

Grattan Township

Fire Administrative Safety Committee

January 23, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1911hrs by Chairman Scott Vaughan.

Members present: Scott Vaughan, Gloria Burns and Alternate Shari Miller.

Members absent: Ken Brandes, Paul Knoerl and Steve Christians.

Chief Lou Kirkbride was also present at the meeting.

Agenda- Shari made a motion to approve the amended agenda, second by Gloria. All ayes. Agenda approved.

Minutes- Shari read the minutes from the December 26, 2007 meeting. Motion by Scott to approve the Dec. 26 minutes, second by Shari . All ayes. Minutes approved.

GTFD Monthly report was read by Scott.

Hearing of the public- Chief Lou stated that there is a new dispatch radio system that the government is going to implement. This will allow for better communication . The county will be split, as Kent County East and North with 4-mile Rd. as the dividing line. Each will have a different frequency. Each will be able to communicate with each other along with dispatch. Radios that are 5 years or older will be obsolete and will either need to be upgraded or replaced. .The start date for the new communication system is March 15, 2008. Presently we have 22 pagers, 8 P.T.'s and 7 truck radios that will be affected. There might be some grant money available for the pagers. Lou will report to the FASC as information becomes available.

Old Business

- GPS - Discussion on adding a GPS system to the GTFD vehicles for assisting on calls when a property can not be found. It would also help with mutual aid. The FASC discussed the importance of emergency address signs posted on everyone's property. There was discussion as to how to stress that each property owner should have one, the cost is \$15.00.
- Cadet By Laws- Lou stated they are completed.

- 5 year plan- The FASC reviewed the list, it is a rough draft and ideas are being compiled. Mileage on each truck will also be listed.
  - CDBG Grant for Hydrant-the proposal is submitted and approved, a bid package will go out to well drillers.
  - Income Tax Deductions- Paul has the data and will discuss at out next meeting.
6. Generator- the generator was found to have moisture in a cylinder and was under warranty. It has been repaired and monthly preventative maintenance will be done.

#### New Business

- Interview Larry Mercer Jr. - The FASC met and interviewed Mr. Mercer. Scott Vaughan motioned to move Larry Mercer Jr. application to the Township board for approval as a fireman trainee, second by Gloria. All ayes. Motion approved.

Next Meeting - February 27, 2008

Adjourned - 2010 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Miller, FASC recording secretary