**Georgia Fire and Rescue Department**

***Regular Business Meeting***

January 4, 2024

Approved: March 7, 2027

**Location:**

4134 Ethan Allen Highway

Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 17 Excused: 5 Absent: 3

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 8:23pm.

**Old Business**

* Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept as read made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jamieson Barber, motion passed.
* Keith thanked everyone for Halloween at the station, trunk or treat at the school, Storytime at the library, filling the skating rink at the JMMY Center, Santa parade, and everything else members have done for the department over the holidays.
* We ended 2023 with 439 calls. Call volume for 2022 was 472. Keith thanked everyone for their dedication.
* The cell phone is back on Engine 1. It is a new phone and has been loaded with relevant numbers.
* Keith passed around a copy of the budget proposal he submitted to the Select Board for members to review.
* Planning to buy tablets for each truck. They will be loaded with Active911 for navigation and to document response and arrival times.
* Currently investigating inventory management programs to facilitate using the tablets on the trucks as maintenance forms. Automatic alerts could be configured to notify relevant people if repairs are requested.
* Tanker 3 has been listed for sale for $94,500. There has been interest, but no offers yet. We are considering reducing the price to attract more buyers, however there is not a significant need to move it quickly.
* Discussed meeting start times. Meetings originally started at 7:00pm, we had some meetings start at 6:00pm, which tended to be a bit too early for some members; 6:30pm seems to work. Thursday nights are still preferable for members compared to other weekdays. Discussed joint trainings with neighboring departments, however we may need to move some training nights to facilitate that. Agreed on 6:30pm as our new start time for all department meetings.
* Discussed whether to keep meetings as quarterly or move to alternating months with the consensus being to have meetings alternating months. Likewise, officer’s meetings scheduled to opposing months. Odd months will be department meetings, and even months will be officer’s meetings. Next department meeting will be March 7th.
* The hose ordered for Tanker 2 is due to arrive any day, but still has not arrived.
* Still need to make and train on high rise packs.
* Master intake valve on Tanker 2, which had been malfunctioning, has been repaired and should be working properly.
* SOGs are close to being done, though there are still some issues which need to be resolved. A draft should be ready by the March meeting.
* Keith shared some compliments he received from the live burn.

**New Business**

* The antenna on Georgia Mountain has been up as of November 15th.
* No updates on cadet academy.
* Discussed training courses we would like to recommend to the Franklin Lamoille Fire School to improve offerings and attendance.
* Training will be hazmat refresher on the 18th. Pizza will be provided. The 25th will be first aid/CPR refreshers.
* EMS will be doing OB emergencies with Sim Mom on the 15th. The training will be open to all district EMS personnel.
* Discussed doing awards earlier this year. Consensus was to do awards in March. Malcolm will print forms and bring them to maintenance next week. The forms will be due at the second training on the 25th. The consensus was to have dinner at the station. Preference for date is a Friday or Saturday in early to mid March.
* Discussed officer suggestion forms. They will be available along with the award forms for members to complete.
* The Select Board sent an email to all department heads. They want to take a town employee picture. Their current date is January 10th at 2:00pm at the town offices.
* Keith congratulated Ben Piper for being signed off on Engine 1.
* The Public Safety Officer Benefits forms were passed around to be filled out or updated.
* New equipment purchased included trauma bags for the Engine and Rescue.
* Low flow strainer and nozzles for Tanker 2 have been ordered.
* A box light for the Rescue and Streamlights for individuals’ gears have been ordered.
* Three new AEDs have been ordered to replace the old LifePaks. The highway garage, library, and town office ordered new AEDs.
* Additional hose has been ordered.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by AJ Calacci, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.

**Select Board Concerns**

* None

**Attendance**

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| **Member** | **Present** | **Excused** | **Absent** | **Note** |
| Baker, Gary | x |  |  |  |
| Baker, Keith | x |  |  |  |
| Baker, Malcolm | x |  |  |  |
| Baker, Michael | x |  |  |  |
| Baker, Owen | x |  |  |  |
| Barber, Jamieson | x |  |  |  |
| Bryant, Jeffrey |  | x |  |  |
| Boudreau, Cassie |  | x |  |  |
| Cadieux, Blake | x |  |  |  |
| Cadieux, Todd | x |  |  |  |
| Calacci, Anthony | x |  |  |  |
| Callan, Jonathan |  | x |  |  |
| Cook, Michael | x |  |  |  |
| Cota III, A. James | x |  |  |  |
| Couture, Eric | x |  |  |  |
| Dubie, Chelsea | x |  |  |  |
| Dunsmore, Andrew |  | x |  |  |
| Ellis, Issac | x |  |  |  |
| King, Patrick | x |  |  |  |
| Lafond, Cameron | x |  |  |  |
| Lamaroux, Craig |  |  | x |  |
| Mullin, Rob |  | x |  |  |
| Nye II, Eric |  |  | x |  |
| Piper, Ben |  |  | x |  |
| Wagner, Ken | x |  |  |  |
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**Guests**

None