**Georgia Fire and Rescue Department**

***Regular Business Meeting***

July 6, 2023

Approved: October 5, 2023

**Location:**

4134 Ethan Allen Highway

Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 16 Excused: 4 Absent: 1

Meeting called to order by Keith Baker at 7:50pm.

**Old Business**

* Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Ben Piper seconded by Blake Cadieux, motion passed.
* Final inspection for the new truck is this Sunday/Monday. The truck will likely be at Desorcies within the next couple weeks with delivery in early to mid-August. The new truck may be lacking some hose and therefore may lack some functions as an engine until the new hose arrives.
* An offer was made to an applicant for the full-time firefighter position, who has tentatively indicated they intend to accept, however we are waiting on an official response. Start date may be early August.
* Discussed change from monthly to quarterly meetings. Feedback was that the current quarterly meeting format is preferred. Also discussed potentially changing meeting night from Thursday to another night, such as Monday, to open opportunities to train with mutual aid agencies.
* Discussed ongoing issues with recruitment. Most of the department was present for Operation Mayday, however no members of the public attended.
* SOGs are almost ready for review by members of the department. Discussed the residency requirement and options for increasing membership without taking members from neighboring departments.
* Ladder and engine pump testing was completed, and both passed.

**New Business**

* July training will be extrication dependent on acquisition of vehicles and getting tools repaired.
* July EMS training will be the 17th and will cover overdoses.
* Check the state fire academy website regularly for training opportunities.
* There will be an EMS motor skill psychomotor exam on July 15th, and they are looking for proctors.
* Jamie Cota has submitted his resignation as a full-time firefighter after 30 years of service. He has offered to stay involved as an advisor.
* Keith thanked those who participated in the Maple Festival and 4th of July Parades.
* Keith read a thank you from a patient’s family from a call to which we responded.
* Engine 1 and the spreaders on Engine 1 are out of service. The truck may be out of service for a week or more. Rescue 1 will respond first due for accidents if no fire hazards are reported. The rescue should not be used for other purposes until the Engine is placed back in service.
* Andrew has received a few requests for burning some brush piles.

Motion to adjourn made by Todd Cadieux seconded by Ben Piper, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

**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 |  |  |  |
| Cota III, A. James |  | x |  |  |
| Couture, Eric | x |  |  |  |
| Dubie, Chelsea |  | x |  |  |
| Dunsmore, Andrew | x |  |  |  |
| Ellis, Isaac | x |  |  |  |
| King, Patrick | x |  |  |  |
| Lamaroux, Craig |  | x |  |  |
| Nye II, Eric |  |  | x |  |
| Piper, Ben | x |  |  |  |
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**Guests**

None