

## **DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 10/04/2023**

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:09

**Members Present:** Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Eloise Martinez, Ron Monsour, Kathy Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Tino Archuleta, Aaron Greenwald, Mick Oram, Liz Riedel, Don Ticknor, Alex Amend, Peter McInerny, Tom Minnich, Jessie Nichols, Quentin Nichols

Two guests Marie Coburn, Lorenz Osen

October 2023 agenda approved. September 2023 minutes approved.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Rescue Chief – Steve Jenison in for Amanda Sena**

15 - EMS calls in September 2023. We had a busy month.

Steve reviewed a couple of EMS calls that were particularly remarkable and disturbing. Steve stated that calls that do not seem complicated can turn out to be quite complicated and often times we need several personnel to help assist in getting patients mobilized and loaded into the ambulance. So if you are available please respond to calls.

Update on EMS licenses. Eloise and Steve have finished getting all their CE hours done. Adam and Peter are taking the Combo-Refresher course. Wayne has almost all his CE hours by assisting in the teaching of the EMT classes and will work on getting them through the new Fire Academy System.

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

4 - Fire calls in September 2023. The biggest was the mutual aid forest fire in Chamisal and El Valle. Seven personnel - Alex, Steve, Adam, Kyle, Peter, Kathy, and Larry arrived on scene with three units from DVFD. DVFD made a very good impression showing up in proper PPE and being able to maneuver the apparatus well. Alex addressed some serious safety issues and stated as many personnel that are able need to get further training and make sure that the necessary equipment needed is available to each and every person.

Two calls, one false smoke alarm and a false carbon monoxide alarm. Three calls - MVC's.

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

Adam went over safety protocols in answering to a MVC where vehicle was hanging over the guardrail on a slope and the instability of the vehicle and the danger to surrounding personnel. Adam discussed the necessary precautions and importance of stabilizing and making sure that the vehicles power is disengaged. It is important to ensure the occupants do not try to re-enter the vehicle.

Adam went over the safety protocols regarding a MVC in the middle of a four-lane highway and the safety issues involved in traffic control. It's really important to have two blocking vehicles especially with two active lanes of traffic. It is important to stay alert in this type of traffic control.

#### **Scheduled Training:**

- October 8, 2023 - 1:00 PM Company Training - Extrication
- October 11, 2023 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- October 18, 2023–6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Rescue 3 is still having issues with the right turn signal and our maintenance guy is unavailable.

Kyle and Aaron have successfully went through the Mini-Academy in Red River.

Adam gave his final report on the Swift Water Rescue Task Force – (see attached report) submitted to Chief Steve Jenison.

Steve would like this submitted in the form of a SOG.

#### **Chief Report – Steven Jenison**

Steve stated we currently have a subscription to the Online Fire Academy. This will offer us a large number of continuing education courses in firefighting and EMS. The EMS courses will tell you which category the class falls into for your Continuing Education requirements. Steve strongly suggests if you haven't logged into the Fire Academy do it soon.

Steve has assigned all members the two extrication courses that he highly recommends we take before October 8, 2023. The other advantage is that you will get a certificate of completion. This program will store all your certificates so that we can get to them readily for ISO ratings and for CE credit hours.

Steve would like all DFVD personnel to take the complete EVOC – Emergency Vehicle Operator Course. There is a three parts: one on fire apparatus and a single one for ambulance operation.

Steve, Ron and Liz will be taking the Wilderness EMS Extension Upgrade in Sipapu, starting Monday for five days for CE credits for EMS.

October 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> online continuing education Combo-Refresher package offered through the UNM-EMS Academy.

Steve was able to work with Kyle Thornton of the EMS Bureau to get one hour of CE credit for every hour worked teaching the skills sessions, assisting with the EMS First Responders course.

Lorenz Osen inquired about the new chipper located here at Station 1 and if we would be offering the same type of services that were offered at the last chipping project. Alex stated there is still some welding that needs to be done to the chipper, and Anthony will be doing the work.

Alex is still looking for a trailer caddy that will enable us to maneuver the chipper more easily into Station 2. Alex stated the trailer should be available within the next two months. Once the trailer is purchased the chipper will be moved to Station 2 for storage. We will also need to figure out which piece of apparatus here at the DVFD will be able to tow the chipper. Until then Anthony will allow us to use Baby Gorilla's trucks to move the apparatus.

We paid 19,100.00 to Baby Gorilla last time we offered this service, and we currently have \$23,000.00 available for this current project. We are hoping to utilize more of the grant money for use of more labor since we will not have to rent the chipper. The dates we are looking at for chipping are three weekends in December and possibly one or two in January depending on the weather. Interested parties will need to sign up and prepare the branches in small bundles. Locations will be scouted to make sure the bundles are prepared correctly.

Steve stated we could recommend that Kyle and Zandria if they are available and willing to prepare piles that some owners are unable to do on their own hire them to prepare manageable piles.

Lorenz asked if property owners would be able to assist in the chipping process to make it easier and could they keep the chips. Due to safety issues and concerns only Baby Gorilla workers and DVFD workers would be the only personnel allowed to work during the chipping process. We cannot leave the chips because it would be too labor intensive and take up too much time. Chips could be delivered later. They cannot be chipped and released into the yard because of safety issues. Our main goal is to clean up as many properties as possible. The Grant term runs from June 2023 to June 2024.

CWPP is fully signed off on and we are now a Fire Wise Community.

\$20,000.00 grant monies obtained from Remy's Good Day Fund are committed to purchasing solar panels. It is required by the County that we receive 3 quotes from vendors before we proceed with this purchase. We are waiting on one quote before we can award the contract. The requisition will include the panels, installation, and back-up batteries.

We did not get the FEMA grant for the purchase of a mini-pumper.

Steve gave an oral presentation of the grant proposal to the Fire Marshall's to get a mini-pumper/quick attack vehicle. We applied for \$300,000.00 for a \$400,000.00 apparatus. When Steve mentioned we respond quickly and consistently to mutual aid calls for Penasco, Ojo Sarco, and Rio Grande and other areas in Taos and Rio Arriba County many members of these departments nodded in agreement that yes we do.

We still have not got our county budgets.

Steve will be working on a grant proposal from the NM EMS Bureau.

We currently have 3 additional AEDs and we are thinking we might move one of them to Blue Heron. Steve recommended one be placed at the Senior Center. Currently there is not enough activity going on at the Center.

We will need to have a year end fundraiser and Steve will get this set up on social media. Everyone really needs to promote the fundraiser, being active in getting donations.

We will discuss the Dixon Studio Tour next meeting. We should have someone stationed at the Coop for donations. Our next community event will be Santa Claus at the Elementary School.

Meeting Adjourned 20:40