

August 5, 2019

Meeting called to order at 17:59pm

Agenda approved,

Addendum added by James Hampton: Review some goals for James personally under Item B in announcements.

Motion to approve agenda by Russ Driskell

Second by: John Murtagh

All in favor: all

All opposed: none

Motion passed

Motion to approve meeting minutes: Bob Coss

Second by: Russ Driskell

All in Favor: all

All opposed: none

Motion passed

No guests

Reports:

Chief JC Gonzales (CVFD): a few EMS calls, reports of structure fires.

- one big one turned into 3 structures burning, multiple agency response in the county.
- The other being a burnt hamburger, thankfully.

Chief Deke Willis (WPVFD): Hasn't been very much in July

- 60+ calls in Red River and a handful for Wheeler Peak.
- Mainly EMS and transfers and then
- Mutual Aid for fire in Cerro.

Chief Bob Coss (MVVFD): It has been quiet. Other than responding to roof commandos

Chief Scott Gibson (ENVFD) Same several EMS assists, and false smoke alarms.

Chief Mickey Richardson (SBR) Quite EMS assist people burning slash

Chief Roberto Molina (TSV):

- 6 calls for the month one mis communication, campfire that they thought it was a wildfire.
- One was a search and rescue. A lady calling for help searched for 2 hours for a lady calling for help and never found anyone.

- Smoke alarm.
- One of their engines is down for maintenance in Albuquerque and they don't know when it will be back up. Transmission issues on Engine 314

Chief Joseph Godfrey (SCVFD): 2 call outs

Cerro Mutual assist one for the big fire and one for the burnt hamburger.

Chief Russ Driskell: 13 calls;

- 5 smoke checks 2 were prescribed burns.
- MVA's - HazMat
- 4 medical calls
- Mud slide.

Chief John Murtagh (AFFD) 60 calls for July 90% EMS 10% not EMS.

Finished Registration for 90,000 cubic feet of slash burning and registered for 330,000 cubic feet of burning. Going to try and continue to burn for 3 days a week as long as they are able to and have personnel.

Special operations trailer is stocked and ready to go SAR gear, RR gear, ice rescue gear, MCI stuff, portable generator, lights, scene lights.

Code enforcement/ Fire inspector resigned, will be looking for someone to fill that position.

2 went to extrication class

2 went to EVD

2 to fire school in Socorro

1 went to cause and origin

2 to fire inspector in the fall

James Hampton: County been chugging away, big notable was fire in Cerro. The gentleman was burning trash and the fire got away from him and burned 3 structures. The gentleman was sited under the open burn ordinance because he burned three people houses down. Still waiting to hear what happens with that.

County wide we had 100 calls this month without EMS department. (all 13 districts)

One of the busiest months in the last handful of years.

Fortunate that it has not been super dry otherwise we would have been running more than we were.

In Talpa, Taos Fire has been dealing with a fire bug. The last 4 weekends in a row they have had multiple fires set on Friday evenings. Pretty much from the hospital to the end of town he has been starting fires for several years.

Deke: Looking for members for hand crew with red card and a refresher done

Old Business:

Improvements to training grounds nothing much has happened in the last month. Ron did measure the door for the burn building upstairs. Tower and ladder prop getting oiled sometime in the next two weeks.

New Business: none

Training:

- A. Mini-Academy: nominations forms and announcement has been sent out to all Enchanted Circle fire districts. Command staff has been set up. Clayton is going to start to ask people to instruct and is looking for Company Officers. Bonnie mention that student material needed to be out by the 24th of August to students.
- B. Possible water tender shuttle class: unknown where it stands. James did encourage anyone who is interested in holding this class to let him know. It is a good class and water supply is something we always need to practice because we do struggle on it for every fire.
- C. NFA Classes: Angel Fire and Taos County are bringing two National Fire Academy Classes to the enchanted circle area this fall. They both are weekend classes. James did encourage everyone to sign up for these classes. They both will be held in November. The Angel Fire class will be November 2nd and 3rd the Taos County class will be November 9th and 10th.

Announcements:

- A. The honor guard was activated this last weekend in Eagle Nest for a 10-year anniversary of the Veteran and Wellness and Healing Center. James is still actively looking for members for the honor guard. Something that he is looking to do this year is recruit and get the training portion done.
- B. James did advise he is the new chair of Enchanted Circle and he did go over his goals for the year as Chairman of Enchanted Circle.
 - Keep doing quarterly trainings.
 - Hand full of new Chiefs, Company Officers, and focusing on training in IC
 - Hand full of departments that are inactive, and he would like to extend an olive branch to get more departments active.
 - Enchanted Circle staging plan?
 - Regional training on rural hitch
 - Award of recognition for someone that goes above and beyond every year.
- C. Burn Permits: What does a valid burn permit for Taos look like? Valid burn permit in Taos County has to be approved by district chief and representative from Taos County office. 48-hour processing time that allows for inspections.
- D. Smoke mitigation plan? Ordinance in place that says they must avoid smoke accumulation of the residence around them and visibility from the highways. If it's going to be more than 1000 cubic feet of stuff to burn, then they must get a smoke permit through the EPA. Your allowed up to a 1000 cubic feet of burn per day before you must get a permit.
- E. What kind of Qualifications do you have to have to be a Safety Officer for the Mini-Academy? There has never been any formal training that is said that the person needs.

There was a battery of tests in place years ago but not recently. There are no formal qualifications. Command level or general staff needs to have taken the class.

Action Items: None

Meeting Review: All say that meeting was good.

Next Meeting: the September meeting will be held in August due to the first Monday in September being Labor Day. The date of the meeting is August 26th in Angel Fire.

October meeting in Red River.

Motion to adjourn: John Murtagh

Second by Mickey

All in favor with motion passed.