

**CHAVES COUNTY FIRE BOARD
QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA**

**October 12, 2026 – 5:30pm
Volunteer Fire Department
Berrendo VFD – Station 1**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- III. NON-ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. **MOU's** – Mutual Aid Agreements
 - B. **Dexter VFD** - First Due Reporting Program – James Salas
 - C. **District 8** - D8 is hosting an extrication class October 19-20th.
19th Classroom at Berrendo fire station and 20th hands on training at Rudy's
Towing. Working on getting times together.
 - D. **Updating Rosters and Truck List** – Chaves County Admin is requesting an
update of all department truck inventory list/Personnel list.
 - E. **Update On FAIR Booth – Sierra VFD**
- IV. ACTION ITEMS:**
- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS**
- VI. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES
PER VISITOR AND NOT TO EXCEED 5 MINUTES NO FORMAL ACTION IS
TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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July 13, 2026

Sierra Station 1

- I. Call to order – 5:53pm
- II. Approval of Minutes Monte – motion; Tim Fuller – second; minutes were approved
- III. Special Presentations
- IV. Non-Action Items:
 - A. Vehicle Replacement Schedule

Dusty/Anabel – gross receipts have changed; price increases
Anabel would like to meet further to discuss these issues. She asked fire chiefs to determine actual needs for each dept. We need to look at this schedule every 3 to 5 years to meet current/updated needs of departments. Meeting will be held on July 27, 2026 @ 5:30pm at County Admin building.
 - B. City of Roswell – Derek Washichek
 - a. RARA – Sept. 10th will have a few planes flying and would like a couple of volunteers out there. Sept. 14th – 20th, racing on Sept. 16 – 20th
Thunderbirds will be here this year. Issues from last year with food, shade, etc. have been addressed.
Matt Ford will be running Bravo side this year. Regular meetings will start up soon.
Trainings will be scheduled closer to race week (Sept. 9th – 10th)
Let Matt Ford and Derek Washichek know if you are available from Sept. 10th – Sept. 20th. They will ask for UTVs to be available.
 - b. ALS Intercepts – City of Roswell will meet with one of their ambulances for ALS. Same process, still call dispatch and request ALS.
 - C. Who's Responding App – Dusty Choate

County is currently paying for everyone. Looking at getting everyone onboard with Who's Responding. Currently have access to 200 personnel. We need some type of agreement if we continue paying for it all.
James Salas – since Dexter and Hagerman aren't receiving any of the WIPP money, could county pay for ours with those funds? Anabel will follow up on this to see if there should be an increase from the state.
Is anyone having issues with Who's Responding? Dexter and Sierra have been. EGP has been hit and miss. James recommended putting more thought to it and researching for awhile and discuss it again.

- D. HEN Technologies demonstrations – Dusty Choate
 - c. July 20th, 27th or 28th – Callum, from Bernalillo County, sales nozzles, hydraulic demos, etc. Let Dusty know if interested in scheduling a day.
- E. P-Cards – Dusty/Jessica
 - a. Conflict of Interest forms – need updated forms from members.
 - b. End of Year forms – P-card lists due by August 1st. Updated driver's licenses need to be submitted as well.
- F. MERRTT Courses – Dusty

WIPP is looking to schedule training for law/fire/ems. Full course is 16 hours, condensed is 8 hours. If interested, let Dusty know and he will get it scheduled.
- G. Volunteer Policy – If we are looking at implementing stipends, we will have to look at by-laws. Dusty would like to provide a standardized set of by-laws to County Admin office for approval. Policy will be revisited at the July 27th chiefs meeting. Tim Fuller – motion; Bri Ford – second.
- H. SOG Committee Status – Matt Ford

Matt would like to move toward having a Chief meeting in addition to the regular Fire Board meetings.

Tim Fuller – reviewed sets of by-laws dated December 1985.

Tim recommended following process that is in place update what we have in place to add amendments. We can present amendments in October 2026 and officially begin using them in January 2027.
- I. Update on SFMO Fire Department Inspector change – Matt Ford

Harry is no longer Chaves County representative for Fire Marshall.

Philip Rodriguez is our new representative. Dusty will share contact information if requested. County and County Fire Board can present a resolution, asking to help pass the move. James will get more information and documents to Dusty/Anabel.

V. Action Items:

- J. Stipend Policy – tabled until July 27th Chief meeting

VI. Announcements/Communications

James Salas – municipalities will continue to push to get Fire Marshal's office to Governor's cabinet. Making arrangements to meet with two candidates between now and December before legislation begins. James encouraged everyone to get involved in this process. They will be asking for support from all departments.

Tim Fuller – CVE training tomorrow, July 14th at 6:00pm at the training field.

James Salas – we will need to address tower issues in the valley at some point. Once you get past Hagerman, there is no service. Southwestern Wireless has closed.

Allison from dispatch is going to email County staff to ask for a solution. Matt Ford suggested it might be time to move to a state system. Dan Fuller (RFD) will present more information during October Fire Board meeting.

Next Fire Board Meeting will be held on October 12th at Berrendo Station 1.

Unscheduled communications are limited to three minutes per visitor and not to exceed 5 minutes. No formal action is taken by the board.

VII. Adjournment – 7:13pm

Motion to adjourn – Tim Fuller, second - Jimmie Williams