

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
September 7, 2017
Approved: October 5, 2017

Present: 17 Excused: 1 Absent: 11

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:06pm.

Old Business

- Dick McGrath passed away a couple hours ago. Information on arrangements will be shared when available. Dick was a member for 34 years with many years leading the fire prevention program.
- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Jamie Cota seconded by Bob Williams, motion passed with corrections.
- SOGs are still being worked on. Met with the town lawyer and handed off suggested revisions the officers had previously compiled. Currently still operating solely under town personnel policy.
- Consensus from members at last month's training was to hold off on purchasing the integrated thermal imaging cameras in the SCBAs for the time being.
- Fire prevention at the school has been tentatively set for Tuesday, October 10th.
- Currently engaging vendors for quotes on the new truck. Members updated regarding design elements. Many features consistent with current configuration. Also discussed possible change in paint scheme from current straight red color to black over red. By show of hands, consensus was that members were in favor of the change or indifferent.
- Keith thanked those who attended the department BBQ.
- Awards presented at the BBQ are as follows:
 - Firefighter of the Year: Eric Couture
 - Community Service Award: Jamie Cota
 - Officer of the Year: Keith Baker
 - Safety Award: Eric Couture
 - Life Saving Award: Ric Nye, Keith Baker, Michael Baker
- Discussed options for rescue jacks.
- Discussed possibility of turning room between the community room and the locker room into a fitness room.

New Business

- Pressure on hydraulic tools was increased by 15% when they were serviced yesterday. One set of cutters has some chips, however the technician was not concerned as they were not on the cutting edge.
- Training this month will be extrication.
- Members have not been turning out for maintenance and training. Discussed alternative times for maintenance. Will have an additional maintenance time at 9:00am this coming Thursday for those who are available and may not be available at usual time.

- Brittany has decided to resign from the fire department. Keith thanked her for her service.
- Discussed doing gear inspections to ensure it is cleaned and keep a log of when gear is cleaned. Intent is to ensure timely cleaning of gear after calls and trainings where they are dirtied.
- Discussed current staffing and perceived shortages. Currently not far off from past numbers and a couple more members are interested in joining. Expectations are likely to increase with revised SOGs to meet certification, maintenance and training requirements as well as to address cost of equipping members who are not participating.
- Anyone available, a pump operator is needed for Engine 2 for the fire school. Let Keith know if available and interested.
- September 11th is Monday. Be at the station for 9:30am if you are available. Jamie will send out an email.
- Vermont memorial service in Pittsford is September 17th at 2:00pm. Wear your uniform if you will be attending.
- Chelsea Dubie has applied to be a member of the fire department. Her application is currently pending approval by the select board.
- Malcolm presented a sample design for a memorial shirt honoring Steve Lapierre. The fire department will be covering the cost of the shirts. Please provide the size you want.
- Saturday is the Soccer Jamboree and Fall Fest. Volunteers are need if anyone is available. Meet at the station at 7:15 for the Soccer Jamboree. Fall Fest is from 3:00pm to after the fireworks.
- Keith is currently working extra hours due to staff shortages as three Williston Fire members are currently out of the rotation.
- Discussed possibility of getting a pickup truck utility for the department. We were fortunate enough that the St. Albans Town Fire Department used their utility and one of their members' personal trucks to bring hose back. A utility truck could also be used for members attending training or for transporting manpower where additional equipment is not necessary.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by Ben Piper, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.