

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

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

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Eloise Martinez, Zandria Kline, Mick Oram, Tom Minnich, Don Ticknor, Liz Riedel, Aaron Griego, Brianna Lucero, Jessie Nichols, Frances Griego, Kathy Miller, Alex Amend, Celestino Archuleta, Wayne Archuleta, Amanda Sena

December 2024 agenda approved. November 2024 minutes approved.

Officer Reports

Steve reported we got our EMS budget which showed us **-\$33,000.00** in the red. He was able to clarify with Rio Arriba County the reason we showed a negative balance was because the county has not yet loaded the \$66,000.00 that the county had committed as the match for the grant we were awarded from the Department of Health for purchase of our new ambulance. Our beginning balance of EMS budget was \$48,383.00. We used some EMS funds for the graphics and the radios for the new ambulance plus several other purchases. So our actual balance is \$24,587.00. Steve has already ordered a lot of the replacement items for the new ambulance. We will need to expend our entire budget. If there is any balance left in the EMS budget it will be deducted from next year's budget.

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

13- EMS calls in November 2024. There were 153 calls for the last 12 months. A hospice patient from Taos was transported by the DVFD to their home. Garrett is looking for assistance for the EMT class in Chamita on Saturday. Anyone who is available please let him know.

This Sunday we will clean out the old ambulance and stock up the new Rescue 3. The new Rescue 3 will be back in Dixon on Friday with new graphics, radios, the mount for Zoll monitor, and a new big tank of oxygen. Once Rescue 3 is fully stocked it will be ready to go. It does not have to be inspected. We are still waiting on the License plate. The new Rescue 3 has a much larger turning radius, has no back-up alarm and will require a spotter when backing up. It does have a back up camera but it is located in the left hand side of the rear view mirror. One of the best features is the safety harness seat belts for all EMT's that allow you to stand up if necessary. There will be training at a later date to become familiar with Rescue 3.

Fire Marshal Report – (Ron Monsour unavailable Steve Jenison reported)

No real fire calls in November 2024, just a couple of visible smoke calls. Steve and Adam were asked to check out the Subway at the Picuris Travel Center, by Christopher Martinez the Chief of Picuris Volunteer Fire Department, stating the carbon monoxide detector was going off. Our carbon monoxide gas detector read zero. They were uncertain of the actual cause.

Carbon monoxide has no odor. If we are called out for the smell of gas, the big gas monitor only shows gas if it's approaching the explosive limit. This means we need to get out of the area immediately. Never mike your radios this could spark and cause an explosion.

Tom has done 3 pre-plans, Steve has done 3, and Jessie has done Station 2. Eloise will help with the Mission Building and Liz and Frances will do the Catholic Church. The only buildings left that will need pre-plans are the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Carnelian Center, Vivac and the New Mexico River Adventures rafting building once it is finished.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam built a pellet crib to store all the cardboard for recycling outside. Engine 3 is now in service for responding to mostly MVC incidents. Please make sure you are familiar with this apparatus and equipment that is stored on Engine 3. We now have two Sidewinder jacks that assist in stabilization of vehicles at MVC's on Engine 3. Adam is still in the processing of adding mounts. One issue we are having with Engine 3 is the scene lights located in the back. They are large white lights on the back of the apparatus. There is a switch right by the driver on the center console that reads work lights; it has a LED indicator on it. When you come to a stop and engage the park brake these scene lights will turn on automatically which are blinding. These lights can be quite dangerous in various situations and should be turned off in certain situations. The LED indicator goes on when the lights go on but when they turn off the LED indicator remains on. In order to turn it off you must turn it on and then turn it off. The company E1 is going to see if this can be modified. Adam stated we should always wear high visible vests even when wearing firefighting jackets. Follow the safety checklists and organize the scene.

Adam went over issues we encountered and how we could improve at the MVC calls for this month. He went over safety issues and parking apparatus correctly at an MVC. All apparatus, POV's, and rescue units should be on the side of the incident.

Adam stated that overall we do a very good job. We have had compliments from the Sheriff's Office and Deputy Fire Marshal Zach, and the sales rep from 411 who was impressed at how well we were prepared and how well we work together.

Scheduled Training:

- December 8, 2024 - Monthly Training – Stock up and set up new Rescue 3 and clean out apparatus bays at DVFD. We will be assigning 3 more people with bunker gear. So we need to make room by cleaning out the area where the bunker gear is now and make sure all gear is in bags and on the shelves. Food will be relocated to the bay where Rescue 3 resides.

- December 11, 2024 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus. All Bunker Gear need to be checked. Check small engines, and make sure we have the correct fuels available for the equipment. There are three types of fuel; ethanol free gasoline, 25:1 for the two Floto-pumps, and 50:1 for the chainsaws. Be sure to run all the pumps. Later this month Adam will drain them all.
- December 15, 2024 – 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, 2nd Annual Hot Dish/Jell-O potluck.
- December 25, 2024 – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

There was some discussion on which apparatus would be second on scene depending on what type of incident we are responding to. We need to be careful in the winter with the water freezing in apparatus.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

We started our annual end of the year fundraiser. Steve set up a GoFundMe account on Facebook and Eloise mailed out 90 flyers to previous donors. Steve strongly encourages everyone to monitor the DVFD Facebook site and share postings about the fundraiser on your own social media.

We now have a new Vivint Security System installed and it is up and running. All active personnel have a code to disarm the alarm. Do not share your code with anyone. Make sure when returning from a long incidents to make sure to have someone disarm the alarm or you can use the phone App to disarm. To arm you will go to the panel which will be black it will light up when touched. Touch the arming button and sweep it to the right and it will allow you to leave and then arm the alarm. If you can't get the system disarmed a voice from Vivint will come over the panel and ask for a code word. Having this system in place will help build our argument for having controlled substances, such as pain meds on the ambulance.

Our new fitness center has all new equipment to include an elliptical machine and tread mill. The remainder of the equipment will be delivered by December 16, 2024.

We were awarded the \$500,000.00 grant from the NM State Fire Marshal's office to add an additional bay to our current building. Steve will meet with Enrico Trujillo and go over the procedure involved to get this done. We may have to go out to be for three quotes for an architect. The proposal is to have the same floor space as the E bay and the same height and the Engine Bays. Steve would like to include a framing for two bunk rooms. There will be a bathroom with a shower and an open space for a kitchen area. Steve would like to move the new Rescue 3 into the new bay and move Engine 3 into the E bay to give it more space to maneuver. We are not sure when this will actually happen. There is no deadline to utilize this grant money.

Steve has purchased a new suction device, scoop stretcher, vacuum mattress, vacuum splints, and on back-order a pediatric vacuum mattress for the new ambulance. The equipment to modify our gurney was delivered. This will enable the gurney to work with a performance load system. A Stryker rep will be coming to do the installation. Steve will mention the battery issue we have with the current gurney. This problem will have induction charging which may correct the battery issue.

Our Firewise status has been renewed for another year, which helps us when writing grants for other wildfire funding. This will also help us with our ISO in community outreach.

Steve stated as of today we now have a mutual aid agreement with Presbyterian Espanola Hospital to transport patients. We are now covered for doing this task when asked by Presbyterian Espanola Hospital EMS personnel. PRC regulations states if we have a mutual aid agreement that we will be covered.

Concerns were raised when we answer calls out of the district or the ambulance is tied up in transport. We will have a jump bag available here at Station 1 to respond to calls until Rescue 3 is available to respond.

Mick is going to upgrade our Wi-Fi infrastructure here at station 1. This will happen when the weather is cold so Mick can work inside here at Station 1. We no longer need the battery back-up with the solar addition and we need to re-locate, upgrade current equipment and relocate cables.

Adam was inquiring about a handheld for Unit 242. Mick stated we do not have a functioning radio that is not a Kenwood. Many personnel have old radios. We could use one of the old handheld radios for unit 242. Adam will discuss with Steve and purchase some new Kenwood radios with EMS money to replace some of the old radios. Radios and antennas will be installed on the new Rescue 3 when it arrives.

Steve and Eloise will organize a potluck for Sunday, December 15, 2024 from 1:00 to 4:00. This will be a hot dish/Jell-o potluck. We will have Santa at the event.

A new TV was purchased for the First Due monitor. Several departments have committed to First Due. We are utilizing First Due for all of our NFIRS reporting, incident reporting, hydrant mapping, apparatus and personnel are loaded into First Due. We have entered all of our trainings into First Due. Steve would like to work on the inventory aspect next. We also have the Nixle system which is our notification system. First due is excellent at mapping and up to date. We will eventually phase out Edispatch. La Mesilla, Lindrith, and Agua Sana are also committed to using First Due. Complete NFIRS reporting is required by the State Fire Marshal's Office as a requirement for fire departments to receive fire funds. The county will be renewing the First Due subscription for this next year. The funding will come from the individual Department Fire funds.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45