

DIXON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY TEAM MEETING 6/04/2025

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

Members Present: Steve Jenison, Adam Mackie, Eloise Martinez, Ron Monsour, Mick Oram, Kathy Miller, Aaron Greenwald, Liz Riedel, Peter Schwathe, Don Ticknor, Alex Amend, Frances Griego, Tom Minnich, Larry Gonzales, Brianna Lucero, Kevin Duckworth

Mr. Thomas Cordova the architect overseeing the new addition to Station 1 was in attendance.

Mr. Cordova went over the architectural plans for the addition to Station 1 in detail. He stated the monies from the grant of \$500,000.00 which was appropriated will not cover the entire cost of the project. He also stated that he was unable to locate at the Rio Arriba County Planning Division or the State Environment Division the permit that was obtained to install the septic system for Station 1.

Once agreed changes and modifications of current plans are made and approved, we will proceed to secure a contractor for this project.

JUNE 2025 agenda approved. MAY 2025 minutes approved.

In our EMS budget we have spent all but \$4.07. In our Fire budget excluding the building addition we currently have a total of \$225,000.00. We should be getting our fiscal year 2026 allocation at \$144,000.00. If we get a better ISO rating this number could increase.

Officer Reports

Rescue Chief – (Steve Jenison for Amanda Sena)

12 - EMS calls in May 2025. All personnel whose licenses expire in March 2026 should be thinking about getting their continuing education hours completed to apply for renewal of license. Steve stated there will be some combo refresher courses available to get the CE hours needed. Be sure to check if you need a background check.

Fire Marshal Report – Ron Monsour

1 - Fire call in May 2025. There was a trash fire at CR 63. The owner had a burn permit. Ron mentioned that they were not notified that the burn ban was lifted. Steve stated we need to check with Central Dispatch first thing on Saturday morning to verify if the burn ban is still in effect or has been lifted. There were two MVCs. One was vehicle versus boulder on the highway. The second MVC was a single vehicle with no serious injuries.

Deputy Chief/Safety Officer – Adam Mackie

Adam stated the number to get a hold of our Central Dispatch is (505)753-5555. Do not use 911.

Adam went over safety protocols for doing traffic control on scene. He stated that this is one of the jobs we do that most exposes us to danger. He is very observant and will inform you if you are not performing the job correctly and in line with the safety protocols he has taught us. This is his job as the Safety Officer to keep us safe.

Adam reminded us that when answering calls, that residents or businesses may have security cameras and that we should always act and speak in a professional and appropriate manner.

Adam did a quick AAR for the search and rescue at the Harding Mine. He made sure that he knew where his people were and what duties were assigned.

Adam talked about the EMR ISAC which is the United States Fire Administration which is part of FEMA. This stands for the Emergency Management and Response Information Sharing and Analysis Center. This team gathered information and resources from all over the world for teaching and instruction. Adam received a monthly newsletter which he used as an important source of gathering information and resources. We have been informed that the United States Fire Administration can no longer support EMR ISAC. These types of resources are very important to us so this is a big loss.

The Holmatro Hydraulic pump for extrication equipment is obsolete but has been repaired at the cost of \$350.00 to replace a switch.

Brush 1 is out of service due to a failed fuel system. Hopefully it will be up and running by tomorrow. The deck gun on Engine 1 is not working. This is non-repairable and obsolete. Replacing this deck gun is very costly and due to the fact that it is rarely used it will not be repaired. Engine 1 will most likely be the next piece of equipment replaced so it does not seem to be cost effective to replace the deck gun. Adam stated we should start thinking about replacing Engine 1 with budget or possibly inquire about a loan for this purchase. To be discussed at a later date.

We now have a new titanium basket litter which is being stored in the middle of the rear load of Engine 3. This should be referred to as a basket litter and not as a Stokes.

Adam did a survey of possible drafting sites. We do not have very many sites that we can get a Tender or Engine close enough to the river to pump water. Adam has ruled out the arroyo near the fire station because of deep sand and our apparatus will get stuck. This leaves us with CR-240

outside Barbara Schwathe's house, La Cienega Acequia along the first mile of SR-75, Quartzite and county line launching pads are all safe to pump water from. Beware of soft spots along the edge of the river. The acequias are seasonal.

It's important to know what is on our apparatus and how it works. If you don't know, ask. It is a good idea to have many personnel in attendance on maintenance night to give everyone the chance to learn where and how things work on our equipment.

Scheduled Training:

- June 8, 2025 – 1:00 PM Monthly Training – Surface Water Sources
- June 11, 2025 - 6:30 PM Maintenance of tools and apparatus.
- June 17, 2025 – 6:30 PM Practical and new recruit training. Notify Adam if you need some one-on-one training.

Chief Report – Steven Jenison

The Pancake Breakfast was a great success. Our net profit was approximately \$6,800.00. Adam stated we had just enough people to run it. It was really tight. It would be beneficial if everyone could plan ahead next year and try to work it into their schedule. If we had gotten called out on an incident, we would have really been in a jam. It is important to have personnel available on the day of the Pancake Breakfast to keep things running smoothly. So we definitely needed more people.

The Fourth of July is on a Friday. We will have our annual event from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Steve will send out emails closer to the event. Eloise will be purchasing 200 hot dogs, buns and the condiments.

The Aaron Griego Summer Youth Cadet Program is being held on July 14 through the 18. This is mostly Wayne and Amanda's responsibility. Steve will get with them later.

The chipping project is funded at \$45,000 from the NMAC for fiscal year 26. This will start on July 1, 2025. We will be working very closely with Baby Gorilla to accomplish this project. We will need to set up a schedule so that DVFD personnel can sign up for the days they are available.

The end of June our current grant with NMAC will expire. We need to complete the work with Jeff Spicer on the website upgrade and the general tri-fold brochure mailing to everyone regarding decreasing fire fuels in the community.

Steve submitted the grant application to State Farm for the amount of \$10,000.00 for purchase of wildfire PPE.

He will start work on the SAFER grant which is through FEMA to assist in recruitment and retention of volunteers. Steve asked that if you have any good ideas or strategies on recruitment or retention please send him an email.

The election of DVFD Officers was held.

Steve Jenison was elected Fire Chief.

Adam Mackie was elected Deputy Fire Chief.

Eloise Martinez was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Ron Monsour was elected Fire Marshal.

Steve appointed Amanda Sena as Rescue Chief and Kyle Kline as Assistant Rescue Chief.

Adam stated since many members have made EMT a career. The assignment of Rescue Chief should be rotated amongst the members to give them the experience that can be noted as one of their achievements.

Steve and Adam mentioned that some duties need to be re-assigned. This would include monthly training, and reporting EMS calls in Image Trend and then entering the data into First Due. Steve will train these people to do this task.

Rio Arriba County will be hosting an EMT Basic class to begin in late August. They have not reached a decision as to dates, times and venue. Steve proposed that it be held here at Station 1 due to the fact that we have good internet service, we have done 3 EMS courses here, we have the equipment, supplies and an ambulance. We also would have several high level EMS responders that can assist with classes. Steve said he would also be willing to do some of the teaching.

Please let Steve know if you are interested in taking this class.

Meeting adjourned at 20:54