

ECRFPA Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2017 @ Angel Fire Fire Station

1. Call to Order by Craig Sime at 1802 hrs. Attendees: Bonnie Driskell, Russ Driskell, Joseph Godfrey, Jim DeCastro, Mickey Richardson, John Murtagh, Craig Sime, Scott Gibson, Ron Burnham, Chris Cote, Roberto Molina, Jr., Mitch Daniels, Bob Coss.
2. Agenda approved: Motion/Ron Burnham; Second/Russ Driskell; unanimously approved.
3. Minutes of October 2, 2017 meeting approved as amended - Change name Dick Wilkerson to James Hampton. Motion/Bob Coss, Second Ron Burnham.
4. Guests: None
5. Reports:
 - a. Sierra Bonita: Very slow month. One motor vehicle accident.
 - b. Angel Fire: Fairly quiet month. Haz-Mat class had 16 students finish. Did Wildland Refresher w/ pack test conducted for several firefighters, Chris Cote helped. Still waiting on equipment for new pumper.
 - c. Rio Fernando: 7 calls. 1 call for structure fire turned out to be only lights and a fan. Did mutual aid for grass fire in Taos.
 - d. Eagle Nest: Slow -- 1 motor vehicle accident in Cimarron Canyon in snow.
 - e. Moreno Valley: Slow. Assisted Eagle Nest in motor vehicle accident. Good multi-company training in October, did evolutions in engine ops and SCBA use in primary search.
 - f. Red River: Busy for October. Assisted Questa in structure fire.
 - g. Latir: 2 EMS calls. Assisted Questa in structure fire.
 - h. San Cristobal: Assisted Questa in structure fire. Attended propane training.
6. Old Business:
 - a. RIC - Ron Burnham led discussion on RIC (should probably call "Mayday Response"), identifying two main issues:
 - 1) Trying to comply with NFPA Regulations
 - 2) Dealing with reality. Need to protect our firefighters. Can we respond to a Mayday?
 - Most departments could do in a small structure with a small fire, but not much more.

- Most departments can't always respond with a full company that could handle a Mayday. Would need a strong team leader. Team would be needed to do something on fire ground, not just "stand by."
- As always, we need to work diligently to prevent Mayday situations; there's no quick or easy solutions.
- Related issue we all have dealt with is congestion on fire ground often, due to limited parking close to fire.
- Departments should always try to "find" a staging manager who would manage both personnel and equipment for the IC. Could help put together the RIC Team as resources arrive on scene. Needs to be a qualified, experienced firefighter.
- John Murtagh added that IC needs to prioritize goals and tactics by the number of firefighters available, i.e. "do what you can with what you got".
- Consider minimum # of firefighters to do offensive attack, considering these issues:
 - How long burning?
 - Size-up says "what?"
 - IC needs to make quick decisive decisions, i.e. call for more equipment and "bodies".
 - As always, having good company officers is a great help.
- These issues of RIC and Staging Manager need much more thought by every department.

7. New Business: None

8. Training:

- a. Live fire burn at Red River on Saturday December 2, 2017. Starts @ 9AM, going until approximately noon. Craig Sime is planning on doing quarterly live-fire burn building exercises, hopefully to encourage Mini-Academy students and other rookie firefighters to continue their training and confidence with SCBA and "inside" operations.

9. Announcements:

- a. Scott Gibson reported that all need to be aware of the major recall of Kidde Fire Extinguishers with plastic tops/valves. Over 40 million units going back over 30 years are included. Owners should check the website concerning replacement.

b. Ron Burnham relayed that:

- Vernon Mueller (former Assistant State Fire Marshall) is now with State Forestry and sends his regards to all. He is on the Review committee for CWPP's, and offered two suggestions:
 - 1) On CWPP updates, be sure to tell how Risk Profile changes/improves when activities (like controlled burns) are completed.
 - 2) Make extra effort to include all stakeholders, including tribes/pueblos in planning activities.
- Red River Dispatch is short 2 dispatchers for a while, and Taos Central is assisting.

10. Action Items:

- a. All departments need to consider RIC and staging issues. This should be discussed more in future.

11. Meeting Review: All good comments. We all share common issues.

12. Next Meeting: December 4, 2017 @ 6 PM @ Red River

13. Adjourn

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