

ECRFPA Meeting Minutes

August 2017 Meeting 8/7/17 @Moreno Valley Fire Dept, Val Verde Station

1. Call to Order by Craig Sime at 1800 hrs. Attendees: Craig Sime, Bob Coss, Ron Burnham, John Murtagh, Jeff Mackell, Scott Gibson, Mickey Richardson, Jim DeCastro, Mark Ortega, Mike Cordova, Russ Driskell, Bonnie Driskell, Mitch Daniels, Leland Thompson, Eddy Wisdom, Roberto Molinud.
2. Agenda approved : Motion/Mickey Richardson; Second/Scott Gibson; unanimously approved.
3. Minutes of July 2017 meeting approved as amended, Motion/John Murtagh, Second/Ron Burnham.
4. Guests:
 - Jessica Frastacia with Artesia Fire Equipment.
5. Reports:
 - a. Moreno Valley Fire Dept:
 - 4th of July Fireworks went OK. One failure of a 3' tube, close call.
 - Assist Angel Fire EMS call, guy off roof, airlifted out.
 - Joint Training at Angel Fire Airport went very good - emphasized Rural Hitch, Tender Fill.
 - b. Red River:
 - Very busy, total of 105 calls.
 - Mutual Aid for surge management.
 - Wilderness rescues are up.
 - c. Angel Fire:
 - July 4th went OK, not many illegal fireworks. Discussed that next year might do a Family Fun Night at the parking lot.
 - Mostly EMS call, several were taken out via CareFlight.
 - New pumper truck due in September.
 - Progress is being made on new building.
 - d. Sierra Bonita/Rincon:
 - 2 lightening strike fires less than 1 acre each, wet fuels helped keep small.

e. Questa:

- Lots of EMS calls.
- Looking towards "Train the Trainer."

f. Taos County, Mickey:

- Discussed Burn Permits, plan to do with individual Fire Chiefs.
- Taos County lots of EMS calls.
- Couple of Illegal burns.
- Incident at George Bridge involving hit & run, victim had leg severed; tourist w/ EMS qualification put tourniquet on leg that saved victim's life.

g. Rio Fernando:

- 9 calls.
- Some fireworks caused fires.
- Residential alarm call, no smoke showing; strong smell stung eyes, oven set to "clean."
- Open House went good, rain-out of some kid's stuff.

6. Old Business

a. Mini-Academy Training Ground Improvements.

- Ron thanked all who donated time and money.
- Lots of progress made, but still lots to do before the Academy.
- Craig Sime did good job obtaining finances.

b. Mini-Academy Updates:

- FF Prep Task Book changes:
 - * "Coat" method for donning SCBA
 - * Identification of ladder types
 - * Dropped "knots" class, use time for Rural Hitch
 - * Helps prep students for Sunday PM evolutions
- Motion/Ron, Second/Russ to approve Prep Task Book changes, passed unanimously.

- ECRFPA SOP's
 - * Add "Rural Water Supply" to ECRFPA SOPs.

7. New Business:

- a. Craig Sime discussed forming 501(c)3 for ECRFPA.
 - Able to charge each department (\$100 per year?) in order to raise funds.
 - Discussed many issues to set-up 501(c)3.
 - * Setting up corporation
 - * Getting bank account
 - * Appointing officers
 - * Writing bylaws.
 - * Find professional assistance:
 - ◆ Lawyer ?
 - ◆ Accountant ?
 - Should talk to Taos Fire Department about existing arrangement; continue??
 - All agreed to investigate both avenues.

8. Training:

- a. Mini-Academy
 - Mickey to be Operations Chief
 - Discussion regarding continuing need for more instructors to continue being able to put on Mini-Academy, have them "shadow" current instructors.
 - Encourage Chiefs to get nominations in.
 - Ron reminded all instructors to read Russ' review of last year's Mini-Academy and each evolution.
- b. Haz-Mat in Angel Fire
 - 40 Hr. Haz-Mat Training
 - * Oct 6, 7, 8 (Friday Evenings 4 hours)
 - * Oct 13, 14, 15 (Saturday/Sunday 8 hours each)

- Possible FFI Class in near future.
 - Possible on-line EMT Basic Class offered online by CNM.
- c. Mickey discussed items for Taos County Departments:
- Quarterly Chiefs meetings.
 - Company Officer/Leadership class.
 - LPG Class Oct 21 or 22, 20 students.
 - Coming up Pump Operators class w/ Prior EVT Completion.

9. Announcements:

- a. September 11 Pre-Planning Meeting for Mini-Academy at Red River.

10. Action Items:

- a. Mickey/Russ: Meet w/ Taos Fire Dept Chief.
- b. Russ: Revisions to Mini-Academy.
- c. Jeff: 1st Aid Class scheduled.

11. Meeting Review: All positive comments.

12. Next Meeting: 8/8/17 in Angel Fire @ 6 PM due to Labor Day Holiday on Monday 9/4/17.

13. Adjournment: 1928 hrs.

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