

Northwest Georgia Fire Chiefs Association

MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: 25 July 2017; 18:00

Location: Cherokee Co. Fire Training Center

Scribe: Byron Sutton, Secretary

Welcome: Chief Mitchell welcomed everyone to Cherokee Co. and thanked FireLine, Inc. for supplying the meal.

Meeting Called to Order: @ 18:06 with Pledge to our National Colors. Invocation/Blessing of the meal by Chaplain Chief King.

Presentation: Vince

- FireLine has delivered several EOne apparatus to Cherokee Co. 3 of these apparatus were available for review immediately following the meeting

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes were emailed to the membership, as well as additional copies spread upon the tables at this meeting. Minutes were accepted and passed (see Treasurer's Report)

Treasurer's Report: Chief McGhee

- \$9,688.53 beginning balance
- \$280 deposit
- \$0 deductions
- \$9,968.53 ending balance
- 74 current paid members
- 9 sustaining members
- 4 scholarships will be awarded at the conference in August.
- Minutes of last meeting and Treasurer's report were included together in a motion to accept as presented by Chief Ballew and 2nd from Capt. Tanner. All in favor.

Old Business:

New Business: Chief McGhee made motion to offer the same 4 scholarships for the coming year with 2nd by Chief Ballew. All in favor; motion passed.

REPORTS from committees and other organizations –

Georgia Fire Standards & Training Council:

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Georgia Public Safety Training Center:

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Georgia Fire Academy: Millirons

- Thanked everyone who came out to the open house. Turn out wasn't what they had hoped it would be
- Firefighter weekend is coming up September 16 – 17
- Looking for departments who want to start a volunteer online class. Class will be online with skills to be on Saturday every 2 weeks

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- Discussion about starting up the regional academies again
- Will begin having weekend classes beginning the 2nd weekend in October at GPSTC
- Any student wishing to test for NPQ must have a GPSTC registration #

Georgia State Firefighters Association: Chief McGhee

- Reminded everyone of the upcoming conference in August and encouraged everyone to attend

Georgia Fire Chiefs Association: Chief Singletary, Chief King, Capt. Tanner

- Advised the First Net info has been sent to the Governor for his signature. No word yet on his intention
- 15 applications for Chiefs certification to be awarded at the conference
- Fire Fatality Taskforce continues to work on an educational component for the fire departments across the state
- Reminded everyone of the NGPL classes available. Several are slated for South GA, but few are being taught right now in N. GA. Contact Chief Singletary of the GA Fire Academy if you wish to host a class
- Mentioned there may possibly be some changes coming to the 'Safe Haven Law' (law concerning dropping off an unwanted child in GA)
- Update on Cancer Law at the upcoming conference

Georgia State FF Pension Fund: David Luther

- Reminded everyone of the 1% COLA at the first of the July
- Market is doing good
- Hope to have the 3rd field position filled soon

Georgia Mutual Aid Group/Mutual Aid Group Area 1: Capt. Tanner

- Next GMAG meeting will be at the conference and encouraged everyone to attend
- Encouraged all fire chiefs to log into Mutual Aid Net and update resources

Georgia Search and Rescue:

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Georgia Emergency Management Agency:

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Tri-State Mutual Aid: Chief McGhee

- Thanked those who participated in the cross state training that was recently offered in TN.

GA TIME Task Force: Chief Sutton

- Recently attended the quarterly meeting in Gainesville and heard presentation from Batt. Chief in charge of the I85 bridge fire and collapse and the challenges they and all the responders faced.
- Mentioned upcoming training in Gilmer Co., September 13 for anyone needing the TIM class

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- Mentioned a new device being tested for alerting highway workers of a vehicle intrusion into the work zone called [SonoBlaster](#) (click to see the YouTube video).
- Advised of the upcoming TIME Task Force Conference to be held in Cordele, GA. Nov. 5-7

Sustaining Members Present:

- NAFECO – Present
- 1-800-Board-Up/Terry Farrell – Present
- GA Fire Rescue – Absent
- Fireline – Present
- Bennett Fire Products – Present
- Transafe – Absent
- FireMaster – Absent
- Marion Environmental – Absent
- Diesel Plus – Absent
- Interstate Batteries – Absent
- Dalton Communications - Absent

Good of the Order:

- Next meeting is postponed until September due to the Fire Service Conference. Everyone is encouraged to attend the various meetings at the conference. In need of a host for the September meeting.

Adjournment: Members were adjourned to the parking lot to review the EOne apparatus sold to Cherokee by FireLine, Inc.