

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 2/07/2024

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:08

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Eloise Martinez, Ron Monsour, Amanda Sena, Kathy Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Mick Oram, Liz Riedel, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Kyle Kline, Tom Minnich, Jessie Nichols, Celestino Archuleta, Quentin Nichols

February 2024 agenda approved. January 2024 minutes approved.

We held the 2024 election for Dixon Community Fire Department 501(c)(3) Officers. Election results listed as follows: Steve Jenison - President, Wayne Archuleta - Vice-President, Eloise Martinez - Secretary-Treasurer, Liz Riedel, Frances Griego, Alex Amend, Amanda Sena, and Ron Monsour were elected Directors.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

11 - EMS calls in January 2024.

We have two newly licensed EMS personnel, Tom Minnich, Emergency Medical Responder, and Kyle Kline, EMT Basic.

EMS license renewal need to be submitted by March 31, 2024.

Steve went over issues patients who have been on methadone or other opioids who are later prescribed Buprenorphine, may suffer severe side effects to include acute withdrawal, extreme agitation, severe generalized body pain, sympathetic overload, and tachycardia. Buprenorphine is a partial agonist drug that stimulates the opioid receptors so that patients don't suffer effects of opioid withdrawal, but don't stimulate them and give you the high that fentanyl, morphine and heroin do. We need to be aware of this issue. If this occurs, they need to take more Buprenorphine (administered in the ER) to level off.

Steve reviewed one EMS call, going over what procedures were done to save this person's life. This person was saved because of our personnel showing up in a timely manner and the eight responders working well as a cohesive team.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

4 - Fire calls in January 2024. One dumped ashes, fire at MM 4 on NM75. A sign was installed stating no dumping of burning ashes at MM 4. Two mutual aid fires one in Truchas and one structure fire in Penasco that were both cancelled. The last call was a vehicle hitting a gas meter. Gas company personnel were in the area, arrived quickly and handled the problem.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam emphasized once again quality management it is very important.

Adam went over issues during a cold weather operation when responding to an EMS call where Rescue 3 and Brush 1 both got stuck at the bottom of a steep driveway. Adam stated it is important to remember when engaging four wheel drive on Brush 1, it has manual locking hubs that need to be turned and you need to hear a click to be sure it is engaged. This did not happen therefore brush one slid into the ditch.

Adam reviewed some of the most common hazmat issues, such as working with carbon monoxide, natural gas leaks, and propane gas leaks. It is important to remember that oxygen is not flammable but patients who use oxygen cylinders create a hazmat issue during a fire because they can act just like a tank of gas. It is important to be aware because almost everyone has propane tanks in their sheds or on their patios, these can become fire balls.

Adam stated that we have on Engine 1 and 2, two gas detectors. One is a multi-gas detector which will detect carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide and oxygen concentration and a percentage of lower explosive level. Important to note, that if the oxygen level is below 19 percent (should always be exactly 21 percent), that is a hazardous condition. This means there is 4 percent of something in the air and we need to get out immediately and get into SCBA.

Detector will detect propane, gasoline, natural gas but it is not sensitive. It only tells you if it's close to explosive level. Heavy smell like rotten eggs means that this is a dangerous environment.

The other small black detector we have is a little bit more sensitive. This one should be used to locate the smell of gas.

Our approach to any hazmat situation is to recognize, identify, and go to the orange book and find out what the isolation distance is and set up and enforce the perimeter and evacuate people from this area.

Any buildings with suspected carbon monoxide we must enter with SCBA on.

Adam stated we have purchased two new chain saws. Personnel using these chains saws are required to have some type of formal training. They must have S212 course and have a FAL3 certificate. The S212 course will be offered on May 4, 5 and 6 he will verify the place. In order to qualify to take S212 you must be have taken Wild Land Fire Fighter 2 on line and the practical component L180 course to be qualified. Adam will email the schedule from the Chama NM Forestry times for annual refresher course for the Wild Land Fire Fighter 2 training and S212 training. April 6, Saturday, we can all do the Wildland refresher course here at Station 1 virtually. There will also be some 45 lb. pack tests.

We are working on ordering a log splitter to use when doing chipping projects.

Scheduled Training:

- February 11, 2024 - 1:00 PM operating pumps.
- February 14, 2024 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- February 21, 2024 – 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

March 10, training will be review of EMS Wild Land and remote rescues.

The arrival of the new Mini-pumper has been moved up to March 2024. We need to think about how we are going to equip it and what will actually fit to make it as a primary attack pumper. The State Fire Marshall would like us to be equipped to NFPA and ISO standards. This was one of the conditions of the awarded grant. Steve and Adam will speak with Pete Marquez at A411 equipment for recommendations. Some equipment purchases like nozzles take up to 6 to 9 months, so it will take some time to get it fully up and running.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

Steve went over last year's financials and the yearly documents that need to be filed with county and state. PERA reports have been completed and submitted for this year. They are looking to increase the amount of the pension and change the numbers of years for which you may be eligible for retirement pension.

We have a new Rio Arriba Fire Marshal, Enrico Trujillo. The Meeting with Fire Marshal scheduled for tomorrow evening has been changed to February 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM, in Espanola County Building, 1122 Industrial Park Road, in the council chambers. Steve encourages all who are able to attend.

The Installation of the solar panels and backup batteries were installed here at Station 1 and are fully operational without any glitches. Steve would like to have a party to show appreciation to Sol Y Luna and Alex Amend for working hard to get this project completed. This will enable us to function as Emergency Center. We will purchase some plug in multi outlet to be used.

We will lose unit 242 with the acquisition of the new mini-pumper. It will be sold, but we are not sure if the money will be stay here at DVFD.

With the remaining capital outlay chipper money we will purchase a trailer valet to make the chipper easier to maneuver.

We are still waiting on delivery of a sensor for our chipper that Anthony will install. It should be on the way.

Alex stated we finished this chipping project and did 14 total properties.

The property in Penasco had a large amount of chipping done but there was some branches and a stump that needed to be broken down.

Alex mentioned we have \$2,300.00 that could be spent on chipping related supplies. This money should be spent by May.

The Annual pancake breakfast will be held at the Mission Building. February 13, 9:30 AM, those of you who do the cooking are invited to tour the kitchen to see what is available to make sure it has what is needed for the breakfast. Possible date May 19, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 20:18