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Liz Riedel, Eloise Martinez, Kathy Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Mick Oram, Peter Schwathe, Alex Amend, Larry Gonzales, Tom Minnich, Jessie Nichols, Quinn Nichols, Celestino Archuleta

September 2023 agenda approved. August 2023 minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

3 - EMS calls in August 2023. One call was reviewed regarding Mutual Aide to a MVC involving three vehicles that requested only traffic control. Always be prepared if personnel available to take necessary resources. Rescue 3 for possible injured patients and at least two blocking vehicles maybe three (brush One, possible 2 more apparatus).

Steve attended a meeting with Teresa Leger Fernandez at the library and suggested they should really rethink the rule about Volunteer Fire Departments not being able to transport patients to the hospital. If personnel are available and qualified especially in rural areas, rather than transferring them to Presbyterian/Espanola Ambulance for transport the Volunteer Fire department should be able to transport to the hospital.

We have four people that need to renew their EMT Licenses: Steve Jenison, Eloise Martinez, Peter Schwathe, and Wayne Archuleta. Make sure you have your CE hours. There are several training opportunities available. Make sure to sign up.

Gilly and Amanda are working on getting their paramedic training and Kyle is going for EMT Basic. State Fire Marshal has approved the use of Fire Funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Amanda Sena's tuition and the remaining \$3,250 from EMS funds.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

1 - Fire call in August 2023. There was a bonfire across from Blue Heron that was extinguished immediately.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam mentioned that the insurance company pointed out their most common claim is vehicles striking stationary objects. Please be aware of your surroundings, do your 360 and always be careful backing out.

One of the most important things to do when we come up to a MVC incident is to immobilize the vehicle immediately. First person on scene is responsible for doing this or delegating this task. Do this by putting the vehicle in park and turning off the ignition and engaging the parking brake.

Rescue 3 the right rear turning indicator is still only working intermittently. Andy our tech will look into seeing if the part has come in so that he can come and do the repair.

Engine 1 dual tires in the back have been adjusted so that we are able to reach the inflators. We now have two new air compressors.

Scheduled Training:

- September 13, 2023 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- September 10, 2023 - 1:00 PM Company Training. Vehicle extrication, part 1. Adam asks the extrication techs to please assist in this training. (Ron Monsour, Steve Jenison, Peter Schwathe) October 8, will be extrication part 2.
- September 15, 17, 2023 – Kyle and Aaron will be at the mini academy. Note they will be taking two SCBA's.
- September 20, 2023–6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Adam went over the highlights of the swift water rescue committee meeting. (Ron Monsour, Adam Mackie, Kathy Miller) We only have five people who have taken the lowest level of swift water tech training. A large amount of manpower and much special equipment is required to effectively operating a swift water rescue. Due to our lack of experience, personnel, and equipment we are leaning toward not being referred to as a swift water rescue team.

We will retire our current boat and purchase a new boat at a later date. If we take a boat to a swift water rescue they will expect us to use it therefore not a good idea to bring out the boat.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve found online that the Fire Academy has an extensive library of one hour on-line continuing education programs, both in fire and EMS. They are CAPCE approved so that they can be applied to your CE credits for license renewal. We can also make our own training videos such as the ones Adam has been developing, and we can put them online and use for CE.

Training documentation is very important when trying to obtain fire apparatus. Steve recommended that we purchase an 18 month package for the cost of \$1,500.00. All present approved he will submit a purchase requisition to make this purchase. Once, the purchase is made Steve will send out an email with the link to these trainings.

The Wilderness EMS upgrade course is being held October 9-13 in Sipapu, being put on by Carl Gilmore. This is an extension of your existing EMS license; you will get a sticker on your current EMS license. There is a link listed on the Agenda. If anyone is interested you will need to pay up front and we will reimburse out of our department funds.

There is an online combo refresher CE package for EMS personnel being held October 18 -20, with the link listed on the Agenda. We will also reimburse for this training. CE hours required depends on your level of training.

Alex Amend reported Chipper implementation Committee meeting findings. Two options are available for storing the chipper.

1. The chipper could be stored at Station 2 with a device called trailer valet that allows easy mobility of the chipper.
2. DVFD could reach out to the owner of the surrounding property to possibly donate a small portion of land to accommodate adding a small addition to the north side of Station 2 to store the chipper.

Steve stated we need to spend the balance of \$13,000.00 of capital outlay before the end of the year (better sooner than later). Adam stated we could purchase reflective gear, protective equipment and chainsaws and any other equipment that could be used for brush work and landscaping projects. This would also include the cost of the trailer valet.

Steve will be utilizing \$20,000.00 (received from the Remy's Good Day Fund) to purchase the solar panels. We will need to provide additional monies to purchase battery backups. We have gotten two bids one from Sol y Luna, PPC Solar and still waiting on a quote from Positive Energy who have been unresponsive. The State Fire Marshall's office has approved an additional amount of \$32,000.00 to come out of fire funds to complete this project, which will be completed sometime this fall.

The FEMA grant for a mini-pumper is still rolling out. There have been multiple awards for operations to big city departments. Very few apparatus grants awarded. We are still waiting. The final awards will be given out the middle of September.

Steve has applied for a new mini-pumper through the State Fire Marshals' program which was submitted August 31, 2023. We are not sure when that will be awarded. They only award a portion of money in the amount of \$300,000.00. The quote we received for the unit is \$400,000.00, which only includes the base truck not any of the hoses, extinguishers etc. We have enough money to cover the balance out of the fire budget. We have approximately \$300,000.00 in our Fire fund budget. The county has still not issued this fiscal year budget.

The EMS Bureau has issued a request for proposals to buy ambulances. Steve will apply for a new ambulance. Our district has one of the oldest and most used ambulances. Primary reason for a new ambulance is safer seating for EMT's and four wheel drive which is needed in this rural area. The price for an ambulance is \$240,000.00. It does not have power load gurney to purchase power load gurney is an additional \$60,000.00. Peter recommended we get a LED spotlight on the ambulance. The ambulance we would be looking at purchasing is a small Ford 4X4, F250.

Steve and Alex have received an email from Jan-Willem Jansen recommending us to apply for some additional funding. They will follow up on this request. We are now a FireWise USA Community. The signs need to be installed around the community where a lot of people can see them. It's a credential that helps us when applying for grant monies.

Wayne will bring another wrecked car for our extrication training.

Wayne stated that there are three large cottonwoods that have collapsed inside the river that have completely clogged the river. This is located down County road 65 before you cross the river take a right and just drive up towards where Anthony lives. If we should get anymore monsoon weather this could wipe out that whole section of road. Wayne has contacted the owners, FEMA they all state it's going to be taken care of. The trees are still there. This could create a serious problem. The NMDOT Director was supposed to come by to analyze the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30