

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
June 1, 2017
Approved: July 6, 2017

Present: 14 Excused: 2 Absent: 12

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:03pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept with corrections made by Ben Piper seconded by Jamie Cota, motion passed.
- No additional information heard regarding the Association of National Fallen Firefighters.
- Two Firefighter II applications have been received thus far.
- Active911 is operational again. Discussed having a screen mounted in apparatus bay.
- No new news on the final NIOSH report.
- Keith thanked those who helped with the JMMY run, activities honoring Steve Lapierre and those who attended Jay's sister's wake.
- Job shirts have been ordered.
- Andrew Dunsmore followed up regarding organizing a Calcutta and suggested we decide on a month when we would like to have it before doing any further planning. Discussed aiming for April. Let Andrew know if you are interested in helping.
- Discussed interest and timing for an open house. Considered timing with fire prevention week or fall fest. Looking at October 14th.
- Discussed possibility of coin drop at Fall Fest or other time and location. Also discussed trying to limit fundraising efforts to higher return efforts to minimize burning out members.

New Business

- Training will be extrication.
- Some National Fire Academy classes are being offered in Vermont. Check your email for a message from Jamie. Let him know if you did not receive it.
- A number of members will be attending the North Country International Fire School in Alburgh. Take note that we may have reduced manpower during both days. Also, Engine 1 will be unavailable both days.
- Please submit applications for the Franklin Lamoille Fire School by next month's meeting.
- Interstate 89 is a mess with construction which could contribute to increased likelihood of accidents as well as cause complications when responding due to backed up traffic and construction equipment in roadway and U-turns.
- Remember to have a block on the interstate and try to clear the scene as quickly as possible provided it is safe and prudent to do so.

- Georgia Fire Department needs to sell three tickets for the Franklin County Fire Association Calcutta. Cost is \$120.
- New England Chief's show is June 21st-24th at Foxwoods in Connecticut. There is training available and vendors if anyone is interested in attending.
- Hose testing scheduled for July 20th. Please let Keith know if you are available to help.
- Remember to turn lights off after using the building.
- Keith welcomed Jeffrey Bryant to the department pending Select Board approval. He has served for 33 year spread across several area departments and works for the Vermont Department of Fire Safety.
- Keith ordered additional batteries for the SCBA as well as a second RIT connection for Engine 1.
- TDI, a wrecker company in Swanton, presented at the county association meeting on their capabilities including boom lifts and their substantial hazmat capabilities.
- VSFA convention is in Rutland on July 7th and 8th.
- Keith, Eric and Michael provided some feedback on Res-Q-Jack class they attended. Will try to get a demo set for this month's training.
- Houses at the end of Charboneau Drive are in Georgia however you will need to go into St. Albans and take Cedar Hill Road. Will not likely be able to get a truck up to the house. Similar situation for house being built on Maplewood Drive which is at the end of Cadieux Road.
- If there is an event taking place in the community room, assume there may be children in the parking lot.
- Question raised regarding limitations of adding new members as Jeff had to wait to join. This issue is being addressed in pending revisions to department policies.
- Keith polled interest in having another awards cook out in July.

Motion to adjourn made by Ben Piper seconded by Andrew Dunsmore, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.