**Georgia Fire and Rescue Department**

***Regular Business Meeting***

April 6, 2023

Approved: July 6, 2023

**Location:**

4134 Ethan Allen Highway

Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 17 Excused: 5 Absent: 2

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 8:37pm.

**Old Business**

* Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept with a correction made by Ben Piper seconded by Jamison Barber, motion passed.
* The new full-time employee has been approved and ads have been published in multiple places starting today. The tentative start date is June 1st. The plan is to have a two-stage interview process with a panel of members for the first interview, and the second comprising an interview with the chief and one or more select board members. Keith thanked those who were at the station for the open meeting ahead of town meeting day.
* Last year’s proposed budget was approved largely in line with the previous year’s budget with increases to be compliant with minimum wage increases. The reserve fund contribution was not changed.
* The new tanker is in the build queue. The build process should take a month or two. We may look at addressing any rust or corrosion that should be taken care of on Tanker 1 before Tanker 3 is sold after the new truck arrives.
* The heater in the apparatus bay has been replaced. Curtis and his dad did most of the work. Both heaters have now been replaced.
* AC in Engine 1 is not working properly. Will be serviced to restore operation.
* Most of the new tools, including the Milwaukee tools, have been put on the trucks and are now in service. Keith thanked Eric Couture and everyone else who helped order and place the equipment in service.

**New Business**

* Keith announced that the fire officers will remain the same as last year. Keith did ask for those who were interested in being officers, and the only responses were from the current officers who expressed a willingness to keep their existing roles.
* Battery operated fans, RIT pack for the ladder, two SCBA, hose, and nozzles for the new truck are all on order.
* SCBA were flow tested and passed, and members were fit tested.
* April training will be driver training.
* Reynolds is hosting an extrication training. The training is Friday, May 19th or Saturday May 20th in Berlin.
* NETS has received a contract through the state of Vermont for EMS continuing education training which Chelsea has forwarded to EMS members. The district is looking into hosting a training in Franklin County.
* High performance CPR is being hosted by District 3 through NETS quarterly at Global Foundries campus. EMS providers who were due to recertify have done so. Jamieson reminded everyone who has not done so to also renew their state licenses via LIGHTS.
* There is an EMT course on Mondays and Thursdays in St. Albans for those who need CE hours.
* Chelsea forwarded a consolidated list of trainings from a variety of sources to EMS members.
* Chelsea provided some updates from EMS district meeting. There was discussion to host a comprehensive refresher course in the fall. The medical director suggested rotating through local agency stations for monthly case reviews. The district currently does not have a training officer, however three people have been nominated. They are looking for feedback from agencies. Please send any feedback you have to Jamieson.
* Next EMS training is Monday, April 17th on anaphylaxis.
* The Northwestern Medical Center ER is being renovated, so the ER entrance has been moved to the opposite side of the hospital.
* There are multiple regional fire schools which are accepting applications. See the dispatch office and/or the state fire academy website for more information.
* The maple festival is the last weekend in April. We are sending at least one but may send two trucks for the parade on Sunday, April 30th.
* Operation Mayday is May 13th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. It is an open house part of a recruitment drive being led by the state. We are planning to set up a few stations similar to the firefighter for a day event.
* Chet Devaney Sr. passed away on March 8th. There were no services at the time, though there may be services this spring. His family has some brush they would like us to burn for them.
* The generator is out of service. Todd has made multiple unsuccessful attempts to arrange for service.
* Discussed changes to the response order. If a driver is available, we are considering sending the ladder truck first due to structure fires and building alarms. Response should not be delayed to wait for a driver. If no driver is available, Engine 1 should still respond first due.
* New pack pumps have been put on Tanker 1 and the Rescue truck.
* The new tanker will give options to use the truck as a tanker or as a relay pumper. It can also supply two SCBA personnel.

Motion to adjourn made by Andrew Dunsmore seconded by Jamie Cota, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:23pm.

**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