



GEORGETOWN Fire District

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Meeting Minutes: Georgetown Fire District

Date: March 3, 2026 **Location:** Georgetown Fire District **Time:** 5:00 pm

Call to Order & Attendance

The Monthly Meeting of the Georgetown Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Will Ely.

In Attendance: Stewart "Rob" Flemming, Chief Don Baker, Fire Marshal Joe Paola, Commissioner Will Ely, Deputy Commissioner Dan Mecozzi, Deputy Commissioner Elio Cavicchia, Treasurer/Tax Collector/Secretary Wanda Cardozo, and Office Assistant Meghan Ely.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved by the commissioners.

Tax Collector's Report

Presented by Wanda Cardozo.

The current collection rate is reported at **99.91%**.

Motion: Accepted by Dan Mecozzi; seconded by Will Ely.

Treasurer's Report

The report was presented for review.

Chief Baker noted the receipt of a repair bill for the SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus).

Motion: Accepted by Dan Mecozzi; seconded by Elio Cavicchia.

Fire Marshal's Report

Presented by Joe Paola.

Meadow Ridge: Hydrants remain clear of snow.

Mather Street: A hydrant was reported as "taken out"; Chief Baker ensured the Marshal was aware for follow-up.

Fletcher Building: Discussion regarding frequent (3–4 times monthly) dual-toning with West Redding for faulty water alarms. Rob noted the alarm recently ran from 1:00 AM to 11:00 AM due to a lack of a Knox Box or access code. Chief Baker has been in contact with Scott Ramano; Joe Paola will follow up.

Fire Chief's Report

Presented by Chief Baker.

Call Volume: 53 EMS calls and 28 fire calls for February.

Redding Emergency Study: The town study suggests Redding Ridge is due for air packs the same year as Georgetown. The District will explore a joint grant.

Equipment: A new air compressor is 14 weeks out. The District may sell the old unit; Newtown Scuba has expressed interest.

Personnel/Policy: A Harassment Policy is now in place. Signatures are being collected; parents must sign for junior members. A copy will be provided to Wanda Cardozo.

Hose Delivery: One shipment received that was placed last budget year; the next is expected late March or April.

Training: Fire 2 Class begins tonight. The Instructor 2 class is currently 3 people short and may be canceled.

Apparatus: A trip to Omaha is scheduled for March 22nd to inspect the new truck. Following inspection, it will move to North Haven for tools and lettering.

Administrative: Invoices for physicals and an updated 30-year truck replacement schedule were provided to the commissioners.

Old Business

EMS Room Split System: Installation is expected this week, pending snow conditions.

Maintenance Costs: Starting July 1st (new budget year), plow and landscaping costs will be split.

New Business

District Budget: A budget-specific meeting is scheduled for tonight.

Facilities: A garage propane heater needs replacement at the District Office (approx. \$4,700). Commissioners will discuss at a later date.

Roof Maintenance: A bill for ice dam cleaning ("a few grand") was received. Chief Baker will forward it to Wanda.

Chief's Office Split System: The unit remains faulty (fluctuating between 0 and 80 degrees).

Budget Offset: Discussion regarding a lower offset than last year. Will Ely clarified that income is down and this year funds were diverted to a new CD for ambulance replacement.

Website: Rob Flemming provided the access link; however, the URL reroute is still required.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Will Ely; seconded by Elio Cavicchia.

Minutes Prepared By: Meghan Ely **Next Meeting:** April 7th 2026