

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
January 2, 2019
Approved: February 6, 2020

4134 Ethan Allen Highway
Georgia, VT 05478

Location:
Georgia Fire
Station

Present: 14 Excused: 6 Absent: 3

Meeting called to order by Jamie Cota at 8:25pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Eric Couture seconded by Jeff Bryant, motion passed with a correction.
- The sale of Water 2 has been finalized and the truck is now out of service. It will be shipped in early January.
- Jamie thanked on behalf of Keith, everyone who helped with Cookies with Santa.
- Voting for awards will take place tonight for Officer of the Year, Community Service Award, Life Saving Award (if applicable) and the Safety Award. All votes must be received by next Thursday.
- On maintenance nights, please make sure that each item on the check list is addressed such as making sure the trucks are fully fueled and the light tower on engine one is fully seated.
- We will plan to wax the trucks this month. We should also wash the undercarriage of the trucks on maintenance nights.
- Tools and equipment should be properly stored in the trucks. We should also remember to wash the steps inside the doors on Engine 1.
- There are dash cameras on the Engines, though only Engine 2's camera is currently working. It will also record audio in the cab.
- A surveillance system has been purchased and will be installed soon.
- No update on budget and budget requests yet. Our budget presentation with the select board will be on January 13th.

New Business

- Trainings will be SCBA for the third Thursday, Res-Q-Jacks the fourth Thursday, and the fifth Thursday will be extrication. Next month will be an extrication without hydraulic tools.
- Be careful what you transmit on radios as our channels are broadcasted online and are being recorded.
- Recertification paperwork has been submitted to the state for firefighter I/II certifications. Everyone is required to log a minimum of 24 training hours each year and at least one certificate issuing course every two years.
- Eric thanked Jamieson for his time and effort in successfully completing his Firefighter II certification.
- End of year purchases have been made including five new pagers and some batteries, 10' hose lengths for the cross lays on each engine, portable yellow

streamline spotlight, a BlitzForce 2.5” ground monitor nozzle and orange lights for our gear.

- Be vigilant on the interstate in particular as the number of incidents of emergency responders getting struck on scene appears to be rising.

Motion to adjourn made by Malcolm Baker seconded by Jeff Bryant, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Select Board Concerns

- None