

Georgia Fire Department  
Regular Business Meeting  
February 2, 2017

**Approved: March 2, 2017**

Present: 16                      Excused: 5                      Absent: 7

Meeting called to order by Jamie Cota at 7:02pm.

### **Old Business**

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Andrew Dunsmore seconded by Ben Piper, motion passed.
- Jamie expressed thanks to all who helped prepare and clean up the station for Gary Palmer's Funeral as well as those who attended both the wake and the funeral on behalf of Keith.

### **New Business**

- Training opportunity on May 5<sup>th</sup> in Barre. Reynold's will be holding a Lifting and Stabilization training done by Rescue Jacks.
- February training will be on smoke reading and will be given by Ed Webster of the Burlington Fire Department. Training will start at 18:30 and may run up to three hours.
- Firefighter I and II challenge opportunity on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively. There are prerequisites to qualify; check the Vermont Fire Academy website for details.
- Hydrant bags have been added to Engine 1, Engine 2 and Brush 1. When making a hydrant grab the bag and the 4 inch hose with attached hydrant gate if Engine 1 or 2. All hydrant bags are located on the officer side rear compartments of each truck.
- New tires have been put on the brush truck as well as new LED lighting. There is also another fire extinguisher in the compartment behind the driver.
- New pike pole has been added to Engine 2 to replace the missing one. Additional equipment has been acquired including hose and an axe to replace old equipment.
- Four members attended a Photovoltaic Safety class in Fairfax. Members shared some knowledge learned including how to safely operate around solar panels and the associated electrical equipment.
- Randy Eppley suggested bringing an AmCare ambulance down so members can become better associated with the layout. Andrew will try to bring an ambulance to next week's training.
- New printer in the dispatch office. Please limit use of color ink.
- Jeff Bryant introduced himself. He recently applied to the department.
- Need to clean the building as well as trucks and equipment during maintenance nights. Malcolm will update checklist for building maintenance.
- Randy suggested checking SCBA masks frequently to ensure they are clean, and sealing and functioning properly.

- Malcolm thanked Chief Nye for his work in securing donations for a new structure at the Georgia Beach.

Motion to adjourn made by Andrew Dunsmore seconded by Bob Williams, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.