

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
March 2, 2017
Approved: April 6, 2017

Present: 15 Excused: 5 Absent: 8

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:01pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Jamie Cota seconded by Bob Williams, motion passed after discussion and revision.
- Andrew Dunsmore brought an AmCare ambulance down to the station. Those who attended gained a lot from it. Pat and Keith expressed thanks.
- Fallen firefighter memorial service in Emmetsburg on October 7th and 8th. Keith polled interest in who would want to attend the memorial service. Also discussed some of the logistics which will be required.
- February 9th, Gary Baker, Michael Baker, Ric Nye and Keith Baker participated in National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) investigation. Standard investigation of all firefighter line of duty deaths funded by the Center of Disease Control (CDC). Topics covered included chain of events at the scene and our department's Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs). Keith thanked those who attended for their participation.
- With the new printer there is an easier method to scan in call reports. See Gary for details.
- There have been a few issues with the new SCBA. Keith is getting a mask which was giving issues replaced and there is a recall on the RIT connections on the airpacks which should be replaced soon.
- Knox box on Morse Drive now has a cover, however there is no key. There is however some additional information to get ahold of key holders and gain access to the building. The buildings on Morse Drive are not sprinkled. The pump house is only for supplying the hydrants and is on a tank system. The industrial park off 104A is also on a tank system however the buildings are sprinkled. A hydrant had frozen and failed. Was repaired the next day.
- May look into acquiring pumps for evacuating water from wet barrel hydrants. Also have not replaced sump pumps.

New Business

- March training will be driver training.
- Arson investigation class on March 27th at 6:30pm at Alburgh Fire Station. No cost or preregistration.
- North Country International Fire School in Alburgh classes have been posted.
- Addison County Fire School on April 29th and 30th at Mount Abe High School.
- Local professional firefighter associations hosting a class at Burlington High School on March 25th.

- Traffic Incident Management course being offered in Swanton on March 22, 2017 from 6:00pm to 10:30pm.
- County meeting is at our station on March 15th. Will need help to ensure station is clean. All are welcome to attend the meeting.
- Franklin's pancake breakfast is on March 12th.
- Will have a table at the Town Meeting. Pat suggested offering the E-911 address signs during the meeting. Please wear uniforms if attending. Town report was dedicated to Steve Lapierre.
- VSFA conference will be in St. Albans in 2018. Each department will likely be delegated a role. Our current assigned role is to coordinate honor guards, however everything is subject to change.
- Keith will have a new email address for fire department business: georgiavtfirechief@gmail.com. This address will be transferred to the next chief.
- Keith had a conversation with Vermont State Police Sergeant about relationship with our department. Very appreciative of our cooperation on scene including providing lighting and traffic control. Please let Keith know should any issues arise with their officers; they will do likewise in order to maintain our good relationship.
- Andrew asked if we currently have a protocol for rehab at fire scenes. Keith advised it is currently being worked on.
- February is typically when officers are appointed. Keith asked if the department would like to hold interviews for officers again or keep the current officers since appointments were only made three months ago. Pat made a motion to keep current officer assignments through 2017, Randy seconded, motion passed.
- Malcolm has some totes like those used for speedy dry. Asked if department would like them.
- Truck committee, please meet after the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Andy Vincent seconded by Andrew Dunsmore, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.