



Enchanted Circle Regional Fire Protection Association

Meeting Minutes August 7th 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1804 by Chairwoman Raynelle Cordova.

In attendance were: Chairwoman Raynelle Cordova, Secretary James Hampton, Russ Driskell, Bonnie Driskell, Jessica Frastaci, Scott Gibson, Denise Janelle, Greg Bobick, Matt Rogers, Jim DeCastro, Mickey Richardson, jona olsson, Stephen Pace, Eddy Wisdom. Zoom attendance: Mike Cordova and Craig Sime.

Agenda Approved or Amended & Approved:

James made a motion to amend the agenda to change item 7A to be firefighter of the year nomination and selection. A second was made by Stephen. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

Minutes Approved or Amended & Approved:

A motion was made to approve the last meeting minutes by jona, a second was made by Russ. All were in favor and the motion did pass.

Guests:

A. Jessica from Artesia Fire- Nothing to report.

Reports (around the table and screen):

Moreno Valley FD: Craig Sime is the new Chief. Several small fires in the last month. Colfax County has gone into restrictions.

Taos County Fire Admin: Taos County Fire & EMS has received an award from the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for First Responder agency of the year. Several fire investigations were conducted. One was a suspected arson but is still under investigation.

SBR FD: Several calls for fires. Not very busy.

San Cristobal FD: several MVC's. One small wildfire 0.1 acre. Assisted La Lama FD today with a 1 acre fire.

Rio Fernando FD: Fairly busy. Several MVC's.

Latir FD: Several EMS calls. One dog attack. One rescue out of the canyon.

Eagle Nest FD: Not much to report. Several events in town but no issues. Eagle Nest ambulance is up and running. Angel Fire FD is also assisting with the EMS calls.

Angel Fire FD: Busy with EMS calls. They are working closely with Eagle Nest EMS.

Taos Ski Valley FD: Matt Rogers is the new Chief. Several abandoned campfires and trail rescues on Wheeler Peak.

Questa FD: Busy. One shooting. Several unattended deaths. Assisted Cerro with a rescue in the canyon. One wildland fire that was started by a cat that had climbed an electrical pole and was electrocuted falling and starting the fire.

Cerro FD: Rescue in the Canyon of a 30 y/o female who was unable to walk out.

Old Business:

A. Memorandum of Agreement:

The final draft has been completed and Mike has provided copies for everyone to take back to their governing bodies for signatures and review.

New Business:

A. **Firefighter of the Year-**

Chairwoman Cordova opened the nomination period for the Firefighter of the year. The nominations were as follows:

- a. Mike Cordova Nominated Bill Howard from Carson FD
- b. jona nominated Regan Schwartz from Latir FD
- c. Greg nominated Anthony Pegg from Angel Fire FD
- d. Raynelle nominated Austin Martinez from Cerro FD.

Stephen Pace, Matt Rogers, and Mickey Richardson were assigned to the selection committee. They will report back in the next 2 days on who was selected.

Training:

A. **Mini- Academy:**

- a. Operations: Mike
- b. Safety: Craig
- c. Plans: James
- d. Logistics: Deke
- e. Admin: Bonnie
- f. PIO: jona
- g. CO: Tim Clinfelter
- h. CO: David Varela
- i. CO: Pedro

A discussion was had no there are no changes that needed to happen to either the SOP's or the Pre-Academy task book. The planning meeting will be on Monday Sept. 11th at 1800 at the Red River Fire Station.

B. **Quarterly Training:**

James will be coordinating the upcoming quarterly training. The date for the training will be August 26th at 0900.

Announcements:

- A. Mike will be contacting the BLM and see if there is a way that we can get a cache building at the bottom of the gorge to help relieve the fatigue on responders.
- B. Taos County has been cross training the EMS staff and they have had their first technical rope rescue a few weeks ago. The training is beginning to pay off.
- C. Taos County will be hosting a Rope II class and a Haz-mat class at the end of this month.
- D. Bonnie asked that people get her info on any wildland fires in their areas to assist wit the fire risk analysis.

Action Items:

No items were identified.

Meeting Review:

All reported a good meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 1800 on August 28th due to the first Monday of September being Labor Day weekend. Taos Ski Valley will tentatively host the meeting. Details will be sent out when available.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by James to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Greg. All were in favor and the motion did pass. The meeting was adjourned at 1910.