

## **DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 6/05/2024**

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:03

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

Guests Present: Shirley Martinez, Brianna Lucero who are thinking of joining the DVFD as a Cadet.

Edwina Romero, from Rio Arriba County Health and Human Services Department who is involved with an Opioid Harm Reduction grant gave a one-hour training and presentation in Harm Reduction related to opiate use.

June 2024 agenda approved with a minor adjustment, to move executive session to the end of the meeting to do the AAR on the two fire calls. May 2024 minutes approved.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena**

23 - EMS calls in May 2024. A large majority were lift assists for elderly patients.

Jessie and Quinn Nichols passed the NREMT test, and will soon be licensed as EMS-First Responders. Quinn Nichols is now eligible to become a full Member of Dixon VFD/EMS (EMS calls only).

Regarding the 911 addressing issue along private drive 1101 Steve has not heard anything back from the county yet. Liz will assist with this issue.

First Due is a new application the County is trying to implement county wide for all the volunteer fire departments. It will do all the NFRIS reporting. The data can be entered into First Due and once a month will upload all that information into the NFRIS System. Steve and Ron participated in a conference call with First Due to learn how set up and customize the application for our department. Steve stated entering EMS calls into First Due was very easy if you've already entered data into the Image Trend Elite. It's basically cut and paste to enter the data. Steve recommended that he will enter the EMS data into First Due so that he can review all reports that have been entered.

Steve states we should continue to rely on EDispatch until First Due is fully implemented and shown to be functional.

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

3 - Fire calls in May 2024. One fire was a person burning trash, and another was someone burning waste on burn ban day. Both were advised not burn and fires were immediately extinguished. There was a gas tanker that was disabled on the hill towards the county line on NM 68 which required traffic control for several hours. One fire was a mutual aid fire in Velarde on the other side of the river which led to a bent wheel rim and flat tire on Engine 2.

In regard to First Due and NFRIS Ron feels First Due will surpass the NFIRS application. We will lose the ability to see who is available on calls with First Due.

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

We had tire damage on two apparatus. Brush 1, will be in tomorrow for repairs and Engine 2 had a damaged rim on one of the dually wheels. Wayne was able to get the rim off so that we could take it to be repaired at Garcia's in Española. The large suction hoses on Engine 2 have now been secured. Mick stated he has the equipment necessary to install the radio on Engine 3 once it returns from Albuquerque. Ron recommended Adam ask Andy about the light on Engine 2. Adam stated he has mentioned several times but nothing has ever been done. Adam will try to work on a solution.

Adam received the parts to repair the exhaust assembly on the Floto-Pump so it is now working. A seal on the PTO to the pump on Engine 1 is leaking he will work getting this repaired.

#### **Scheduled Training:**

- June 12, 2024 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- June 9, 2024 - 1:30 PM Training – Practical use of foam and the equipment used for fires.

- June 19, 2024 – 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Future trainings will include drafting, rural hitch and hydrants, water supply, and nursing our engines.

### **Chief Report – Steven Jenison**

The annual Pancake Breakfast was a huge success with approximately 300 in attendance. We had less attendance but made a greater profit this year, better than any previous year. It was made special in that Carl Berghofer Sr. was able to celebrate his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday at this event. Steve sends a special thank you to the Presbyterian Church for allowing the department to use the Mission facility.

Wildfire Prevention - Grant In past years we received two grants from the NM Association of Counties. The first was to do a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. We worked with Ecotone and Forest Stewards Guild to get this plan in place which helped us to get the new fire engine. The second was to do a chipping project. The third grant category we recently applied for was for community outreach and prevention and we were awarded approximately \$14,000.00. We have several items proposed. The first to hire Jeff Spicer (Spicer Digital) to create a tri-fold brochure that can be mailed to everyone in the Embudo/Dixon area, and for Jeff Spicer, to develop a page for our website related to wildfire prevention. We would use \$3,500.00 to fund the Aaron Griego Annual Youth Cadet Program. The third item was to be able to subscribe to a Dixon-specific Nixle subscription to limit to the Dixon/Embudo area.

Wayne Archuleta and Amanda Sena will oversee the Aaron Griego Annual Youth Cadet Program which will be held the fourth week in July 22-26, 2024. The rafting trip will be on Thursday, July 25 of that week. The age group will be from age 9-18. Wayne is asking that current cadets assist in the class. Kids relate better to other kids.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> event is on a Thursday the day after our July monthly meeting. Eloise will purchase the 120 hot dogs, buns and condiments and Steve will purchase the paletas, Adam will take care of the Frito pies. The Marimba band has committed to playing at this event. If anyone has pop-ups please bring them.

The progress on Engine 3 is moving slowly due to 411 and county's difference in perspective.

A representative of the Braun Ambulance company came by with a basic plain white demo ambulance. The representative stated that even though some of the features would be a bit different it would come in below the amount of money we have available to spend. The Ford F350 was a truck cab six passenger, 4WD, with a large passenger compartment, a captain's chair at the head of the patient and another seat that sits right of the patient that can move on a track, 6-point harness restraints in cab and in back of ambulance that allow mobility in the back of the ambulance. The ambulance will take approximately 52 weeks for delivery.

Mick will take pictures and create a list of things that need to be done for maintenance of the repeater tower. The structure, including the roof are in need a lot of repairs. Mick recommended we schedule one of our training Sundays to go up and get this done. We will need some type of special ladder to make some of the repairs.

We went into executive session to go over the after-action reviews on two fires. We had in depth discussion going over what everyone did, what worked well and what we could improve.

Meeting adjourned at 21:35