



# GEORGETOWN *Fire District*

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## Monthly Meeting - December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025

The monthly meeting of the Georgetown Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Will Ely. Those present were Deputy Commissioner Dan Mecozi, Fire Marshal Joe Paola, Meghan Ely, Chief Don Baker, Steve Santa, Alex Mirabale, Rob Flemming, Jim Mecozi and Secretary/Treasurer/Tax Collector Wanda Cardozo.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the commissioners. Reports of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Fire Marshal were given and accepted as read. Copies of all reports are on file.

Wanda noted that we will have two more properties going to the attorney. Don noted that the department billed the West Redding station for a shared service and asked Wanda to put that money back in the new equipment fund. He also stated that the line regarding truck maintenance is projected to exceed the budgeted amount. Don asked why they were going to go over this year, to which Don stated the two older trucks, engines 31 and 38, are killing us for this line item. This year the firehouse also had a big tire purchase; next year they will have four less tires to purchase. Don Motioned to accept the report. Will seconded.

Joe asked about Meadow Ridge turning off the alarm, noting he was told they have done it twice. The Fire Marshal has asked them to stop doing it. Don stated they had silenced it once but asked that they not do that anymore. He commended the new head of security, who has been making sure that all EMTs have up-to-date state licenses, and recommend that they raise the salaries to improve retention. Don and Steve both said that Sandy, a member at their house, has been helping them with corporate and that the firehouse did a presentation at the facility. At the presentation corporate gave them a large donation, as well as a resident.

Don stated there have been a lot of calls to his neighbor 27 Apple Lane. They may need to start to fine in the future, but it hasn't gotten to that point yet.

In the Fire Chief report Don mentioned that the new ladder truck is ahead of schedule and should be ready January or February. He is going to fly out on Tuesday and come back on Thursday to check out the trucks build so far. After it is done on the production time it will spend around 30 days at the dealer to put the finishing touches on. So the final estimated time of arrival is March. The firehouse already ordered hose for it. Will stated the commissioners will need to meet to talk final funding.

The Chief also got a proposal for a cloud-based vehicle check program. The cost would be \$2,850 per year with a \$750 onetime fee. It does EMS as well. Steve said they had canceled many modules with ESO because they were not working properly. Will motioned to accept the proposal with half coming out of the EMS Fund and half coming out of the subscription line item in the District Budget.

Will asked about the Ride a long program. Don stated that they were going really well. They have relaxed the time that is needed to sign up. It went from a month in advanced to a few weeks. The face to face interaction the program is providing is very important.

Don said there has been around 47 Fire Calls and 18- EMS calls this month.



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### **Old Business**

Air Compressor- ACE – Air Compressor Engineering are coming to look at the air compressor. Will asked if they had a final quote for a new one. Don stated they did not because they didn't know which one they wanted. Pegasus was cheaper than the Bauer. They are looking for a 6,000 pound compressor. Will also asked what the lead time was for a new compressor, to which Don stated he did not know.

Budget Numbers – Will asked that the firehouse get their budget requests and number ready for next meeting so we can start the budget planning process.

Junior Program- Wanda stated that VFIS – our insurance company - is requiring us to have an SOP in place that protects the JR firefighters from sexual and verbal abuse. We have 6 months to put this in place. Steve asked if VFIS has the verbiage they would like, Wanda stated she would reach out and copy Steve.

### **New Business**

New Cars- The Fire Marshal car and the Fly car are at the end of their lives. Will stated they will keep the fly car for now but they would like to put money into the budget for next year for a new Fire Marshal car.

Shredding- We plan on getting a new person who has a disability here to start shredding. The logistics are still in the works. If the firehouse has any paperwork they would need to be shred feel free to bring it down.

SOPS- The firehouse is updating all of the SOPs. They are talking to a consultant to review them and approve them. However this costs money. The first quote they received was around \$10,000. If they do the framework, it would be around \$7,500 billed monthly. They would like to add this to next years budget. The SOPs would also cover EMS items such as where we respond to calls, and how we respond to calls. They could given to VEMS so they know.

Video Cameras- Rob mentioned he would like to purchase exterior cameras for the firehouse

Dan Mecozzi motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Will Ely. Motion Passed unanimously.

Meghan Ely