

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
April 4, 2019
Approved: May 2, 2019

Present: 11 Excused: 8 Absent: 13

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 8:22pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Ben Piper seconded by Jeff Bryant, motion passed.
- Engine 1 is now in service. Keith thanked all who helped put the truck in service. Looking to change the headsets in the back of the truck so they are not push-to-talk. There also seems to be an issue communicating with Central. We are coming in clear, however it is very quiet. Use the hand-held mic if having issues.
- Engine 2 is gone for repainting. Original estimate was a month giving a tentative return date of around the 18th of April.
- The old Engine 1 and Water 2 are in the process of being listed to be sold.
- Water 3 is fully back in service. The folding tank has been replaced and the rack has been repaired. Currently pricing replacement lights for the rear of the truck.
- The department presented Engine 1 with a memorial dedicated to Steve Lapierre on two of the windows on the cab of the truck to Steve's family at the Calcutta Saturday night.
- Keith read an email from the Select Board regarding compliance with the new SOGs. They are expecting everyone to be compliant within the next four months.

New Business

- There is a training opportunity on April 26th in Williston. Doug Kline will be doing a class. There are also multiple upcoming fire schools.
- Keith polled interest in taking Firefighter II class. The state is looking for applications to host classes.
- Training topics for April are currently pending, however they will likely involve the new truck.
- Keith thanked those who attended Chief Corey's wake and/or funeral.
- There are safety glasses to be put with our gear. There are also some wipes to wipe carcinogens off skin at structure fires.
- There are four more step chocks on the brush truck and there is another set of irons that have yet to be placed on a truck. Keith was able to get them from Williston who was getting rid of them.
- Thermal imaging camera that went out for service is back.
- The new ram is still out of service for recall repairs.
- Tentatively planning to use the fifth Thursday in May to do clean up around the station. Plan to put in three hours and may provide dinner.

- Select Board has requested all departments include a section for Select Board concerns. They want to be proactive about addressing issues.
- June 7th-9th is the Three State Weekend in Emmitsburg. All expenses are covered or reimbursable. Applications must be in by April 16th. Security clearances are required.
- Randy Eppley proposed naming one of the department awards after Steve Lapierre. Keith will ask the family on preference of which award: officer of the year, firefighter of the year or community service award.
- Malcolm picked up some materials from the fire warden's annual meeting. He will leave in the dispatch office.
- There are mental health resources for dealing with stress unique to emergency services available in the Burlington area. Andrew is coordinating with Eric to bring someone in to present information for the Fire Department and First Response.
- If you have issues with the door not unlocking after swiping your key fob, give the door a shake to loosen the mechanism. It should work on the next attempt.

Motion to adjourn made by Ben Piper seconded by Jamie Cota, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:57pm.

Select Board Concerns

- We frequently run out of water when cleaning up after fires. The supply coming into the building cannot keep up with use.