

Georgia Fire Department  
Regular Business Meeting  
July 5, 2018  
Approved: August 2, 2018

Present: 16                      Excused: 6                      Absent: 9

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:53pm.

### **Old Business**

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Ben Piper seconded by Andrew Dunsmore, motion passed.
- There was an issue with the key fobs which has since been resolved. Gary Baker is currently investigating a new system. The keybox in the back of the station has had its combination changed.
- Water 3 should be going out for the tank retrofit soon. The compartments have been removed for repainting.
- Keith thanked those who helped with the BBQ.
  - Community Service Award: Eric Couture
  - Safety Award: Michael Baker
  - Firefighter of the Year: Gary Baker
  - Officer of the Year: Patrick King
  - Life Saving Award: Gary Baker, Michael Baker, Jamieson Barber, Jamie Cota, Randy Eppley, Robert Williams
- Will need people to help with the VSFA conference. Looking for assistance Friday, 9:00-10:00am, Saturday at 7:00am and Sunday at 9:00am. Banquet tickets are \$10 and must be purchased by July 9<sup>th</sup>. Keith will email additional information for help needed when it becomes available. They are looking for pictures from each department.
- Hose testing is on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Typically start around 8:00am.
- Final draft of the SOGs have been emailed to all members for review. Keith thanked all of the officers for their effort. Discussed comments.
  - Numbering needs to be adjusted so that references are correct.
  - No reference to a deputy chief position, as we use assistant chief instead.
  - Questions raised as to the possibility of having a cadet program which is currently missing. This is a work in progress, however the program was removed from the current version because the town's lawyer did not like the way it was written. The plan is to have a cadet program once the language can be worked out.
  - Question raised as to why a senior advisor needed to be 55 years old. This position is supposed to be a retirement position for those who no longer wish to run calls but wish to stay involved as a part of the department.
  - New requirement of 15% of calls was expressed as being too high a bar. General consensus was that the number was reasonable. The main reason is because it costs over \$3,200 to outfit each firefighter with the minimum

amount of equipment. Most members are already making that number of calls, even with family and work commitments.

- There was a wording issue which implied a firefighter under 18 could drive department apparatus at the discretion of the chief. This will be changed.
- A new addition requires that members maintain their firefighter I certification. This is made easier with the recent addition of a second monthly training most months.

### **New Business**

- Training will be pumps and hose lines.
- Fire Instructor I course is being offered at St. Mikes.
- Will not be having a second paid training for July and August. Members are still welcome to train if they wish to.
- Working on coordinating an active shooter training with AmCare and local police agencies. Currently looking at September.
- Keith read a thank you card from a family in town.
- Please show up for maintenance as more hands make the work go quicker.
- Tanker 3's pump has been removed for maintenance.
- Jeff inquired whether we intend to run an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course when the new truck arrives.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jamieson Barber, motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.