

ECRFPA Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2018 at San Cristobal Fire Department

1. Call to Order at 1804 hrs.

Attendees: Scott Gibson, Bob Coss, Russ Driskell, Bonnie Driskell, Chris Cote, John Murtagh, Eric vomDorp, Ron Burnham, LeRoy Gonzales

2. Agenda approved as Amended: Motion/Bob Coss, Second/Russ Driskell.

3. Minutes of April 9, 2018 Meeting approved: Motion/Ron Burnham, Second/Bob Coss.

4. Guests:

- a. Walter Shoemaker, inventor of the "Shoemaker" Water Transfer Device (aka "The Siphon"). Walter gave an entertaining description of how he developed the device covering the years they manufactured and sold the devices. It was unanimously agreed that it would be a special opportunity to have Walter at the Mini-Academy in September to view the tank farm and multiple siphons in use.

5. Reports:

- a. Sierra Bonita: 1 fire with 70 MPH winds burned approximately 50 acres of grassland; assisted at one fire South of Rainsville
- b. Angel Fire: Lots of EMS calls; Code Enforcement officer was very busy; 1 dumpster fire; assisted at Hidden Lake Fire on Hwy 120; receipt of new Type 5 Brush Truck from Siddons-Martin; construction on new station.
- c. Rio Fernando: 6 calls but no EMS calls.
- d. San Cristobal: 2 calls; one EMS assist, one false smoke alarm near Llama.
- e. Taos: Many EMS calls, some brush fires and mutual aid, total of 71 calls for the month. Discussed use of water tenders during water shortage; coordinated with Mikey Cordova on possible use.
- f. Latir: 2 calls; 1 cardiac, 1 structure call from a wood stove; assist at Amalia with an approximately 2-acre wildland fire from burned raven.
- g. Red River: Nothing worthy to report.
- h. Moreno Valley: Discussion of Hidden Lake fire possibly caused by arson in relation to other 5 small fires along Highway 120 during a 4 PM to 6 PM time window. First on scene found several slash piles burning along with surrounding grassy fuels. Took approximately 45 minutes to gain knock-down. Rio Fernando and Sierra Bonita provided move-up and cover. About 30 firefighters on scene from Angel Fire, Eagle Nest and Moreno Valley. Red River Fire Chasers took over scene on next morning and lined out all around and put slash pile completely out. Coordinated with Colfax County Fire Marshall Osborn, and notified community of \$1,000 reward for arrest of perpetrator(s).

6. Old Business:

- a. COM-Plan update. Ron led discussion of radio frequencies used by various agencies. BIA repeaters not working so they are using Forest Service frequencies. Everyone agreed this was OK.
- b. MOB Guide review. Ron led discussion of every department's MOB Guide content, checking ECRFPA website via laptop.

7. New Business:

- a. Wildland Fire High Risk Response. Discussion of indicators. Ron has been distributing weekly updates. Factors pushed by prolonged drought which has been critical since mid-winter. Discussion of implementing High Risk Response now. Everyone agreed it is now appropriate 5/8/18. Will notify dispatch (Red River and Taos Central).

8. Training:

- a. S-130/S-190 Review. Training moved from Joe Ray's Ranch to McShane ranch due to Colfax County Burn Ban. Heavy rainfall Saturday night caused shift to Red River Training Grounds for Sunday evolutions. Very good adaptation by instructors and students. Students felt they learned a lot.

9. Announcements:

- a. San Cristobal Open House on Saturday w/ food, music and political dignitaries.
- b. Ron reminded everyone that the Eagle Nest Substation was dedicated April 28, 2018 in a brief ceremony honoring Linda Davis to whom the building is dedicated in honor of the donation of the land by the Davis Family and all the Davis Family does for the community. ENVFD reports it was a long stressful 15-month project.
- c. Dispatch. Discussion on training received by dispatchers and what they expect from responders, i.e.:
 - Containment : control, out (no heat)
 - One person assume IC and broadcast that information.
 - Resources:
 - * Tracked from dispatch to fire and back to station.
 - * Standard size-up format expected.
 - * Order resources by kind and type.
 - * Normal vs. High Risk response, also "Special Calls"
 - * Latitude/Longitude format used:
degrees/minutes/decimal minutes.

10. Action Items:

- a. Mickey keeping tenders on standby during Taos water shortage.
- b. All ECRFPA go to Wildland High Risk Response.

11. Meeting Review: All good. Everyone enjoyed seeing the new San Cristobal station.

12. Next Meeting: June 4, 2018 at Eagle Nest Volunteer Fire Department @ 6 PM. Reminder of elections at next meeting.

13. Adjournment: 8:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Gibson, Chief
Eagle Nest Volunteer Fire Department.