

Georgia Fire Department  
Regular Business Meeting  
February 5, 2015  
Approved: April 2, 2015

Present: 25                      Excused: 8                      Absent: 6

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:03pm.

### **Old Business**

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Jamie Cota, seconded by Brian Bechard, motion passed.
- Keith spoke to Lt. John Flannigan, State Police Commander of the St. Albans station regarding our policy of responding to the interstate. He expressed approval of our current interstate response protocols and appreciated our presence on scene and effort to maintain a balance between safety and keeping traffic flowing.
- Class being offered by State Police on apparatus positioning and traffic safety by State Police. It is a four hour course. May look into hosting. Recommended to Keith by Lt. Flannigan.
- Discussed First Response's new protocol to keep personal vehicles off the interstate unless needed. They will be staging at Maplefields until requested by other units on scene or at the discretion of the responders based on dispatch information and updates while responding.
- Discussed possibility of upgrading first aid bag with additional trauma supplies. Plan to coordinate with First Response.
- Keith thanked everyone who was involved in the banquet for putting together an enjoyable event.
- Due to the failure of the advisory vote for elections Keith met with all current officers and those who expressed interest in being an officer. Will announce appointments in near future.

### **New Business**

- Training will be infection control led by Jeanne Dube. This is a mandatory training.
- Highway flagger highway safety class being offered by Vermont League of Cities and Towns in Fairfax.
- Keith attended the dispatch advisory meeting. Governor Shumlin put forward the idea of consolidating emergency dispatching in the state from four to two call centers. State support for local call centers would also be cut with the two consolidated centers receiving all calls as part of the proposal. This would mean that our dispatch center could see changes in service or we could see an increase in fees for dispatching service. Call to dispatch times are likely to increase.
- Charlie Kuthe submitted a letter of resignation which was read by Keith. Motion to accept made by Jamie Cota, seconded by Scott Richards, motion passed. Keith thanked him on behalf of the department.

- March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00-8:30pm there will be an open house hosted by the Georgia Plains Baptist Church at the JMMY Center to say goodbye to Charlie and his family.
- Reminder to all to provide a scene update when the first truck arrives on scene.

Motion to adjourn made by Ben Piper, seconded by Jamie Cota, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.