**Georgia Fire and Rescue Department**

***Regular Business Meeting***

October 5, 2023

Approved: January 4, 2024

**Location:**

4134 Ethan Allen Highway

Georgia, VT 05478

Present: 15 Excused: 2 Absent: 5

Meeting called to order by Pat King at 7:36pm.

**Old Business**

* Minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary. Motion to accept made by Ben Piper seconded by Jamieson Barber, motion passed.
* No update on the SOGs.
* Hose testing was on the 22nd. Pat thanked Gary, Pat, Rob, and Keith for helping. There were very few failures this year.
* The new tanker went into service at the beginning of August. Pat thanked the committee for their hard work.
* Most of the hose that failed was supply hose which was loaded onto the new tanker while we wait for the hose that was ordered for it in January. The supply hose has been removed from the tanker until the new hose arrives.
* Jeff Bryant is back from his leave of absence.
* Rob Mullin is our new full-time firefighter who started August 7th.
* Pat thanked those who attended and helped with Soccer Jamboree and Fall Fest.
* The grant which was originally funding the Georgia Mountain radio tower project was revoked which delayed the project. The tower should be operational by November 1st. System may eventually be upgraded to simulcast.

**New Business**

* Training will be using the burn house on the 19th and the 26th will be working on preparing the structure for live burns. Discussed date for the burn and the additional work which needs to be done. Setup for the burn will be December 16th, and the burn will occur on December 17th.
* Make sure to check SCBA and other equipment carefully after training.
* Make sure compartments on the trucks are shut tight. We have had doors open unexpectedly.
* Do not put anything on or around the jacks on the ladder truck. Likewise, do not stay on the ladder unless you have a reason to be there.
* Respect your trainers whether in-house or outside. Unless there is a safety concern, save criticism for discussion after the training and be respectful when doing so.
* There is a BLS Airway training on Vector for EMS personnel to be completed prior to the next training meeting on the 16th. Chelsea will run the training on the 16th. Planning to do OB emergencies in November. There will be a corresponding training on Vector to be completed prior to that training.
* There was a lack of attendance from Franklin County departments at the Franklin Lamoille training which was discussed at the last county meeting.
* Registration for the state cadet academy opens soon.
* Fire prevention week is next week. We will be doing our sessions at the school on Thursday. Email Pat if you are available to help.
* Friday the 13th will be Storytime at the library. Rob is planning to attend, but other volunteers are encouraged.
* Yearly fire extinguisher training at Century Arms will be the week of the 16th though a specific date has not been set yet.
* Test tones on Monday and Friday nights will be done for all departments as a single sequence of tones instead of separate tones and messages.
* The 2024 three state weekend will be June 23rd and 24th.
* VSFA has two funeral kits. Also, there is a VSFA death benefit for members of $1,200.
* Discussed moving maintenance to December 7th and having a potluck on December 14th to celebrate Jamie’s retirement and 30 years of service. Begins at 5:00pm with dinner to start at 6:00pm.
* No updates regarding selling Tanker 3.
* Let Eric know if you have any free time and want to help work on the Connex boxes. They will be painted this week.

Motion to adjourn made by Todd Cadieux seconded by Ben Piper, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

**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, Issac | x |  |  |  |
| King, Patrick | x |  |  |  |
| Lamaroux, Craig |  |  | x |  |
| Mullin, Rob |  |  | x |  |
| Nye II, Eric |  |  | x |  |
| Piper, Ben | x |  |  |  |
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**Guests**

None