

## **DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 11/06/2024**

Meeting held at Station 1 and ZOOM. Called to order at 19:06

**Members Present:** Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Eloise Martinez, Amanda Sena, Kathy Miller, Wayne Archuleta, Aaron Greenwald, Liz Riedel, Don Ticknor, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Tom Minnich, Larry Gonzales, Brianna Lucero

November 2024 agenda approved. October 2024 minutes approved.

Guest Speaker Francis Song with a background as an IC nurse, Paramedic and a firefighter, who now currently works with Tri-State Care Flight, gave a brief rundown on the service that they provide out of Taos, NM. Francis explained the process and what to expect when Care Flight is requested. We plan at a later date to set up a live helicopter training here in Dixon with Francis and CareFlight.

Our current fire budget is \$250,283.64. This year we were allocated \$131,980.00 and our carry over budget from last year was 132,538.00.

Tender 2 failed the annual pump test due to a weird piece of metal found in the eye of the impeller. We spent \$2,800 for diagnostics and repairs for Tender 2 which is now up and running. Tender 2 passed a repeat pump test after the repair was completed.

The EMS budget we have \$48,383.00 which is our EMS fund allocation for FY 2025. We will use \$8,000.00 to do the graphics on the new ambulance. We will have \$33,000.00 remaining. We are not allowed to carry over any monies to next fiscal year. If we don't spend all the money we will have that amount deducted from what we would get in 2026. The deadline for all purchases is June 30. We are going to keep close track of our EMS budget so that we will spend it all. This includes any EMS equipment, supplies and education.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena (Report given by Steve Jenison)**

8- EMS calls in October 2024. Our running total for EMS calls is 150 to 160 per year.

#### **Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour (Report given by Steve Jenison)**

Fire calls in October 2024. A couple of visible smoke calls that turned out to be nothing. Two carbon monoxide detector calls.

Steve and Ron will be doing training on First Due module that is like eDispatch in the near future.

**Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie** - Two Carbon Monoxide alarms went off on two separate days at the same residence. Adam went over how to use the multi-gas detectors and explained at which levels it becomes dangerous. Adam stated it is important to know where the gas detectors are located on the apparatus and how to use them correctly. Adam reviewed the call at the residence and went over the utility room venting issues which caused the problem. Adam went over the charts in the apparatus that lists the carbon monoxide levels and symptoms that occur at these various levels. It is important to remember that smoke and fire alarm is 3 beeps and carbon monoxide alarm is 4 beeps. It is important to always take these calls seriously. They can kill you, so we need to step up our game and awareness on how to handle this type of call.

Adam did an extensive after-action review on the wilderness rescue that occurred. Adam went over the problems and mistakes that were made that could have resulted in more casualties with multiple incidents. He made recommendations that could have made this a much safer and time saving rescue. In the end the rescue was successful, but this was a long and difficult rescue.

Adam reviewed the Alcalde fire and noted there were hydrants but they were located two miles apart. The good thing is the traffic was blocked due to current ongoing construction.

Adam reviewed the MVC on NM 75 at mile marker 5, where the vehicle went down the embankment 150 feet below the highway. He mentioned wearing proper PPE, and working with other departments. Adam as the safety officer is always looking to make sure we are following proper procedures and wearing proper PPE. He wants his crew to render aid in a timely and correct manner and be able to return home safely after every incident.

Engine 3 now has all the extrication and MVC equipment. This was not the case at the time of the MVC. Moving this equipment from Brush 1 has now given us room to store additional equipment such as 20' of suction hose, an additional Floto pump, a shelf to store fuel, chain saws, with a shelf to store the medical bag and rehab equipment, and some wildland backpacks. Adam will request from Peter McNerney a quote to install these additional shelves on Brush 1. Adam will submit a P.O. for some new struts, auto cribs, and sidewinder jacks. Adam has already submitted a purchase order to purchase a winch to be installed on Engine 3. Some of this extrication will be paid out of EMS funds. Engine 3 is currently in service for fire and MVC.

Adam stated after using foam guns to be sure to empty the water. A foam cartridge gun was left with water in it after the last fire and the cartridge dissolved into a slimy sludge that had to be cleaned up.

December's training will be to clean out the apparatus bays to leave nothing on the floor. All items should be on the apparatus or the shelves.

## **Scheduled Training:**

- November 10, 2024 – 1:00 PM Monthly Training – Hydrant Operations, Maintenance.
- November 13, 2024 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools, equipment and apparatus.
- November 20, 2024 – 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

## **Chief Report – Steven Jenison**

We now own our new ambulance. Steve will be flying out Thursday and driving back the new ambulance from Iowa.

We have submitted a purchase order for the Stryker performance load system and the existing gurney will be modified to work with the Stryker performance load system. A Stryker tech will install it here in Dixon. New radios also need to be installed. Mick Oram has submitted a quote and Steve has submitted the purchase order for Mick to do the installation. Steve has submitted documents for the purchase order to have the graphics done on the ambulance. Tom has offered to store the new ambulance until we get rid of the old Rescue 3.

All apparatuses were pump tested and passed, except Tender 2 which has been repaired and is up and running.

Steve reminded that if running a shuttle to a hydrant, to remember, after you have dumped all the water into a drop tank, engine, or tender always be sure before you drive off to go to hydrant to turn off pump. The pump will keep running if not turned off and cause the pump to overheat on Tender 2. Tender 2 can do pump and roll but the other apparatus cannot.

Halloween party a huge success. Special thanks especial to Larry Gonzales. Thank you also to Tom and Eloise and others for decorating.

The Trunk or Treat event held Monday 10-28-2024, held at the Rio Arriba County Annex was a great success. Agua Sana, Chamita and other Rio Arriba agencies were present. Steve thanks Amanda, Serenity and Eloise who were present at this event. We should plan on having a larger presence next year.

Tom stated all the new fitness equipment has been ordered and should be here in 10 to 14 days. Peter and Tom will clean out the existing equipment and clean up the area. They will install all the new equipment.

Steve spoke with Derrick Rodriguez who is the Assistant Fire Marshal, about the award for the grant for the new bay extension. Derrick said there is a bit of a delay in transferring the funding from the Department of Finance and Administration to the State Fire Marshalls office. Once the transfer is made he didn't see any difficulty in transferring the funds to the DVFD. Funds from the grant of \$500,000.00 could be made available as early as next week.

Steve stated we will have to go out for two quotes. We need one quote from an architect and one from a contractor. Steve is hoping the bay extension will include a couple of bunk rooms framed in, a bathroom with a shower, and a heat pump. This will enable this fire station to become a regionalization of Fire and EMS for Rio Arriba County if needed in future. In order to get the PRC license to run a transport ambulance we have to demonstrate that we have people available on site to respond to incidents.

Steve stated we could add solar panels if we need to for the addition of the bay extension and heat pump.

Wayne and Eloise will look into repairing or replacing the vent over the kitchen stove at the Mission so that it will be working for the pancake breakfast event next year. EPC is willing to purchase a new one if it can't be repaired.

Meeting adjourned at 20:36