

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
August 6, 2020

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

Present: 13 Excused: 3 Absent: 3

Meeting called to order by Jamie Cota at 7:11pm.

Old Business

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Ben Piper seconded by Jeff Bryant, motion passed with a correction.
- No change with the new brush truck chassis or the ladder. Have emailed Bokan for an update on the brush truck, but no updates.
- 104A is closed at the bridge. Fairfax will be automatic mutual aid for calls on the other side of the closure. Eric Couture has his gear so he can respond direct to calls on that side of the closure.
- No change in our COVID-19 response or procedures.
- Engine 1 will be out of service one day next week to have the air conditioner compressor replaced.
- Water 1 has had the tank to pump switch replaced.
- The three-state weekend has been canceled for this year.
- March 27, 2021 has been secured for the Calcutta. Please notify anyone to whom you have sold tickets. We are offering refunds to all who want them.
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New Business

- There will be primary voting at the office on Tuesday. There may be more traffic in the area.
- There will be no official training this month. Everyone is in good shape with hours. Opened discussion to members to get their opinions.
- There is a RIT class in Fairfax on September 8th, 15th and 20th. Applications are due by August 25th.
- There is a ropes course being held in Barre. It is a 40 hour course.
- New chainsaws are in and have been placed on Engine 1 and Engine 2. Water 1 and Brush 1 also have older saws. A new K12 saw has been received but needs blades before putting in service. Eric volunteered to investigate blades.
- A new battery operated Sawzall has been ordered for Brush 1.
- Thank you to all who have continued to participate in the birthday parades.
- We have another birthday parade on 8/9. Please be at the station for 2:30pm.
- After SCBA fit testing, it was noted that there is no one with size small at present. The small mask on Engine 1 has been replaced with a large.
- There will be some road closures in the next couple weeks. An email will be sent ahead of the closures.

- Eric provided guidance regarding permitted burns. When he issues burn permits, he gives the person to whom he issues the permit a four-digit number which he sends to the officers. Also, remember that even clean 2x4s, cardboard, etc. are not legal to burn even with a permit issued by the fire warden. Eric can issue tickets if necessary. Any smoke complaint from a neighbor requires that the fire must be extinguished.
- Planning to start the masonry on the memorial next weekend. New flagpole lighting has been installed. Jeff and Malcolm Baker have spent a lot of time on site work, preparing the site.

Motion to adjourn made by Ben Piper seconded by Landon Baker, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Select Board Concerns

- None

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