

# ECRFPA Meeting Minutes

## February 5, 2018 at Moreno Valley Fire Department

1. Call to Order by Craig Sime at 1803 hrs.

Attendees: Craig Sime, Bonnie Driskell, Russ Driskell, Scott Gibson, Jim DeCastro, Mickey Richardson, John Murtagh, Bob Coss, Ron Burnham, Joseph Godfrey, James Hampton, Mike Cordova, Chris Cote.

2. Agenda approved as Amended: Motion/Russ Driskell; Second/Mike Cordova.
3. Minutes of January 8, 2018 Meeting approved: Motion Micky Richardson; Second/Scott Gibson.
4. Guests: None.

5. Reports:

- a. Latir: Nothing to Report
- b. Taos County: Good progress on building projects. Six County departments participated in joint training in Questa.
- c. San Cristobal: Anticipate new station completion in one week. Responded to motor vehicle accident w/ Cerro, Questa, and Llama.
- d. Wheeler Peak: Not much to report. One rescue of skier lost for about 30 hours, cold but OK.
- e. Red River: Unusually quiet, only 36 total calls; some backcountry search and rescue.
- f. Moreno Valley: Nothing to report
- g. Angel Fire: Only 31 calls for January -- half of normal volume. Mitigation plan nearly complete. Council approved Station 3 plans, and will start when ground thawed. Only one brush truck in service. Burn ban still in place. Working on Active Shooter Training.
- h. Sierra Bonita: One fire call from ash disposal w/ no snow, lots of trash, wire, fences made for very dangerous operations.
- i. Rio Fernando: Four calls, one tree on power line, 2 ambulance assists, one lost truck not found.
- j. Eagle Nest: Very slow, several ambulance assists.

6. Old Business:

- a. MOP: Staging, May Day Response, On-Deck Companies:

- Discussion staging issues, problems, etc.

- \* Staging needs to be done first.
- \* Difficult on rural roads that are narrow w/ limited space.
- \* IC must give specific directions to responding unit to go to fire or to staging. First 10 to 15 minutes critical until staging officer is on duty.
- \* Issue of not fully staffed equipment arriving requires IC to be specific.
- \* Knowledge of "area" and roads critical to Staging Officer, similar to Water Supply Officer.
- \* Staging is really a basic philosophy and isn't complicated.
- \* Consensus that all departments need to train in-house and always use AAR to lean as much as possible.

- b. Update on PRC Meeting:
    - Mikey Cordova attended meeting with PRC officials and SFMO personnel.
    - More talk on moving SFMO out of the PRC, may take 1-2 years to accomplish.
    - Much discussion on problems/issues regarding poor communication between all parties, money payments, "power struggle" between PRC and SFMO.
    - No real answers, only more questions.
7. New Business:
- a. Annual Interagency Wildland Fire Coordination Meeting is set for March 5, 2018 @ Taos County Commission Chambers in Taos at 6 PM.
  - b. Wildfire Response within ECRFPA area.
    - Discussion on what resources would be responding and their qualifications
    - Different responses on private land vs. federal land.
    - Fires on federal land require FF's to meet federal standards, i.e. Red Cards.
    - Our "local" standards are basically completing the S130-190 course and requirements set by each department.
    - All departments have an obligation to protect our FF's and keep those who have physical limitations and lack of experience out of the attack.
  - c. Taos County will likely enact a Burn Ban in the next 1-2 weeks.
8. Training:
- a. Haz-Mat Training coming up in Questa (NM State run class):
    - March 9, 10, 11
    - March 16, 17, 18
    - FF1 Class starting April 13, 2018, 4 weekends, Sat & Sun
  - b. Next Training at Burn Building @ RR Training Grounds
    - Saturday March 24, 2018 - practice interior attack w/ basement component. Start at 9 AM.
  - c. S130-190 Wildland Course:
    - April 2 (Mon evening) @ RR Classroom
    - April 7 & 8 Field evolutions, probably at Joe Ray's property north of Eagle Nest
    - Deadline to sign up is March 23
    - There might be issue to coordinate with Colfax County Fire Marshall for a live burn.
  - d. Bob Coss MVD presented the "vision" of creating a new training ground on a parcel of land near HWY 64 and County Road B-8. It could contain numerous structures that would provide more interesting and challenging situations for new FF's. It would be a very large undertaking that would require many co-sponsors and measured, long-term growth. Bob will be happy to discuss this "vision" with any interested parties.
9. Announcements:
- a. Angel Fire announced a FF1 Class either on-line or classroom.
  - b. Municipal League newsletter stated that Las Vegas, NM received a \$2 Million grant for a NE Regional Training Center. No other information on this.

10. Action Items:

- a. Staging: Every department needs to start training.
- b. Mikey to follow up on PRC meeting and any new developments.
- c. Ron Burnham to continue weekly analysis of Wildland Fire statistics and forecasts.

11. Meeting Review: All agreed good meeting. There's lots to do and a busy time coming up. We have done good moving staging concept forward to SOP.

12. Next Meeting: March 5, 2018 at Taos County Commission Chambers @ 1800 hours

13. Adjournment: 2008 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gibson, Chief

Eagle Nest Volunteer Fire Department.