

Georgia Fire Department  
Regular Business Meeting  
November 3, 2016  
Approved: December 1, 2016

Present: 18                      Excused: 3                      Absent: 5

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 8:02pm.

### **Old Business**

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Ben Piper, seconded by Jamie Cota, motion passed.
- Key fob reader by back door has been replaced, however may still be giving issue. Please try swiping tonight before leaving and let Gary know if it does not work. If on a call the key fob does not work, enter through the front door and unlock the back door.
- Light is still out in back of the station. Repairs are still pending.
- SCBA have been delivered. In service held tonight before meeting. Training on packs including familiarity, endurance and confidence training will take place before the packs are put in service. New packs will likely be put in service in about a month pending completion of training.
- Air compressor has been installed however air quality testing still needs to be done. Should take a week or two to receive results. Training will be held when ready to be placed in service.
- Please remember to wash trucks when they come back from calls.
- If anyone has uniform needs, please contact Jamie as soon as possible as there are still available funds for 2016.
- Department received a grant for back up cameras. Gary Baker is currently working on installing the cameras. Currently two trucks are complete. Remember to still use spotters and mirrors when backing up. The camera is an additional tool to increase safety and should not be solely relied upon.
- Keith thanked everyone who helped with sessions at the school for fire safety week. Was overall well received, including doing all grades and classes at one time.
- Officer selections have been made pending approval by the select board. Jamie Cota will remain as First Assistant chief, Patrick King will advance to second assistant chief, Bob Williams is appointed to Captain, Michael Baker is appointed to First Lieutenant and Andy Vincent is appointed to Second Lieutenant.
- Jamie Cota thanked everyone on behalf of the association and Keith on behalf of the department for help with both Halloween at the station and Trunk or Treat at the school.

### **New Business**

- The December meeting is typically when award nominations are done. While the awards will likely be given in the summer like this past year, nominations will

still be taken next month at the December meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, let Keith know so you can have the opportunity to vote.

- Reynolds Road has been closed for the past day and a half for work by Vermont Gas however has now been reopened. No other roads should need to be closed this year for work on the pipeline.
- Budgets for the next year are due in about a week. If anyone has any ideas for things they think we may need, please let Keith know. We are currently considering new cutters and rescue jacks. There are impact fee funds which may be available for purchasing new equipment.
- Michael Baker suggested consideration of Active911, a service which forwards page information to responders' smartphones. Discussed possibility of trying to implement for department. Features include ability to indicate who is responding and also includes location and nature of call.
- Money is available in the personal protective equipment budget. Please see Keith with your sizes after the meeting if interested in wildland equipment.
- Emma's Foundation for Canine Cancer donated a dog rescue mask which is now on Engine 2.
- Anyone who is part of the truck committee see Keith after the meeting.
- Fire Instructor I class being offered in Burlington, January 11<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>. There are eight total classes, all 8:30-17:00 on weekdays.
- Solar Safety course being offered by state in Fairfax on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-10:00pm. Need to register by January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Step Up and Lead course being offered December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-5:00pm. Should register as soon as possible. Speaker will be Deputy Chief Frank Viscuso of Hudson County, New Jersey and creator of FireOpsOnline.com.
- Chittenden County basic course has one class left on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Saint Michael's College. Let Pat know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.
- This month's training will be the annual hazmat refresher course which is required for all hazmat operations certified firefighters including Firefighter I/II certified firefighters.
- EMT class will be doing an extrication practical on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and will need help from the fire department. Anyone interested please be at the station by 8:30am.
- SCBA trainings will be paid trainings. Discussed possibility of doing a full day training on a weekend.
- Ben Piper's wife leads a Girl Scout troop. He asked if they could be given a tour. He was told they could and was asked to let us know if he needs any help.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Williams, seconded by Andy Vincent, motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.