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**HART COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 1, 2014**

**STATION 1**

**6:30 P.M.**

 The Hart County Fire Board met for the regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2014 at

Station 1 beginning at 6:30p.m. Fire Board members present were:

Charlie Pierce – Station 1

David Howbert – Station 2

Joey Dorsey – Station 3

Mike Bailey – Station 5

Mike Milford – Station 6

Scott Mabry – Station 7

Marshall Norton – Station 8

Firefighters present were:

Assistant Chief Stephen Ayers

Kinsey Craft – Station 5

Dustin Carruth – Station 1

Casey Robinson – Station 1

Keith Wicker – Station 1

Marshall Norton opened the meeting and served as Chairman

Mike Milford moved to approve the agenda. Mike Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Mike Milford moved to approve the minutes from the October 2014 meeting. Mike Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Station Reports:

Station 1 – New officers at the station

Station 2 – Nothing to report

Station 3 – Verizon Jet Packs and the phone line are not compatible with the alarm system at

 Station 3. They will need to get with Chief Byrum to seek an alternative matter.

 Working with City of Royston to get a hydrant installed at Station 8. Expressed

 concerns over firefighters cancelling stations to calls that they are not assigned to.

Station 4 – No member present

Station 5 – Ladder 5 is in the station and looks very good. Natural gas has been installed at the

 station.

Station 6 – Building is in need of repair. Boxing is in need of paint and some replacement. Also

 need natural gas installed.

Station 7 – New officers at the station. Also working on remodeling the station

Station 8 – Nothing to report

Station 9 – No member present

Christmas parade is Friday, December 5, 2014 at 6:45 starting at the old Bell’s shopping center. Trucks need to be at the shopping center at 5:45. The following trucks need to be there:

Engine 1

Engine 2

Engine 3

Engine 4

Ladder 5

Engine 6

Engine 7

Tanker 81

Three-four map books were provided to the Fire Board to look over

Christmas dinner will be Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 6:30 at Pleasant Grove Church.

Fire paychecks are being worked on and Chief Byrum will let everyone know when they are ready

Need new Fire Board member’s names from each station for the next year. Station 1 has elected Charlie Pierce and Station 7 has elected Scott Mabry.

Tanker 21 has been pulled out of service due to issues with the steel rails underneath the tank. The steel is rusted out and will have to be replaced in order to make the truck safe for operation again.

Physical agility and orientation for new firefighter class will be held Saturday, December 6, 2014 beginning at 8:00 at Station 1.

EMS Director Terrell Partain said that progress is being made on the radio system and hopes to have more work completed in the next 2-3 weeks.

Concerns have been raised to Chief Byrum about firefighters having other channels other than the fire paging frequency installed in pagers. The consensus of the Fire Board is that as long as the fire paging frequency is installed the other channel can be what the firefighter wants as long as the radio programmer has time to install the channel.

Concerns have been raised to Chief Byrum about firefighters wearing turnout gear from other departments while on Hart County fires. The consensus of the Fire Board is that firefighters on Hart County fires need to be in Hart County fire gear.

No votes or motions were made on the issue of the monument at the training center. Joey Dorsey stated that he was working with Ronnie Dickerson to get the training center looking more presentable and the driveway repaired.

Assistant Chief Stephen Ayers stated that aerial training has started with Ladder 5. Ladder 5 is not in service yet and that more continued training will begin after the first of the year. The ladder crew will be training with a firefighter from Gwinnett County along with surrounding counties who have new ladder trucks. Assistant Chief Ayers stated that he hopes to have Ladder 5 in service by Spring 2015.

Mike Bailey moved to find a pager dealer who can repair pagers with an in-house technician to reduce the turn around time on pager repairs. Joey Dorsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Mike Milford moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Bailey seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition.

Next Fire Board meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Station 1.