

## **DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 5/01/2024**

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

**Members Present:** Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Eloise Martinez, Ron Monsour, Kathy Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Mick Oram, Liz Riedel, Peter Schwathe, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Kyle Kline, Zandria Kline, Jessie Nichols, Larry Gonzales, Quentin Nichols

May 2024 agenda approved. April 2024 minutes approved.

On March 31, the Fire Marshall for Rio Arriba applied to the State Fire Marshal's office to carry over our firefighter's budget in the amount of \$141,446.59. We spent all but \$7.00 of our EMS budget.

We were awarded a grant of \$201,010.00 which is 75% of the total towards the purchase of a new ambulance. We submitted the grant with the understanding we would be responsible for 25% which Rio Arriba County signed a letter stating that they would be responsible for the amount of \$67,004 (Total = \$268,014). This money will not be allocated until about late September.

This year we were told to submit a request for \$45,000.00 for EMS budget recommended by Rachel Marquez the fund act director due to legislature funding a large amount of budget for the EMS Bureau.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Rescue Chief – (Reported by Steve Jenison for Amanda Sena)**

23 - EMS calls in April 2024. Our running total for 12 month period is 164 calls for the year.

We went over the after-action review on the cardiac arrest call. Steve stated under some very difficult circumstances he commended all who answered the call on doing a great job. In-depth discussion regarding some of the differences when we run a call and when PMS runs the call. We don't do endotracheal intubation. We would do placement of supraglottic airway, placing an iGel or King airway. This we could also do on children. To place endotracheal intubation on a child requires special skills.

The other difference would be placing an intra-osseous needle for IV into the tibia. We would at least try to place an IV antecubital twice. If this failed, then we would place an intra-osseous needle in the proximal humerus.

Steve discussed with Enrico Trujillo, Josh Archuleta and Central Dispatch the fact that when directed to the scene it was incorrect. It brought up the fact that a lot of residences share the same addresses in rural areas. This clearly needs to be updated. Steve and Enrico will meet to develop a strategy to identify individual houses with 911 specific addresses and get together with Josh to plan a zoning and map out the homes and addresses in areas that have not been updated in a very long time.

Adam stated according to the National Code for fire access, Section 5051 address identification states that all new and existing buildings should be provided with approved address identification that should be legible and visible from the street or road... Where required by the Fire code official, address identification shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. When access cannot be viewed from a public way a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used.

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

4 - Fire calls in April 2024. A brush fire in Pilar, was cancelled. The call had been taken care of by Taos. Visible smoke was reported, turned out to be fire from ashes from a barbecue grill. Two fire calls which seem to be related, one with smoke and the second was a fire that spread to cottonwoods. This has been a pattern in the past of fires in the bosque in this same area. We were dispatched to a downed power line which was not found. Our final call was an MVC motor vehicle verses elk. No one was seriously hurt.

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

Adam stated we have had an increase in deer and elk sightings especially in the spring and fall. NM 68 has had this issue with deer and elk crossing mostly at dusk and dawn. Most accidents happen at dusk when we have the most traffic. We need to be especially careful when responding to emergency calls so that we do not become involved in this type of accident as first responders.

#### **Scheduled Training:**

- May 8, 2024 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- May 19, 2024 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for annual Pancake breakfast.
- May 22, 2024 – 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training-

Adam will schedule at a later date a clean-up day of Station 1 to get rid of too much accumulation of Stuff. If anyone is in need of a jump bag feel free to take one.

Last month we had a good turn-out for wild land refresher course and we had training on big vehicles. We will try again to have big vehicle training again so that we can train the three new candidates.

Hose testing has been completed. We need to load some 4" hose onto engine two and count Storz connectors. This will need to be done on maintenance night. Adam will place an AED sign on board of Engine 2.

Adam stated that there is an issue with SR 64 where an owner has installed a fence that has narrowed the road down to 10' and our apparatus are 9' wide. He advised that by law fire apparatus has to have enough room to be able to respond to emergency calls.

### **Chief Report – Steven Jenison**

With regards to the grant awarded for the purchase of a new ambulance, a big reason we were awarded this grant is due to the fact we are a very active and reliable EMS service. In the last five years we have not missed a single emergency call. All the emergency calls recorded in Rio Arriba County, DVFD recorded 50% of these calls. We averaged 140 to 160 calls per year which many are serious. We have an average of 4-5 EMT's that respond on every call. For safety reasons we need an ambulance with 4WD, a mechanism for holding the gurney to the floor, and we need shoulder restraints for our EMT's.

DVFD will have our pancake breakfast at the Mission Building on May 19, 2024. We have enough tables, but if we need to we can take some tables from Station 1.

We have two porta-potties and a cleaning station coming from CK Porta Potties for \$200.00.

Kathy and Ron will do the shopping and ordering. Items that need to be ordered from the Dixon Market are the sausage, bacon, green chili, and butter patties. The remainder can be purchased from Sam's Club or PMI in Espanola. We ran short of orange juice and maple syrup last year. It was recommended to get smaller cups for the juice.

We will need a plan for trash disposal and it is recommended that we have someone posted in the parking lot making sure they park in a rational manner.

Steve in the next week will start a social media blitz in advertising the pancake breakfast. Please share to your social media accounts.

The sensor on the chipper has been replaced and the chipper is now working. We plan on storing the chipper and trailer valet at Station 2.

Alex stated currently the chipper is located on Anthony's property. Alex plans to pick up trailer valet and pick up the chipper and deliver it to Station 2.

Alex stated we need to set up a time to go to Penasco and finish chipping some stuff in Penasco for the Presbyterian Church. We will need to get a crew together to take chain saws to cut down the branches so that they can be chipped.

Alex will organize some chipping projects for this spring and if anyone else is interested in assisting in setting up this event contact Alex.

Steve has decided that it would be a good idea to add an ATV to our equipment for areas that are difficult to get to for fires or medical emergencies. This would also be good for community events such as the light parade, studio tour etc. If we could get it for free even better. The county has acquired an ATV through Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant. Firehouse Subs will fund up to \$35,000.00 for anything you want to propose for fire stations and an ATV is one of the items they consider worthy of funding.

Kyle has agreed with Steve's assistance to write the grant to Firehouse Subs for the monies to purchase an ATV. The grantee should be Rio Arriba County because they provide the insurance and they need to have it on their inventory. Opens July 11.

Mick stated that the Wi-Fi for the public at Sugars will remain available so if we need to use it while out on emergency calls it will be available thanks to the owner of Sugars. Mick is also working on a repeater for the canyon. The tower for our current repeater is in need of some serious repairs. At a later date we will set up a training or afternoon to do repairs. We will be having training this Friday at Station 1 for training on First Due at 9:00 AM as a compliment to using radios and for reporting NFIRS.

There is no date for when the new tower will be up for cell phone coverage. Mick will give an update at a later time. Meeting adjourned at 20:45