

Georgia Fire Department
Regular Business Meeting
July 2, 2020
Approved: 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 Keith Baker at 7:09pm.

Old Business

- Coats are in and have been issued. There were some issues with orders placed for apparel which should now have been resolved.
- The new cab and chassis for the Brush Truck is scheduled to be built in August with a possible delivery by the end of September.
- Hose testing was done a couple weeks ago. Keith thanked Jamie Cota, Eric Couture and Malcolm Baker for helping. 700' of large diameter hose and a few lengths of handlines failed. The hose will be replaced with impact fee money. Hose which failed and is being replaced was mostly over 20 years old. New hose will eventually end up on the Ladder Truck when it arrives.
- Keith ordered new attack lines using hose budget. 800' was planned for 2020. The new hose will take roughly 5 months for delivery.
- Keith thanked everyone who has helped with birthday parades. We will likely continue for most of the summer.
- Run cards will be placed in a couple locations in the apparatus bay.

New Business

- Training will be a more laidback training which will also test some skills.
- The fire academy is looking to do a RIT training in Fairfax. We will be a backup location if Fairfax is unable to host.
- Keith thanked those who helped set up the live burn training.
- Enosburg will be hosting a campus safety class, likely in the fall.
- The three-state weekend will likely only include Vermont and New Hampshire. In recent years it has also included Alabama.
- Firefighter I and II certifications are extended to June 30, 2021 and will follow a July-June fiscal year instead of a calendar year.
- In 2021 there will be no Firefighter I/II combined course offered by the fire academy. They are using a new textbook. They may resume a combined course after 2021.
- There are a couple of brush piles in town that we have been asked to burn.
- The bridge on 104A will be closed from July 15th through August 18th. We can detour on Skunk Hill Road, though part of the road is unpaved. We will likely set up automatic mutual aid from Fairfax for any call on their side of the bridge closure.
- The county Calcutta has been canceled. They are looking to reschedule to the end of April or early May 2021.

- We are still considering having our annual award BBQ since it is generally a small event held outdoors. We will continue to consult state safety guidelines while making the decision.
- Engine 1 has not had the air conditioning charged as it was diverted to a structure fire almost immediately after leaving the station for service.
- We are working on replacing our saws as they are all over 20 years old.

Motion to adjourn made by Eric Couture seconded by Landon Baker, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Select Board Concerns

- None