

Georgia Fire Department  
Regular Business Meeting  
November 1, 2018  
Approved: December 6, 2018

Present: 16                      Excused: 2                      Absent: 13

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:05pm.

### **Old Business**

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Jamie Cota seconded by Ben Piper, motion passed.
- The vendor still does not have the tank for Water 3. They are hoping for the end of next week for its delivery. The cradle is mostly complete, but truck has been out of service for longer than anticipated. The compartments are finished and in the station waiting for the truck to return.
- Delivery of the new truck has been delayed until the first of the year. Keith has some pictures of the truck in progress.
- Keith thanked those for helping with fire prevention at the school and those who participated in the ISO test in Milton. He also thanked those who participated in trick or treating at the station and trunk or treat.
- Keith asked everyone to keep of log of pager issues such as pagers not tripping for calls or unreadable sound. Take note of location, weather and time. Chief Taylor is supposed to be at the Selectboard meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> to address the issues. Email your list of issues to Jamie before the 12<sup>th</sup> and copy Keith.
- Keith reminded everyone that the new SOG's require a 15% response rate.
- Anyone who wants to know what your training hours are, please ask Michael. Keith found out that the state changed the way they count hours for recertification. Our understanding was that you only needed to do 24 hours in one calendar year within a three-year period to keep your certification, however the state requires that all hours missed are required to be made up, which means if it has been three years, it is required to show 72 hours of documented training hours. Also, make sure to document all hours even if not a formal training or an officer present.
- Let Keith know if you have any suggestions of equipment that needs to be purchased before the end of the year or that should be budgeted for next year.
- Channel 3 is still in service. Vendor has not provided terms for renting the unit long term. Discussed removing fire department repeater and offer first response to move their repeater to the tower or looking at getting a repeater for the fireground channel.

### **New Business**

- Training will be HazMat Refresher on normal training night at 6:00pm.
- Keith read a letter from a member of the Underhill-Jericho fire department with ties to Georgia who made a donation to the memorial fund.

- Rescue tool quotes were a \$4,000 spread with Amkus being the cheapest, and Holmatro being the most expensive, just a bit above Hurst. Greater than half the present membership were in agreement they preferred the Holmatro tools.
- Discussed nozzles. General consensus was to request demos back to assess side by side. Otherwise, everyone agreed on combination nozzles and pistol grips.
- Will be voting for awards next month. Think about who you would like to nominate.
- Duke Fitness in St. Albans is offering a free month this month.
- Discussed making fire prevention announcements via Town's social media page, particularly during fire prevention week.
- Discussed water supply as many locations are low.
- Heather passed on thanks on behalf of the PTO for the fire department's role in Trunk or Treat. Intend to participate again, however unsure whether we will want to do concessions. May change offerings.
- Request made to add bottled water to the maintenance checklist.

Motion to adjourn made by Ben Piper seconded by Heather Grimm, motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.