



# Enchanted Circle Regional Fire Protection Association

Meeting Minutes  
June 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1801 by Chairman Cordova.

In attendance were: Chairman Mike Cordova, Vice-Chair Clayton Coss, jona olsson, Deke Willis, Russ Driskell, Bonnie Driskell, Tim Clinefelter, Raynelle Cordova, Mickey Richardson and Jim DeCastro.

## Agenda Approved or Amended & Approved:

A motion to approve the agenda was made by jona olsson; a second was made by Deke Willis. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

## Minutes Approved or Amended & Approved:

A motion to approve the last set of meeting minutes was made by Russ Driskell and seconded Clayton Coss. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

## Guests:

No guests were present.

## Reports (Around the Screen):

Rio Fernando FD: Busy month. Several wildland fires, 2 MVC's, and a mutual aid call for a structure fire in Carson.

Latir FD: Not very busy, 7 calls for the month.

Red River FD: Not very busy. One motorcycle wreck. One mutual aid call to Questa for a wildland fire.

Wheeler Peak FD: Not very busy. One motorcycle wreck on Bobcat Pass.

Ojo Caliente FD: 10 calls for the month. Several EMS calls, 2 wildland fires, and one mutual aid to Tres Piedras for a fire.

Questa FD: Busy month with both EMS calls and fire calls.

Cerro FD: Several reports of smoke.

SBR FD: Really busy, 49 calls for service. Most of which were related to the Calf Canyon fire. They did have several direct engagements with the fire. Some were smoke reports. Two mutual aid structure fires out of district. One electrical hazard call. They did have a loss of power for a while. No phone service, cell service, water, or internet for around 10 days. Radio was the only communications. They did set up a water tender fill site out of the creek by their station and over the month filled over 100 tenders. They also now have a 40,000 gallon water storage tank at their station with a pressurized hydrant.

Taos County Fire Admin: Working on all the contracts for the installation of 40,000 gallon water systems with pressurized hydrants in the Amalia FD and La Lama FD. The Latir water system is installed and is waiting to be tested.

## Old Business:

No old Business was discussed.

## New Business:

Item A: Mini-Academy Grounds Needs- Chairman Cordova mentioned that we still need a few loads of base course to help level out the grounds. Deke asked if there was any plan to add a small Conex box on top of the other small container to add a bedroom on the second floor. Mike was going to call around and see if a box could be found. jona asked if the dates of the academy had been confirmed as the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of September, the dates were confirmed as such.

## **Training:**

**Item A:** EMS CE's- The County is providing online EMS CE's through the EMS consortium if anyone needs CE's.

**Item B:** Extrication trainings are being brought up from the State Fire Academy. The first one is in June and is full. There will be another one in August. The dates will be sent out once they are set.

**Item C:** Company Officer/Chief Officer Training- A discussion about the lack of trainings for Company Officers and Chief Officers was had. All were in agreement that there is a gap for these positions and that a course should be considered. There may be a need to have an EC wide course instead of each dept. trying to do it on their own. Deke asked if an abbreviated Officer I course could be developed and implemented to help with this gap and help relay the responsibilities of those positions. Mike will contact the state and see if we can get the Officer I course from them and begin to work on adapting it for the needs of the Enchanted Circle. Mike also asked that if a course was to be provided that all the depts. really need to push their people to attend and take it seriously. Clayton asked if we could get the Company Officers for the Mini-Academy set up now and begin to train them. Clayton mentions that an S-212 chainsaw course would be a great training for the group. Deke offered to help teach the class.

## **Announcements:**

**Mike Cordova-** the State Fire Marshal Grants this year will focus on water as directed by the Governor's office. Water systems, tenders, and Type 3 engines will be the priority. The amount of the awards will also increase to \$400,000.

**jona-** The UTV rentals have begun to be run in the Sunshine Valley. It may increase the calls in that area. Some of the roads will be unpassable by ambulance. Red River can provide a UTV with a stokes basket if needed. Questa also has a UTV with a stokes.

**Tim Clinefelter-** Announced that the memorial for Firefighter Bill Gleason will be held on July 6th. He will let everyone know more details as they come in.

**Raynelle Cordova-** Questa will be getting a new Ferrara custom chassis Engine in the next few weeks with 1000 gallons of water.

**Mike Cordova-** The County will be trying this year to drop the ISO ratings of the Latir, Wheeler Peak, Carson, Ojo Caliente, Tres Piedras, Cerro, and Amalia districts.

**Clayton Coss-** Red River has a new Type 3 engine that will be put into service in the near future.

## **Action Items:**

**Item A:** Mike will get the Fire Officer I course from the State Fire Academy.

**Item B:** Mike will get a cost on a new Conex box for the training grounds.

## **Meeting Review:**

All reported a good meeting. Stay aware with the fire danger still being very high. A special thanks to the SBR FD for all the hard work on the Calf Canyon fire.

## **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1800 in person at the Red River Fire Station, 220 East High St. Red River NM.

## **Adjournment:**

Chairman Cordova adjourned the meeting at 1842.