

ECRFPA Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2017 @ Red River FD

1. Call to Order by Craig Sime at 1802 hrs. Attendees: Craig Sime, Chris Cote, Leroy Gonzales, Russ Driskell, Bonnie Driskell, Bob Coss, John Murtagh, Scott Gibson, Jessica Frastaci, Ron Burnham, Ray Gonzales, Debra Gonzales, Joseph Godfrey, Eric vom Dorp.
2. Agenda approved: Motion/Ron Burnham; Second/Ray Gonzales.
3. Minutes of November 6, 2017 meeting approved: Motion Ron Burnham; Second/Bob Coss.
4. Guests:
 - a. LeRoy Gonzales, Taos FD; NM Fire Chief's Association
 - b. Jessica Frastaci, Artesia Fire Equipment
5. Reports:
 - a. Latir: Pumper #-1 in Albuquerque for repairs; pit leaf burning w/ aerosol cans thrown in.
 - b. Taos: 47 calls in November, approximately 600 calls for the year. A lot of medical assist and false alarm responses.
 - c. Rio Fernando: 5 calls in November. 4 were related to prescribed burns.
 - d. Angel Fire: Quiet, less than 1 call per day:
 - Small dumpster fire this morning 12/4/17
 - New truck in service, #3561
 - Plan to start resident program soon. It will be patterned after Sandoval County.
 - e. Moreno Valley: Slow. One assist to Angel Fire and one to Eagle Nest on a grass fire.
 - f. Eagle Nest: One grass fire that burned approximately 5 acres.
 - g. Red River: Mostly business as usual, assisted Wheeler Peak w/ rescue of 4 very unprepared folks/hikers.
 - h. La Lama: 1 motor vehicle accident w/ stalled semi-truck.
 - i. San Cristobal: 1 fire call that turned out to be a hunter camp fire. New station construction going well.
6. Old Business:
 - a. MOPS: Ron led discussion on rough draft for Staging, Mayday Responses, and On-Deck Companies.
 - Procedures need to be practiced and do-able for all ECRFPA departments.
 - Radio Frequencies: Need to pick one that works, use State Fire if possible.

- Level 1 and 2 Staging:
 - * Staging may help to put together a fully company from 2 or more departments.
 - * Staging Officer needs to remain the same person for entire operation.
 - * Process needs to be "simple" for it to work.
- Rehab Concept to rotate 3 companies:
 - * One inside
 - * One on-deck
 - * one in re-hab
- Much better to prevent incidents rather than rescue people.
- Long discussion on using resources, who arrives first, second, etc. Whether to do offensive? defensive? "SLICE-RS"?
- Staging frequency can shift to Water Supply after initial stages of fire.
- Tactical frequencies:
 - * TAC 4 - Water Supply
 - * TAC 5 - Operations
 - * TAC 6 - Staging
 - * State Fire - Whenever needed
- Training is a big part; need to know your radio.

7. New Business:

- a. Report from Leroy Gonzales, Taos FD & NM Fire Chief's Association Meeting on November 9, 2017 and followed by leading discussion on current status of NM Fire Fund:
 - Proposal to move SFMO from PRC to some other NM State Agency.
 - Attendees from Municipal League & Association of Counties were supportive of proposal.
 - SFMO is in bad shape -- 21 out of 37 positions are vacant. Rudy Padilla has given notice.
 - NMFA Loans: Only interest has been paid by departments having loans.
 - SFMO Grant Fund of \$90 Million is gone.
 - More questions than answers -- everyone agrees.

8. Training:

- a. Reviewed last Saturday's Burn Building Training at RR Training Grounds.
 - 6 departments were represented
 - Practiced Interior Attack Scenarios 6 times
 - Had engine & truck companies, Ops Officer, interior search, getting utilities turned off
 - All went very well
 - Next training is March/April 2018 depending on weather

- b. S-130/190 for Spring 2018. Chris Cote asked everyone to be thinking about evolutions, students, instructors, etc.
9. Announcements:
- a. Ray Gonzales reported that the new tender is mostly operational. 2,000 gallons, 4-WD, and he thanked Mikey for all his help.
 - b. Brief discussion on fundraiser for Roy & Joan Blaz who have retired after 17 years of service. They have started building a new house, but medical problems have made it very hard. Roy has had a hip replacement. Any/all donations will help. Send to: Joseph Godfrey, PO Box 174, San Cristobal, NM 87564. There is a gathering for them on December 14, 2017.
 - c. Ron Burnham reported that:
 - Vernon Mueller is the new NM State Forestry Fire Management Manager Officer.
 - There are NM Fire resources being ordered for California thru the Homeland Security/EMAC system, which is a totally separate system than the traditional Wildfire ordering system that comes through NM State Forestry; then some of these agencies are billing State Forestry for the assignment. All local departments that participate in out-of-state wildfire fighting need to be aware of this.
10. Action Items:
- a. Everyone was asked to review the new draft SOP's for Staging, Mayday response, and On-Deck.
 - b. Craig Sime to work with Mikey on radio frequencies.
11. Meeting Review: Everyone agreed a positive/productive meeting.
12. Next Meeting: January 8, 2018 @ Moreno Valley Fire Dept., Val Verde Station @ 1800 hours
13. Adjourned at 2030 hours.

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