

**Georgia Fire Department**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
November 7, 2019  
Approved: December 5, 2019

4134 Ethan Allen Highway  
Georgia, VT 05478

**Location:**  
Georgia Fire  
Station

Present: 18                  Excused: 3                  Absent: 2

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:22pm.

### **Old Business**

- Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept with revisions made by Jeff Bryant seconded by Jamie Cota, motion passed.
- Keith thanked:
  - Those who attended Eugene Bate's Funeral.
  - Those who helped with fire prevention last month.
  - Those who attended and helped with the open house.
  - Those who helped with Trick or Treat at the station and Trunk or Treat at the school.
  - Those who attended and helped at the county meeting at the station.
- The windows in the apparatus bay have been replaced. Jim Bryce and his crew did the repairs and we believe also donated the materials and time.
- Please see Keith after the meeting if you have not received your shirts.
- The Silverlake Road trail now has a gate restricting access. Currently not locked but will need to remember bolt cutters once locked if we do not get a key before then as the gate is a ways from the parking area.
- Do not use VCALL without first getting permission. VTAC channels do not require permission. Currently unsure of procedure of how to request permission.
- There is a card in each truck on setting up a landing zone. While the fire department can request a helicopter, the request is likely to be made by AmCare, not the fire department. When setting up a landing zone, use cones laid on their sides aimed into the center of the landing zone, and if nighttime, place a flashlight inside the cones.
- May be lowering the asking price for Water 2. Keith has nearly completed a request for proposal for a new chassis for the Brush truck.

### **New Business**

- VT Gas will be doing a training on the 21<sup>st</sup> which will start at 18:00 and may be up to three hours.
- HazMat Refresher will be December 12<sup>th</sup> which is required for Firefighter I/II recertification.
- Representatives from Mercedes hose will be doing a training on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at the Willison Fire Department.
- We need to change the date for Cookies with Santa from December 14<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> pending availability. Will still be from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

- Amber presented the Town's injury reporting policy. If you are hurt on a call or training, please notify the officer in charge so that a first report of injury can be made as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours.
- Jay Paquette has stepped down as the Fire Warden. If interested in applying, go to the Town's website.
- Keith thanked those who attended the wake for Jordan's dad tonight.
- We will be updating the SOGs to require that if you are going to miss a meeting, you must email [firechief@townofgeorgia.com](mailto:firechief@townofgeorgia.com) to be excused. Additionally, 5.1.1 will be updated to agree with the Town's Personnel Policy.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to 7:00pm, the Boy Scouts would like to come to the fire station for a tour. Keith asked for volunteers.
- Peter Mallet passed away on October 18<sup>th</sup> and requested that there not be any funeral services. He was a former member of the fire department and a town historian.
- Keith thanked those who ran the many calls during the Halloween storm.
- The southbound exit ramp at exit 18 is closed and will remain closed for at least two weeks.
- It is budget season. Please let Keith know if there is something that you think we need with our remaining budget or to be budgeted for next year.
- Jeff attended a conference and the five New England fire marshal's offices discussed having CO meters for all fire and rescue members. This may be mandated in 2024.
- Discussed having CO meters in the engine to leave on scene if none was present on a call. Do not currently carry them on the trucks.
- Do not wash trucks if temperatures are under 20 degrees F. Make sure trucks are washed when temperatures warm up.
- Discussed issue of running out of water in the station.
- Randy Eppley thanked everyone on the Memorial Committee for their work thus far and the monument which has been installed. Anyone who wants a brick, see Malcolm for a form.
- Keith checked into the online store for fire department apparel. He will work on getting something set up within the next couple weeks.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jeff Bryant, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

### **Select Board Concerns**

- None