

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 1/03/2024

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:07

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

Public present: Nancy Levit

January 2024 agenda approved. December 2023 minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

11 - EMS calls in December 2023. 130 EMS calls for the year.

EMS license renewals are due by March 31, 2024. Kathy Miller has opted out for this year as first responder.

The EMS Fund Act Application has been submitted and has been accepted at the EMS Region I & 3. We are just waiting for approval by EMS Bureau.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

3 - Fire calls in December 2023. The two fire alarm calls at the school were false alarms. There were two MVC's. MVC versus pedestrian and a one vehicle accident. There were two serious structure fires.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

The MVC was a single vehicle that managed to go up the cliff beside the highway then roll over and slide down. The airbags were deployed and a child in a car seat in the back seat. Both the driver and child were unharmed but were transported to hospital to get checked out.

Adam stated when transporting a child that it is the duty of the firefighter to make sure and remove the car seat. Steve stated, if there is law enforcement on scene notify them that you are going to remove the child's car seat. The seat can then be loaded into Rescue 3 or wait for Espanola EMS to arrive.

Another incident was an EMS call for a child in which case we needed to secure the child's car seat to the gurney in Rescue 3 so the child can be transported safely. The seat can also be secured to the captain's seat in the back. If the child does not have a car seat we have a pedi-mate located under the bench in Rescue 3 that can be used for back up. This can be strapped to the gurney.

Adam stated it is important to do scene size up. If you notice any weapons of any kind do not touch them. Notify law enforcement immediately.

It was extremely cold that night. All apparatus has been winterized but Adam notice that on brush one the pump was not running but the water pressure indicator went up to 100. The reason was probably because there is a thin tube that runs to the pressure gauge and it probably froze and caused it to expand raising the pressure. To fix this problem they started running the pump which creates enough heat to keep the line from freezing. The biggest risk in the winter is freezing the lines. The pump on Engine on 1 and 2 are drained and the muffler helps to keep everything warm. Just keep them running while out on calls in the cold.

Adam had a discussion on the Japan airplane crash and mentioned that there training is more focused on safety than any other airline. So the more we train and the more we are ready for situations that may arise the better the outcome will be.

Steve stated upon arriving at an unattended death do a 360 scene size up. If the patient is dead notify law enforcement immediately and do not touch anything at the scene after having verified that the person is dead and there is not an indication for a resuscitation attempt.

Fire number 1 - Adam talked about safety issues (hazmat, equipment malfunctions such as SCBA for other departments other than DVFD) and apparatus issues for the workshop fire. Steve discussed issues in dealing with the burning properties and issues with the person who owned the property. The renter stated that he believed it was arson. Steve notified Law enforcement and the fire inspector to investigate.

Fire number 2 – This was a large structure fire in Velarde. (mutual aid). One of the biggest issues was the bitter cold. Adam discussed apparatus issues and safety issues. Rescue 3 was on scene for rehab for the firefighters and for any vulnerable victims that may be on scene. Adam noted there are two totes located near the driver's side in rescue three bay loaded with food, drinks, basic medical kit and essential items necessary for firefighter rehab.

Adam stated we've come a long way with safety training and knowing our apparatus. Upon arriving at scenes, we are better prepared and coordinated in executing what needs to be done.

Be aware of hazmat materials and make sure to drain all apparatus upon return to station to avoid hoses from freezing.

Scheduled Training:

- January 10, 2024 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- January 14, 2024 - 1:00 PM TBD Pumps, handling hoses and scene size up.
- January 17, 2024 – 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

March training on Sunday Carl Gilmore will do training on how to assess, mobilize, and package people who are injured in the wilderness. He will also give us a training and demonstration on using the CPAP.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

The new sign that needs to be posted for no depositing of hot ashes needs to be installed. Steve stated we need to get this done in the next day or so.

Installation of solar panels and back up batteries will be done in the next couple of weeks. Steve will get an exact date from Zach.

We are waiting on the prep of a purchase order from finance to make the purchase of the quick attack vehicle-mini pumper. Steve was informed we should be getting our budgets by the end of the week.

Grant application for the new Rescue Vehicle is in has passed the approval of EMS Region 1 & 3 and is now waiting for approval from the EMS Bureau.

Chipping project has begun. We have had two weekends and two weekends left to go. Alex stated twenty properties have been completed in the first two weekends and have approximately 13-14 remaining. If you are able to volunteer the next two weekends, 13 and 14, or 20 and 21 please notify Alex. The last weekend was done by Anthony's crew. It's good to have some of our volunteers out there meeting members of the community.

There is a sensor out on the chipper. We had to use Anthony's chipper for the last weekend chipper event.

Steve stated we still have approximately \$9,000.00 left to spend in that capital outlay budget. Items ordered and paid through this budget line item must be ordered and paid for by March 31, 2024.

Alex has information on a trailer for the chipper and will follow up on that. Adam suggested we purchase a log splitter with this money and will follow up on information and purchase of a log splitter.

There are several reports that will need to be submitted for our 501(C)(3) for the new year. We need to submit annual reports to the NM Secretary of State and the NM Attorney General's office. We need to submit the results of the election of officers to the 501(C)(3). We will elect officers next meeting. If interested in running send Steve an email. Annual PERA report must be completed.

Eloise has generated every hour of volunteer time for every DVFD member. If you have taken any CE hours or training for EMS or firefighter training please submit the Dixon VFD Meeting/Training Attendance Report. Check the Training line, check your name, give the dates, times and explanation of training and submit so that they can be logged in. This really helps when applying for grant money and PERA hours.

We have received an invoice from eDispatches for \$849.00 which was taken out of fire funds last year. Alex Sisneros has stated to hold off on payment due to the fact that Rio Arriba County will be implementing a county wide system called First Due. Members stated concerns and problems that might arise at meeting and decided that we will pay this invoice out of our Dixon CFD funds and run both simultaneously to make sure the new system works as well as E-Dispatch.

The Annual Pancake breakfast this year will be held at the Embudo Presbyterian Mission.

Meeting adjourned at 20:32