



Enchanted Circle Regional Fire Protection Association

Meeting Minutes August 30th 2021

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1804 by Chairman Cordova.

In attendance were: Mike Cordova, Clayton Coss, James Hampton, Jona Olsson, Stephen Pace, Bruce Jassman, Scott Gibson, Mickey Richardson, Russ Driskell, Bonnie Driskell, Jim DeCastro, Kevin Henson, Raynelle Cordova, and Tim Clinefelter.

Agenda Approved or Amended & Approved:

A motion was made by Bruce Jassman to approve the agenda; a second was made by Kevin Henson. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

Minutes Approved or Amended & Approved:

A correction was requested by Stephen Pace for the Dept. affiliation for Scott Freeman to be changed from San Cristobal FD to Carson. A motion was made by Stephen Pace and a second was made by Russ Driskell to approve the amended minutes for the August 2nd meeting. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

Guests:

No guests were present for the meeting.

Reports:

SBR FD: Mostly slow, several calls for burning slash.

Eagle Nest FD: Mostly EMS, good joint training with Angel Fire FD and Moreno Valley FD, did have one cat in a well pipe rescue.

Moreno Valley FD: Mostly slow one false alarm. Assisted Eagle nest with a car accident. Had a joint training with Eagle Nest.

Red River FD: Mildly busy with EMS calls and mutual aid calls for structure fires in Questa,

Wheeler Peak FD: Had a few hiker rescues and mutual aid calls for water tenders to Questa for structure fires.

Latir FD: Mostly EMS calls, a few structure fire calls. One cat rescue.

Angel Fire FD: Busy month, around 60 calls for the month. Mostly EMS. They have a 3 story condominium that is out of code and has repeating false alarm calls. Had a joint training with Eagle Nest and Moreno Valley FD's. Putting in for a new Pumper/Tender through the fire service grant.

Rio Fernando FD: Fairly quiet, a few car wrecks and a lost hiker.

San Cristobal FD: Mutual aid to Questa FD for structure fires, a few EMS calls.

Taos County Fire & EMS: Conducted one fire investigation in the Cerro Dist. The County Rescue truck should be arriving in late Oct. or Nov. They are putting in for 8 grants for new trucks, water systems, new bunker gear, a new fire station, and one for a new SCBA fill station. In total the amount will be around 1.2 million requested.

Questa FD: 2 structure fires. To date around 400 calls for the year. They did receive a 1 million dollar grant for a new fire station from Ben Ray Lujan's Office. They are also putting in for a grant for a remodel on the existing station.

Ojo Caliente FD: Mostly slow. A few EMS calls.

Old Business:

Item A; Mob Guide- Clayton has the data to give to Bonnie and Sue Felser is also willing to help get it completed.

Item B: Outstanding Service Award- A recipient was decided upon and it will be presented on Sunday afternoon at the Mini Academy.

Item C: Training Grounds Update- The upstairs wall in the burn building will be replaced before the academy by Regan, Mike, and James. A work day was also set for Saturday Sept. 11th from 1000 to 1300. The town of Red River will be spreading the base course to even out the ground where the hydrant was dug up.

New Business:

No new business.

Training:

Item A: Mini-Academy- Chairman Cordova requested that Dept.'s please make sure that students are prepared and have completed the pre-academy task book. There have been a few drop outs but the slots were filled with the waiting list. The hydrant at the training grounds is still in the process of being completed by the contractor, it is unclear if it will be usable by the academy.

Item B: Quarterly Trainings- Discussion about the intent and purpose of the trainings, the original intent was to get firefighters some time in heat and smoke with a secondary intent to help develop company officers. James asked that the group to think about if these intents are still appropriate or if we need to reevaluate the intent. Stephen Pace added that the addition of a wildland component would be beneficial. There was also discussion about the addition of a classroom portion to enhance the theory and rationale of why we do what we do on the fire ground. This will be revisited after the academy.

Announcements:

Item A: The Mini-Academy planning meeting will be on Monday Sept. 13th at 1800 and the Red River Fire Station.

Item B: There will be a COVID testing site in Questa every 2 weeks starting on Sept. 10th at the Questa Elementary School from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will also be a site every 2 weeks in Taos at the Youth and Family Center on Wednesdays.

Action Items:

Item A: Mini -Academy Training Grounds clean up on Saturday 11th at 1000.

Meeting Review:

All reported a good meeting.

Next Meeting:

Oct. 4th at 1800 via Zoom.

Adjournment:

Motion by Russ Driskell to adjourn, a second by James Hampton. All were in favor and the motion did pass. Meeting adjourned at 1850.