

ECRFPA Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2017 @ Red River Fire Station

1. Call to Order by Craig Sime at 1804 hrs. Attendees: Craig Sime, Scott Gibson, Bob Coss, Andrew Gonzales, Richard Martinez, Bruce Jassman, Eric VanDorp, Joseph Godwin, Chris Cote, Ron Burnham, Deke Willis, Bonnie Driskell, Russ Driskell, John Murtagh, Jeff Mackell, James Hampton, Mike Cordova.
2. Agenda approved: Motion/Bob Coss; Second/Deke Willis; unanimously approved.
3. Minutes of August 8 and August 28 meetings approved: Motion/Mike Cordova, Second/Bob Coss.
4. Guests:
 - Andrew Gonzales and Richard Martinez from Kit Carson Co-Op presented an overview of new technology the Co-Op is working on to improve cell phone and radio communication. This will utilize the fiber optic system that is already in place. They are working with phone companies (primarily Verizon and AT&T) to create small cell sites approximately every 5 miles. Possible completion in 12-15 months.
5. Reports:
 - a. Eagle Nest: A lot of EMS Calls.
 - b. Moreno Valley: Very Quiet
 - c. San Cristobal: One EMS Call, one vehicle accident, one rescue ("mule" rescue)
 - d. Latir: EMS calls, one hunter rescue w/ Red River
 - e. Red River: Business as usual (busy)
 - f. Wheeler Peak: 1 rescue call, several searches.
 - g. Rio Fernando: 4 calls, including a hiker rescue and tree on road.
 - h. Angel Fire:
 - New Pierce Pumper was delivered. Factory Training on Saturday 10/7/17 at 9 AM.
 - No fire calls, steady amount of EMS calls.
 - Pump Testing finished.
 - Haz-Mat course starts next weekend 10/7/17.
 - Looking at more training, including wildland training, Engine Boss.
 - Dispatch program "I Am Responding" working well.
 - i. Taos County:
 - New tender delivered to Tres Piedras.
 - Pump, ladder, hose testing completed.

6. Old Business:

- a. New construction @ Training grounds completed. Ron Burnham said all vendors have been paid in full and thank-you cards sent to all who made donations.
- b. Mini-Academy AAR:
 - Water Handling/Bob Coss: Went really well, had enough helpers; students saw water moving, positive response, used 4 sub-groups with good experienced instructors.
 - PPE/Fire Extinguishers/Scott Gibson: All went well. Will try to get larger pans for next year; more fire =more excitement.
 - Hose Loads/Mark Ortega reported: OK, good job.
 - SCBA/Bonnie: All good, Leland very helpful. Saw problem w/ many students regarding "snapping in" regulator on SCBA mask; some in each squad.
 - Seat Assignment/Dick Wilkerson reported: All went good. New this year was talking about engine - truck - water supply.
 - Salvage/Overhaul/Russ: Went very well.
 - * Some issues with drifting smoke.
 - * Could wet down sheetrock next year (real life).
 - * Could use more props, i.e. furniture, TV, wall hangings, etc.
 - Ventilation/Clayton reported: All went good. Kudos to Tommy for good smoke!
 - Water Supply/Ron: All good.
 - * Built off of Bob's Water Handling Class.
 - * Had 2 groups rotating.
 - * Saw some "slowness" during final evolutions, maybe due to working w/ different engines.
 - Offensive Attack/Dick Wilkerson reported: All good.
 - * Noted that instructor gets "cooked" going in burn buildings w/ each group of students. Next year need to alternate w/ another instructor.
 - Fire Streams/Craig: All went OK.
 - * Need for more training on 1-1/2" hose, have more repetitions.
 - * Need to do on their knees or in crouching position.
 - Building Search/Mike: All went well
 - * Need to do more raise/lower of ladders; also climbing up/down the ladder
 - * Students seemed to be more comfortable at end of class.
 - * Ron Burnham noted that next year students need to get on/off roof from the roof ladder.
 - Forcible Entry/James: All OK
 - * Broke into 2 groups (w/ Clayton) for more hands-on time.

- * Appreciated having good space to work in
- VEIS/James: All OK
 - * Good confidence w/ ladders really helped this class
 - * Did 2 groups.
 - * New building worked really great.
- Sunday Evolutions:
 - * Some in each subgroup had trouble w/ SCBA regulator (i.e. snap-in); need more "muscle memory."
 - * Students need more training doing "things" while on air.
 - * Use of ladders was good, training paid off.
 - * The First 3 subgroups had most "problems"; the last 3 subgroups did the best.
 - * Students need to know that engine needs to stay put "on scene" in case of un-expected problems.
- Safety's:
 - * Need to be very experienced, very capable firefighters.
 - * Need to be medically fit to take stress of heat.
 - * Should always lead/teach by example; students pickup on bad habits; i.e. not going to rehab.
- Company Officers:
 - * Had discussion of couple of problems that had to be dealt with.
 - * Everyone agreed that the C/O position is critical to the mini-academy and each student's success. They need to be experienced and competent firefighters.
 - * Discussed again trying to do a class for C/Os before mini-academy. Also continue trying to get "shadows" for C/Os to hopefully identify future potential C/Os.
 - * Suggestion to do a Mini-AAR every day w/ Command Staff.
- Command Staff:
 - * Everyone agreed that the Command Staff did a great job, overcame some obstacles and led another successful Mini-Academy.
 - * Suggestion to discuss "open up" protocol for burn building each morning.
- Plans: All went well.
- Logistics: All OK.
 - * Have safety vests to identify Safeties.
 - * This position requires a HUGE effort before & after Mini-Academy. Thanks to all who helped.
- OPS: Good job.

- Admin: Great job as always.
 - * Definite need to get 1 or more shadows for this position.
 - * Two critical needs for all Chiefs:
 - ◆ Get nominations in ON TIME! Late nominations create issues with waiting list and squad formation.
 - ◆ Need every student's Pre-Task Book filled out completely and correctly. This is a great help to students and promotes a more successful Mini-Academy.

7. Rapid Intervention:

- a. Discussion led by Ron Burnham on how (or if) ECRFPA departments can realistically perform this task. No one department has the manpower/resources to accomplish this. Needs to be some ongoing discussion.

8. Training:

- a. Haz-Mat course in Angel Fire is full w/ 18 students starts this week.
- b. LP Gas Training at Taos Middle School on Saturday or Sunday, 8 AM to 5 PM each day. Check with Mike Cordova.

9. Announcements: None

10. Action Items: Everyone needs to be thinking about the RIT/RIC issue.

11. Meeting Review: All good.

12. Next Meeting: November 6, 2017 @ 6 PM @ Angel Fire Fire Department

13. Adjourn: 2100 hrs.

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