**Georgia Fire and Rescue Department**

***Regular Business Meeting***

January 5, 2023

Approved: April 6, 2023

**Location:**

4134 Ethan Allen Highway

Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 16 Excused: 6 Absent: 2

Meeting called to order by Pat King at 8:00pm.

**Old Business**

* Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept with changes made by Jamieson Barber seconded by Jeff Bryant, motion passed.
* Pat thanked, on behalf of Keith Baker, those who helped with fire prevention at the school. Pat shared a story of a student who recognized a family member who needed assistance and dialed 911 emphasizing the importance of fire prevention training. Additional thanks to those who helped with the training at Century Arms.
* Pat thanked everyone for their help with the open house and memorial dedication.
* Pat also thanked and recognized Malcolm Baker and Ric Nye for their 50 years of service that was recognized at the memorial dedication.
* The fire and rescue budget has been presented to the select board, however a final proposed town budget has not yet been released. There has also been discussion around increasing contributions to the reserve fund, particularly given the increase cost of borrowing money.
* The new truck is currently scheduled to be delivered in May provided there are no further delays.

**New Business**

* Landon Baker, Ryan Beloin, and Curtis Boudreau are all moving out of town and will no longer be members. Pat thanked them on behalf of Keith for their years of service. Pat also thanked those who arranged for a potluck and going away gathering.
* Discussed the need for recruitment as we have had three active members departing as they are moving out of town.
* The fire extinguisher company who services the station stated that they would be willing to provide extinguishers for training purposes.
* Pat thanked those who helped with a Girl Scout event at the station.
* Pat thanked those who helped roll the trucks out of the station for the Santa convoy and Jamie Cota for bringing Santa to the school for the pancake breakfast.
* For EMS members, if you have not already done so, please complete your protocol trainings as soon as possible. The state requires these trainings be completed by the end of January at the latest. Also be mindful of when you are due to recertify.
* Northwest Medical Center did a pediatric respiratory crash course which is on Vector. Jamieson will be assigning the recording as a training for members.
* Training on January 26th will tentatively be CPR recertification and infection control.
* Chelsea has been working on merging the SOGs for the Fire Department and First Response. She provided an update and tentative timeline to have a draft for review by members at the next meeting in April.
* The EMS district will be holding board elections in March if anyone is interested.
* Trainings for the first quarter of the year include utility emergencies, first aid, ambulance walkaround and SCBA basketball.
* A Pump Apparatus Driver Operator (PADO) course will be held in Fairfax. Make sure to read the course requirements carefully and get applications in as soon as possible.
* The ladder truck had its annual ladder inspection and passed.
* A lot of new equipment has been ordered including some that have come in and others which are still awaiting delivery. Ordered three new thermal imaging cameras, a battery-operated ventilation fan, hose, fittings, lights, fire prevention supplies, equipment for the new truck, pump packs, water cans, pagers, and portables and a number of Milwaukee tools.
* Minimum wage employees will be receiving an increase according to the state minimum wage. All other employees should see a similar rate accordingly.
* Eric circulated a form for suggestions for the chief to consider for fire officer appointments.
* Discussed award nominations. Tentatively planning to open nominations next Thursday until the end of January.

Motion to adjourn made by Jamie Cota seconded by Jamieson Barber, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

**Select Board Concerns**

* None

**Attendance**

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| **Member** | **Present** | **Excused** | **Absent** | **Note** |
| Baker, Gary | x |  |  |  |
| Baker, Keith |  | x |  |  |
| Baker, Landon |  | x |  |  |
| Baker, Malcolm | x |  |  |  |
| Baker, Michael | x |  |  |  |
| Baker, Owen |  | x |  |  |
| Barber, Jamieson | x |  |  |  |
| Beloin, Ryan |  | x |  |  |
| Bryant, Jeffrey | x |  |  |  |
| Boudreau, Cassie | x |  |  |  |
| Boudreau, Curtis |  | x |  |  |
| Cadieux, Blake | x |  |  |  |
| Cadieux, Todd | x |  |  |  |
| Calacci, Anthony | x |  |  |  |
| Callan, Jonathan | x |  |  |  |
| Cota III, A. James | x |  |  |  |
| Couture, Eric | x |  |  |  |
| Dubie, Chelsea | x |  |  |  |
| Dunsmore, Andrew | x |  |  |  |
| Hathaway, Jeffrey |  |  | x |  |
| King, Patrick | x |  |  |  |
| Lamaroux, Craig |  | x |  |  |
| Nye II, Eric |  |  | x |  |
| Piper, Ben | x |  |  |  |
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**Guests**

None