

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
June 6, 2019
Approved: July 11, 2019

Location:
Georgia Fire Station
4134 Ethan Allen Highway
Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 15 Excused: 3 Absent: 12

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:04pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jeff Bryant, motion passed.
- Engine 2's paint work has been done and was back in the station, however it is back out to have the brakes repaired. This was supposed to be done while the truck was painted, however there was a miscommunication with the vendor. Lettering should be done within the next week.
- The headset conversion kits for Engine 1 are reportedly in transit to the vendor. They will be installed as soon as they are in stock.
- The SCBA compressor has been fixed and the tanks should be filling completely. There were a couple faulty sensors that needed to be replaced.
- Remember that our BBQ is June 23rd at noon at the Georgia Beach. Members were polled for opinions on food. Consensus was to go with pulled pork. There will likely be some burgers and/or hot dogs for anyone who does not want pulled pork.
- Keith thanked those who were at the station for the station clean up last week.
- If you want to buy a paver brick, ask Malcolm Baker for a form.

New Business

- Keith is working on a plan for controlling contamination of the trucks after calls.
- Training will be extrication for both Thursdays.
- Jamieson Barber made a motion to remove Curtis Boudreau and Todd Cadieux from probation and move them to full members. They both completed their Firefighter I/II course with excellent scores.
- Hose testing is on July 17th. Keith asked for 2-3 volunteers to help.
- Keith thanked those who came in to repack the hose on Engine 2 when it was back in the station.
- Pat King has taken responsibility for building maintenance. If you find any issues regarding building maintenance or cleaning supplies, let Pat know.
- The county Calcutta is going to be August 30th. Each department will be responsible for selling two tickets, unless departments have fewer than fifteen members, in which case they will only be responsible for selling one. Let Jamie know if you are interested in attending and would like to buy a ticket.
- The brushes used to clean the trucks were found head down and were full of sand and stones. Be careful to either stand them upright, or rinse thoroughly before cleaning the trucks, especially with a brand new truck and a newly painted truck in the station.

- If you have not reviewed your public safety officer benefits form in the last year, please let Pat know. These forms are used in the event of a line of duty death.
- Hose dryer motor was seizing and therefore was out of order. Curtis replaced the motor and it is now back in service.
- Pat is leading an effort to document water supply points in the town. Please let him know if you are interested in helping.
- All meetings in July will be pushed back one week due to the 4th of July being on our normal meeting night.
- Pat recognized Landon for attending the North Country International Fire School last weekend. Pat also attended.
- The Franklin Lamoille Fire School is in St. Albans this year. It is on September 28th and 29th. Anyone who is interested in attending, please have your applications in by the end of July.
- Gary Baker is planning to do an inventory of all department radios in July.
- Jeff was having an issue listening to Fairfax on his portable radio. Will have radios checked and possibly reprogrammed if it is an issue.
- Central is currently waiting for the ground to dry enough to put up the new tower. It is now only going to be 65 feet instead of 100 feet, however that is still roughly double the current height. They are also taking on additional agencies. Also, there is no longer a Franklin County Mutual Aid channel.
- Discussed the utility of channel 3. Consensus was that making the space available to Central dispatch to improve communications on channel 1 would be of greater benefit.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jamieson Barber, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Select Board Concerns

- Storage tanks for the sprinklers and emergency supply in the back of the station are still leaking.