

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 12/06/2023

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order 19:04

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Eloise Martinez, Liz Riedel, Kathy Hammerlee-Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Alex Amend, Don Ticknor, Mick Oram, Aaron Greenwald, Frances Griego, Peter McInerney, Tom Minnich, Jessie Nichols, Quintin Nichols

December 2023 Agenda approved. November 2023 minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

13 – EMS calls in November 2023. Seven calls were Covid related. To date for 12 calendar months we have responded to 126 EMS calls.

License renewal is going well. Anyone with last name beginning with A-M needs to put in for background check. We do not have to do fingerprinting.

For instructions to renew EMS licenses log onto EMS Bureaus website they have a PDF document with step by step instructions on how to renew your EMS license.

We have until March 31, 2023 to submit our EMS license renewal application.

We must have our CE hours in by December 31, 2023.

Our EMS funds act application must be submitted to the EMS Bureau for our annual budget of \$7,000.00. This is due January 12, 2023. Steve and Amanda will follow-up and submit application to the EMS Bureau.

The purchase of the Quick attack/Mini Pumper is \$395,000.00. The grant money awarded is \$300,000.00. We need to decide if we want to take out a loan to pay the balance or pay it in full. Keeping in mind we do have to purchase all the extra equipment that is necessary for this piece of apparatus. Adam stated we need to purchase SCBA's for this apparatus. All equipment is at least 25% more than it was a year ago. Steve will look into what kind of interest rate we could get on a loan for the balance. Alex Sisneros will guide us through this process.

The 411 apparatus person told Steve that the sooner we have a purchase order from Rio Arriba County the sooner we can be placed on the queue as apparatus becomes available from the manufacturer. It could take up to 6 months or more before it is delivered.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

3 – Fire calls November 2023 – One call false alarm at Dixon Elementary School. Second call was basically property owners burning trash. The third call was someone disposing of fireplace embers. A sign will be posted no dumping of burning embers. It was recommended to post a game-cam to record who is doing the dumping.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

All bunker gear except Amanda Sena's have been inspected. Most of the bunker gear is from 2018. We will not replace bunker gear until year 2028.

Scheduled Training:

- December 10, 2023 – 1:00 PM BLS CPR training. (Following training – all DVFD and spouses are invited to a Volunteer Firefighter/EMS Appreciation Dinner hosted by Rio Arriba County & Emergency Services at Tacos Y Salsa in Ranchitos (Española) we are all encouraged to attend!
- December 13, 2023– 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus. (Please attend many hands makes for light work.)
- December 16, 2023 – 1:00-5:00 PM 1st Annual Hot Dish and Jell-O Salad Potluck. (Prior to luncheon we will need help stuffing stockings in the morning for children attending – No Santa at Elementary School this year.) Community will be invited to attend here at the station.

All apparatus has been drained due to cold weather. Engine 1 and Tender 2 have a leak from tank to pump valve. This will have to be repaired. We will not test pumps during winter months. We will start testing pumps again in February or March. This means the pumps will need to be primed. Make sure to drain after use.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

We have repeated frequent false alarms at Dixon Elementary School. Last call a back door was found open with a pull station pulled. Alice Gonzales was notified that someone has access to the school that shouldn't. There is a plan to re-key all elementary school locks. This department has keys to every room except the 5th and 6th grade room. Remember to always take the keys when called to the Dixon Elementary School that are located in lock box here at Station 1. It has been recommended that someone from Dixon Elementary Schools or Espanola Public Schools show up to these calls. Often times we have infrastructure issues we have no information on.

Steve talked to Sol Luna personnel and they have purchased the batteries and solar panels and that they should be able to start our job either the first or second week in January.

Alex stated this weekend will be the first of three weekends for the chipping project. Anthony has a 3 man crew ready to work this Saturday and Sunday. Alex is asking for volunteers for Saturday or Sunday. You can work whole or half day whichever is best. Please contact Alex and let him know you are available to assist. We currently have 30 jobs scheduled for the three weekend event. We will meet here at Station 1 at 9:00 AM to start.

Peter McNerny did the welding repairs on the Chipper and it is ready to go.

The Christmas Electric Light parade starts at 6:00 on December 16, 2023. We will be driving apparatus in the front and at the end of the parade for safety. There will be no throwing candy from the vehicles due to safety reasons.

Mick has renewed the radio license for the Dixon Repeater at zero cost. This repeater is independent of Rio Arriba County. We renew our license every 10 years. We have had this repeater for 20 years.

Meeting adjourned at 20:06