

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 5/07/2025

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, Kyle Kline, Zandria Kline, Aaron Greenwald, Mick Oram, Liz Riedel, Alex Amend, Tom Minnich, Jesse Nichols, Larry Gonzales, Brianna Lucero, Kevin Duckworth

May 2025 agenda approved. April 2025 minutes approved.

Steve stated we are required to spend down our entire EMS budget. If any monies are left, they will revert back to the EMS Bureau. The amount reverted will also be deducted from our next year's budget. Currently we should have a balance remaining of \$4.07 once the last purchase order is approved for Boundtree.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – Amanda Sena

8 - EMS calls in April 2025. The new Stryker battery is in place and is working well. We will not order an additional battery at this time unless it fails to work properly since it charges on an induction charger.

We are proud to announce that Ron Monsour just passed his EMT Basic for the National Registry.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

2 - Fire calls in April 2025. One call was due to chimney sparks that did not have a spark arrester, which ignited a wood pile and then spread to a vehicle that ignited and was engulfed in flames. Adam stated you **MUST** come in proper PPE if you intend to assist in putting out any fire. Adam stated there was one call for a gas leak at a home. The cause was a loose coupling creating the leak on the propane tank. The propane tank was shut off until it could be repaired.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

On May 12 and 13 Siddons Martin will be here to do fleet maintenance. Once this is done, we will need to test everything to ensure things were done properly. May 26, hose and ladder testing will be done.

Last weekend there was chipper training. Adam stated when using the chipper without a professionally trained arborist, it will be necessary to have at least one person who has completed training at the operator level to be present and to ensure the safe running of the machine and to complete the daily briefing for all operators before work is started. Safety and maintenance check should be done before each initial use of the chipper. Proper PPE should be worn at all times.

Adam was very pleased with the chipper training. Steve stated Anthony Alvarez did an excellent job in providing the required chipper training.

Be prepared for falling rocks on the highway due to the excessive rain and moisture. It is important to park the apparatus and ourselves away from the fallen rock.

Adam recommended for the June training that we will do small engines and surface water sources to get ready for fire season.

Scheduled Training:

- May 8, 2025 – 1:00 PM First Due Webinar. This training in to ensure a smooth transitioning to the new federal reporting system called NERIS which stands for National Emergency Response Information System which will be replacing NFERS.
- May 14, 2025 – 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- May 18, 2025 - 8:00 AM Annual Pancake Breakfast
- May 21, 2025 – 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you would like to schedule some one-on-one training.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

ISO survey report is still pending. Steve stated it will take approximately 2 to 3 months. It has been 2 months.

NMAC Chipping Grant has been informally awarded to the DVFD in the amount of \$45,000.00 for a chipping project for the next fiscal year. Joaquin Valdez the Rio Arriba County Assessor who is the chair of this committee relayed this information to Steve. He will clarify whether we submit invoices after July 1, or if work can actually begin. Aaron questioned if 242 was able to transport the chipper. We will work on getting 242 set up at a later date. Steve stated we proposed in the grant that we hire Baby Gorilla for the chipping project who can tow our chipper behind their truck that collects the chips. Money has already been designated for this purpose in this grant. The continual training with Anthony will better prepare us for working on our own.

Alex has also submitted a grant to the Feds for several years' worth of chipping projects.

Steve has submitted a new grant proposal to Firehouse Subs for \$20,000.00 for a skid that holds a 60 gallon tank that produces foam that is pressurized with SCBA cylinders located on both sides of tank. This produces 100's of gallons of foam.

State Farm has some grant monies available in the amount of \$10,000.00 for small rural volunteer fire departments. This money can be used for anything we may need to purchase. Adam stated this money could be used to purchase Wildland PPE at \$1,000.00 per person. Adam will work on getting quotes for submittal for this grant.

Steve has submitted a grant proposal to the Polaris Foundation in the amount of \$50,000.00 for a UTV with a skid installed for firefighting and rescue capabilities.

Steve spoke with Tomas Cordova about the new addition to Station 1. Steve needs to get with Wayne in regards to the septic system because the environment department will want us to dig up our septic tank so that they can inspect it to make sure it is not leaking. This is necessary because of the addition of the bathroom. Tomas will meet with the Environment Department to get a straight answer as to what they require since they are the entity that needs to sign off. Tomas has stated that he will attend our June meeting with a complete set of mechanical, structural, electrical, plumbing and architectural drawings. He will be working with Bonnie Brown-Cordova who is the procurement officer to see if we need to go out for bid or we can sole source procurement for a contractor.

Aaron Griego Summer Youth Program will be held the week of July 14, 2025. We need as many volunteers as possible to help with this event. Frances Song has offered to do a day of helicopter safety and rescue. Kevin recommended that we could possibly get Brian Vigil to come and give a talk. Kathy will work on the raft trip. The rafting trip will be scheduled either on Thursday or Friday.

Steve stated he will need to get with the county to have the roof checked at Station 1. There are new leaks visible since the last set of rains.

Steve said that we have a new bag of D10W and a new glucagon kit and two 15 gram glucose mixed berry tubes for the medications bag.

Diesel exhaust fluid was put into both Engine 3 and Rescue 3. Siddons Martin will do the oil change that is required on Engine 3.

Plans were made for May 18, 2025 Annual DVFD Pancake breakfast. Tom, Eloise, Larry and Brianna will decorate on Wednesday, May 14, 1:00 PM. Larry will purchase a helium tank for the balloons.

The Mission is clean and ready and the big refrigerators will be plugged in and we have an additional refrigerator in the pantry we can use. The Porta-Potties have been ordered. We need to be careful not to overload the electrical system.

Ron and Kathy will go over the list and take inventory to see what needs to be purchased. Steve and Adam will make the red chili and Elena Arellano will make the green chili. Taos Roasters will provide 5 pounds of coffee.

We will set up the silent auction in the yoga room next to the large mission room. Steve will work with business and artists on obtaining the art and gift certificates for the auction. He will also purchase the boxes for the raffle tickets for each item.

Liz and Shel will provide music for the event.

May 17, 4:00 PM Chamita will be having their taco fundraiser. As many of us that can go should get together and head out and support Chamita Fire Department.

May 17, 6:30 meet at the Mission to make sure everything is set up for Sunday May 18, 2025.

Steve will be posting advertising on Facebook for the Pancake breakfast. Please Share to get the word out.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15