

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 11/01/2023

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

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Liz Riedel, Eloise Martinez, Kathy Miller, Frances Griego, Jessie Nichols, Quentin Nichols, Wayne Archuleta, Mick Oram, Peter McInerney, Peter Schwatke

November 2023 agenda approved. October 2023 minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

9 - EMS calls in October 2023. Amanda stated if you need help finding classes for your CE hours contact her and she would be glad to help. Garrett at the Espanola Presbyterian Hospital states they can do training if you are missing hours in some specific areas.

Everyone who needs to recertify next year seems to be all up to date with CE hours.

Steve has received an email from the EMS Bureau the annual report and application for the EMS fund is open. This means we can start filling out the paperwork by January 12th our annual EMS budget \$7,000.00. The EMS Fund Act Application & Annual Service report must be filed with the NM EMS Bureau by January 12th.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

4 - Fire calls in October 2023. One wood stove fire, one yard waste (compost pile caught fire), mutual aid, mop-up for brush fire in Penasco and, it was ruptured hose on a small Blue Rhino propane tank that caught fire in Velarde.

1 – MVC involving two vehicles, one truck and one car. In-depth discussion in regard to safety issues regarding the fact it happened at night, it involved a closure of a two lane highway and the presence of a large number of vehicles and family members showing up at the accident and the safety issues created by them. It was mentioned due the 2.5 hours of shutting down the road, several persons waiting to get through the scene were very disrespectful and rude.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam presented the Standards Operating Guidelines for swift-water rescue calls. The SOG's were approved and signed by the Fire Chief and the Secretary of the DVFD and were adopted. They will be submitted to Rio Arriba County Fire & EMS Direction Alex Sisneros and Jim Hampton.

Adam stated when charging any vehicles on the battery charger only use the 2 Amps, because if you leave the station it could start a fire. We do need to purchase a new sophisticated battery charger.

Scheduled Training:

- November 8, 2023 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus. Ron will be installing new batteries in SCBA's.
- November 12, 2023 - 1:00 PM Company Training – Hydrant Maintenance and Inspection.
- November 22, 2023–6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.
- November – December 2023 – All personnel who have bunker gear need to inspect their bunker gear and fill out forms.
- December Training – December Training will be a BLS Provider CPR/AED recertification.

Engine 2 is waiting for a flat head ax that will comply with the Fire Marshall's request. Adam will need to attach new fittings to install it on the Engine.

Tom and Jessie have been with the DVFD for a year on probation. They will need to decide if they want to be involved in actual fire fighting or just stick to EMS and rescue, so that Adam can proceed to order them some bunker gear.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Solluna Solar representatives presented the department with the purchase and permitting timeline, approvals, specifications and installation of the new solar panels and battery backup system to be installed sometime in the next four months. Once the system is installed, they will return to give DVFD training on the monitoring of the new system. This system will have the potential for expansion if necessary.

We still have not received our annual budget from Rio Arriba County.

We have received a \$300,000.00 grant from the NM State Fire Marshall's Office to purchase a quick attack mini-pumper apparatus. The total purchase price of this unit will be \$399,999.00. We will work with the Rio Arriba County Fire Marshall's Office to determine whether we will pay it off all at once or get a loan for the remaining balance.

Alex Sisneros wrote a letter of intent to 411 to the people who gave us the quote for the mini-pumper. This puts us in the queue for apparatus since they are difficult to come by. This lets them contact the people that make the apparatus that we are committed to this purchase. 411 stated we could possibly look at receiving this apparatus anytime, during March 2024, through September 2024.

We will need to equip the apparatus with new hoses and other equipment such as a radio.

Dixon Studio Tour is this weekend. Cones will be set out in front of station 1 and 2 for no parking. We will station Rescue 3 in front of the library for easy access. Please try to be available if you can for emergency calls.

Steve just finished the grant application for a new ambulance. We got a bid from Siddons Martin Albuquerque for a Ford 350 4X4 that has 6 point safety restraints for all seats in the patient compartment. The price for this came in at \$260,000 and the grant from the NM EMS Bureau allows us to ask for 75% of the purchase price of the ambulance. Rio Arriba County says that they are committed to the other 25%. Peter stated that the van cab would be much better option. Wayne mentioned not to get the 450 is way too high to get in and out of. A 350 is a much better option. We will not have the auto-lift option due to the high cost which is as additional \$60,000.00. The average cost of a big truck is between \$300,000.00 and \$400,000.

Steve stated we need three letters of support and he has asked Susan B. Herrera, Leo Armijo, Jerry Ortiz-y-Pino and Fernando Bayardo. Leo Armijo and Fernando have already responded. Once letters are received I will submit the paperwork for the grant that is due November 19, 2023. He will get two people from the county to sign off in support of the grant.

Alex Amend met with Anthony Alvarez to discuss how to proceed with a NM Association of Counties grant to support labor and the assistance for our next chipping project. Monies available from this grant are \$23,000.00 and we have to match in the amount of \$2,300.00, for a total of \$25,300.00. Baby Gorilla has agreed to do four weekends and \$20,500.00. We have reserved \$2,500.00 to hire Kyle and Zandria to prepare the piles for chipping. The proposed weekend dates are, December 9, 10, 15, 16, 2023 and January 13, 14, 20, 21, 2024. Alex Amend and Anthony Alvarez have agreed to prioritize applicants according to need and whether or not we are actually able to do what needs to be done.

The end of year fund raiser will be done on Facebook through the GoFundMe during giving Tuesday week in late November. Please repost any social media posts that Steve posts to help with this fund raiser.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15