



Gilford Fire-Rescue

Stephen M. Carrier, Chief Bradley A. Ober, Deputy Chief

Community, Safety, Professional Service

Board of Fire Engineer's Meeting

March 17, 2020

0830 hrs

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Agenda

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of Previous Meetings - February 19, 2020 and February 21, 2020

Report of the Fire Chief

Activities

- Attended services for Ret. Franklin Fire Chief Lachapelle's father.
- Conducted a number of hands on training sessions at the Training Facility.
- Conducted a few inspections.
- Attended a Selectmen's meeting.
- Attended a Department Manager's meeting.
- Took 4 days of vacation.
- Attended a MACE meeting regarding activities surrounding the Covid 19 outbreak.
- Attended a NHAFC monthly meeting in Boscawen.
- Attended a meeting at Laconia MS to discuss the possibility of establishing an acute care center on that site.
- Attended a special Selectmen's meeting regarding Covid 19.
- Listened in on several State conference calls regarding Covid 19.
- Cancelled an out of state trip to Burlington, VT (assessment center assistance).

Budget

- 2020 Budget
 - A project that was not budgeted or predicted, but must be completed is to raise the 2 ambulance overhead doors. A new ambulance on a 4 wheel drive chassis with liquid springs will not fit in our current doors. Estimate \$5,000 project.

Personnel

- FF Nate Hanson has resigned due to health reasons. He and his family are fine. He has taken a job in Franconia with the Adaptive Ski Program at Cannon.
- New budget includes 2 new firefighters. Advertised to hire 3 firefighters.

Activity Log: January – February 2020 and March to date:

- At the end of February we were 50+ calls behind the first two months of 2019. Both Jan and Feb of 2019 were record high incident counts for each month.
- March 2020 (through 3/15) – 59 incidents. On pace to do 122. Average March is 115.
- Covid 19 – no incidents. We know of 2 people tested in Gilford and were negative.

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Training

- Conducting shift training with each shift at the Training Facility over the next 3-4 months. Pulling and advancing hose lines. Basics. Hands-on.

Operations

- Policies and Procedures
 - Deputy Ober has reorganized, cleaned up, and updated our policies, procedures, and directives. They are easily accessed electronically.
 - Covid 19 – There has been a tremendous amount of information sharing, coordinating, and meetings regarding the virus since last Monday. We are very concerned for the potential workforce implications the disease may have if it hits us. We do expect the numbers to increase before they decrease. We are working closely with our mutual aid partners, the Public Health Network, and State authorities. I have regular contact with the Town Administrator and with Superintendent of Schools Kirk Beitler.

Deputy Chief's Report

Fire Prevention

Inspections

Vehicle Maintenance

- Engine 3 – light tower and voltage issue.
- Ambulance 2 – paint.

EMS

- Recertification and relicensing are underway. Most have completed the process.

Call Department

- 3 new members. Orientation process has begun.

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Old Business

- Non-public session to discuss a personnel issue.

New Business

- Ambulance Bids

Other Business

Next Meeting: April 21, 2020 0830 hrs., Gilford Fire-Rescue
Adjournment

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