

## ECRFPA Meeting Minutes

### July 2, 2018 at Eagle Nest Volunteer Fire Department

1. Call to Order at 1814 hrs.

Attending: Scott Gibson, John Murtagh, Bob Coss, Joseph Godfrey, Jim DeCastro, Russ Driskell, Bonnie Driskell, Ron Burnham. .

2. Agenda approved. Motion Bonnie Driskell/Second Russ Driskell to approve Agenda passed with none opposed.

3. Minutes. Motion Russ Driskell/Second Ron Burnham to approve Minutes of May 2 and June 2 Minutes passed with none opposed.

4. Guests: None

5. Reports:

- a. Angel Fire: Busy with EMS and chasing smoke reports. Lots of dealing with public. Type 5 Brush Truck in service. Will have extra crew on for evening of July 4. Have posted lots of "No Burning" signs, and probably need more next year.
- b. Moreno Valley: Lots of false smoke calls. Had issue with DOT by posting "No Burn" signs in ROW. A couple of MVAs.
- c. Red River: June was a little slower with approximately 83 calls. Chasing smoke calls were mostly false. Some compliance issue calls. Lots of smokers warned. Heavy on S&R calls, tech. rescue, 3 at Goose Lake Trail.
- d. San Cristobal: Couple of EMS assist calls and false smoke calls. Assist provided to Taos FD w/ grass fire. Had annual election with 15 members voting Joseph Godfrey as Chief.
- e. Sierra Bonita: Couple of EMS assist calls. Some shooting 12-gauge shotguns in air. Couple of dry lightning fires in Wagon Mound area. Two fires totaling approximately 800 acres, was on scene over 12 hours and saw the sun come up!
- f. Rio Fernando: 3 illegal camp fires. 1 MVA. 1 EMS assist. 1 chipper truck "fire" = dust, no fire. Approximately 5 suspected arson fires in Ranchos area, one called in as a structure fire.
- g. Eagle Nest: Several EMS Assists. 1 deck fire.

6. Old Business:

- a. ECRFPA Wildland High Response. Ron led discussion. Currently very high indicators. Slow start to classic monsoon rains. Estimates a few weeks more of High Risk Response. Regional resources are dropping as more fires start in Western US. Urged lots of caution with "rookies" in dangerous wildland fires.
- b. SOP's on staging:
  - Discussion on fact we all need to gain experience in "real world" at fires. We are in between on writing a SOP and having enough experience as a group. Could write based on concepts vs. hard experience.
  - Russ led discussion of having lots of trucks but insufficient crew at recent fire. Fully staffing trucks is a problem all around the Enchanted Circle. Need to approach with strategic vs. tactical thinking. The small number of structure fires actually hurts us.
  - Brief discussion on water supply and radio frequencies.

7. New Business: None.
8. Training:
  - a. Review of last Quarterly Training: Training at Red River Training Ground went well. Did approximately six evolutions, including size-up training. Had lots of new fire fighters. Did classroom session first. Discussed 360-degree size-up is IC responsibility, not later arriving officers or firefighters.
  - b. Mini-Academy: Took poll on potential students. Estimated 12, which is a good start. Will re-visit during August and September meetings. Will have Pre-Task Book out soon.
9. Announcements:
  - a. Rio Fernando has annual Open House on July 15. Everyone is invited. New Station has concrete work done. Had some issues with "old" plans need an update.
  - b. Honor Guard: Ron spoke on ongoing need for more volunteers for ECRFPA Honor Guard. Ask all to continue to solicit new members in their departments. New Members can attend training without the Class A Uniform if needed. Each Department needs to commit approximately \$600 for each person.
10. Action Items:
  - a. Everyone continue to consider staging issues. Review old SOP on website. Bonnie will email out.
  - b. Everyone asked to keep Honor Guard needs on the table.
  - c. Everyone should consider students for Mini-Academy and completing Pre-Task Book.
11. Meeting Review: Everyone felt the meeting was good. Topics are very important. The meetings help ECRFPA meet their goal of serving the public.
12. Next Meeting: August 6, 2018 at 6 PM at Rio Fernando Fire Department
13. Adjournment: 2000 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gibson, Chief  
Eagle Nest Volunteer Fire Department.