

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
January 5, 2017

Present: 18

Excused: 2

Absent: 6

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 8:17pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Ben Piper, seconded by Jamie Cota, motion passed after revision.
- New SCBA and compressor in service. One pack was sent out for repair, came back and still in need of additional repair. Keith thanked everyone's effort to get this new equipment in service quickly.
- Updated Public Safety Officer's Benefit (PSOB) program benefits sheets. These ensure beneficiaries are indicated properly so that they receive the benefits due should firefighters die in the line of duty. While we hope not to use this, the line of duty death of Steve Lapierre last year highlights the importance of doing so.
- Keith investigated whether our current extrication equipment is up to current standards which it is. For an armored car, will likely need to call the Air Guard for cutting torches if extrication is necessary.
- Remember to circulate pumps on engines if the temperature is below or around freezing. Tankers should be dry and would not need to be circulated. If responding with a tanker and anticipate needing to pump, open tank to pump before leaving and circulate the pump while on scene to prevent the pump from freezing up. Do not use exhaust breaks unless the roads are bare and dry.
- Dress warmly for cold weather calls.
- Key fob made available to Vermont State Police.
- Keith thanked everyone who helped with Cookies with Santa.
- Active 911, Michael Baker provided update. Officers have been testing for three weeks. Planning to roll out to rest of the department soon.

New Business

- January training will be SCBA quarterlies. Looking to have a Burlington firefighter do a smoke reading class in February.
- Anyone interested in attending the Photovoltaic Course being offered in Fairfax this month, please sign up tonight.
- Gary Baker updated maintenance forms with a couple additional items.
- Acquired new regulator for air bag system to allow use with new 4500psi SCBA cylinders.
- Rolling roadblock notice on Interstate 89 intended to be informational, not likely to cause concern for the fire department.
- Keith read a Christmas card with thank you note from Christine Barton.
- Keith thanked everyone for their perseverance through the tragedy and turmoil throughout the last year and for everyone's professionalism and dedication.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by Andy Vincent, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:04pm.