

**GEORGIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH OFFICERS & SELECTBOARD
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

JUNE 2, 2016

ATTENDANCE: PRESENT: 12 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 7
APPROVED: AUGUST, 4, 2016

A) MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY KEITH BAKER AT 7:02pm, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED BY MOMENT OF SILENCE. MEETING MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION BETWEEN FIRE OFFICERS AND SELECTBOARD ONLY AT 7:03pm UNTIL 7:51pm. REGULAR FIRE MEETING RESUMED AT 7:56

OLD BUSINESS:

- B) KEITH ADVISED THAT A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE IN REGARDS TO THE 6 THAT WERE FIRED, NOT ALL HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED, SO THERE IS NO FURTHER COMMENT. THE DECISION WILL BECOME PUBLIC RECORD IN THE NEXT DAY OR 2.
- C) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING READ BY JAMIE COTA, ACTING SECRETARY, MOTION TO ACCEPT MADE BY JAMIE COTA, SECONDED BY JAY PAQUETTE, MOTION PASSED.
- D) KEITH SAID HE HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY THOSE INTERESTED IN BEING OFFICERS, BY MONDAY HE WILL SEND OUT EMAIL TO GET PROCESS STARTED.
- E) SCBA - MSA & INTERSPIRO WILL BE HERE ON JUNE 30TH SO WE CAN USE AND TRAIN WITH BOTH. HOPE TO MAKE DECISION IN EARLY JULY ON SCBA AND FILLING STATION.
- F) KEITH PRESENTED WEIGHT NUMBERS ON BRUSH 1 SO THAT ALL COULD HAVE CORRECT INFO AS IT RELATES TO THAT APPARATUS, SINCE THERE WERE DIFFERENT THINGS SAID AT THE HEARINGS. EMPTY WEIGHT WITH SKID UNIT, SCBA BOTTLES IS 13,620, ADDING JUST THE WATER FOR SKID UNIT BRINGS WEIGHT TO 15,700, SKID UNIT, SCBA BOTTLES, AND EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT BRINGS WEIGHT DOWN TO 13,900.
- G) PAT ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS AT ALL ABOUT THE TIRE ISSUE ON ENGINE 2 FROM A FEW YEARS AGO OR THE BRAKE ISSUE THAT HAPPENED TO BRUSH 1, NOBODY HAD ANY.
- H) TRAINING - 5TH THURSDAY WILL BE SCBA TRIALS FOR MSA AND INTERSPIRO, GREAT TIME TO MAKE UP SCBA QUARTERLY IF YOU MISSED IT. WE WILL DO DRIVER TRAINING, RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND FILL THE FIRESTATION TANKS OUT BACK FOR OUR NORMAL TRAINING NIGHT. KEITH READ OFF TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR DECEMBER 12, 2016
- I) ALBURG CLASSES THIS WEEKEND, FRANKLIN LAMOILLE SCHOOL IS SEPTEMBER 24TH AND 25TH IN HYDE PARK.

NEW BUSINESS:

- J) UPDATE ON HYDRANT IN INDUSTRIAL PARK THAT BROKE DURING TRAINING LAST MONTH, DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE FIXED YET, STILL NEED TO CONFIRM TO BE SURE.
- K) KEITH READ OFF MOTORCYCLE RIDE FOR FIRE BENEFIT, SEE KEITH FOR DETAILS.
- L) 2 AED'S HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND WILL BE PLACED ON ENGINE 1 AND BRUSH 1. MEDICAL BAG WILL ALSO BE PUT TOGETHER AND PLACED ON BRUSH 1.
- M) KEITH DISCUSSED CALL WHEN STEVE COLLAPSED. KEITH SAID THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN SENDING STEVE OFF IN THE BEST WAY WE COULD. HUGE THANKS TO CHIEF BOB CROSS WHO HELPED KEITH IN TAKING SOME OF THE BURDEN OFF HIS SHOULDERS. FCIFA, ST. ALBANS TOWN AND CITY ALL DONATED TO HELP WITH THE COSTS. MALCOLM SAID A BIG THANKS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO KEITH, RIC, AND MICHAEL FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND SO THAT STEVE'S FAMILY COULD ALL GATHER AND HAVE A CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE. CHUCK DISCUSSED THE COUNTY MEETING THAT WAS HELD AND HOW ATTENDANCE WAS A LOT HIGHER & HOW MANY DEPARTMENTS WANTED TO HELP IN OUR TIME OF NEED TO GET THINGS READY.
- N) STATE LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFIT CHECK HAS BEEN MAILED OUT. FEDERAL AND TOWN OF GEORGIA STILL TO BE PAID.
- O) IN OCTOBER 2017 STEVE'S NAME WILL BE PLACED AT NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL IN EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND. STATE OF VERMONT, STEVE'S NAME WILL BE ADDED IN SEPTEMBER TIME FRAME, ALSO THE FRANKLIN LAMOILLE SCHOOL WILL BE DONE IN STEVE'S HONOR THIS YEAR.
- P) MICHAEL'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY. ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND THE WAKE, BE AT THE STATION TO LEAVE NO LATER THAN 6PM ON FRIDAY, FUNERAL IS AT 10 AT ASCENSION CHURCH, BURIAL IN SOUTH BURLINGTON.
- Q) VSFA CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN BENNINGTON THIS YEAR, AUGUST 12-14.
- R) KEITH READ A CARD OF THANK YOU FROM STEVE'S GIRLFRIEND ALONG WITH A BASKET AND DONATION.
- S) KEITH HAS RECEIVED AN APPLICATION TO JOIN FROM RANDY EPPELY, HE SHOULD BE STARTING SOON

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AND COMES WITH A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE ALREADY.

- T) WE WANT TO DO A BBQ AND PRESENT AWARDS AT THAT TIME FOR 2015. DATE WILL BE SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH, STARTING AROUND NOON WITH INTENTION TO EAT AROUND 1PM.
- U) TOM FERRANTE ASKED THAT HE BE MOVED BACK TO ACTIVE STATUS. BEN MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE TOM FERRANTE BACK TO ACTIVE STATUS, SECONDED BY MALCOLM BAKER, MOTION PASSED.
- V) KEITH READ DICK McGRATH'S LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM GEORGIA FIRE DEPARTMENT. A HUGE THANK YOU TO DICK FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. MOTION TO ACCEPT RETIREMENT MADE BY JAY PAQUETTE, SECONDED BY JAMIE COTA, MOTION PASSED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CALL CRITIQUES FOR APRIL & MAY

- 1. CAR AND GRASS FIRE AT MILEMARKER 112, WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO HAVE NORTHBOUND LANE SHUT DOWN DUE TO LOSS OF VISIBILITY.
- 2. DO NOT PULL ANY FIRETRUCKS OUT WITH ANOTHER FIRETRUCK, JUST CALL WRECKER. A CUT WAS FOUND ON PASSENGER SIDE FRONT TIRE OF TANKER 1 DURING MAINTENANCE, TIRE HAS ALREADY BEEN CHANGED AND REPLACED WITH NEW TIRE ALONG WITH MATCHING DRIVERS SIDE TIRE.
- 3. GRASS FIRE AT GEORGIA SCHOOL IN NORTH SIDE OF SCHOOL. LIGHTER FOUND AT SCENE. KEITH TALKED WITH PRINCIPAL AND PRINCIPAL WAS MADE AWARE OF SITUATION FOUND.
- 4. KEITH CLEARED UP ISSUE AT THE SCHOOL ABOUT THE RUMOR THAT GEORGIA DIDN'T HAVE A FIRE DEPARTMENT. FAIRFAX FIREFIGHTER WAS AT THE SCHOOL FOR A FIRE DRILL, ONLY TO OBSERVE FIRE DRILL PROCEDURES AND HOW IT IS DONE AT GEORGIA, SO THAT IDEAS CAN BE TAKEN BACK TO FAIRFAX.
- 5. SCHOOL FIRE ALARM - WAS IN MECHANICAL ROOM 301. WE HAD TROUBLE LOCATING IT DUE TO IT BEING A DETECTOR IN THE DUCT.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

- W) MOTION TO REMOVE JAMIESON BARBER FROM PROBATION MADE BY PAT KING, SECONDED BY BOB WILLIAMS, MOTION PASSED
- X) MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY JAY PAQUETTE, SECONDED BY BOB WILLIAMS, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:36pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A. JAMES COTA III

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ASSISTANT CHIEF