

The Hart County Fire Board met on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at Station 1 with the following present David T Ray, Mike Milford, Jerry Byrum, Stephen Ayers, Tom Murphy, Michael Sanders, Alan Daniel, Teddy Gibson, David Lorenston, Joseph Haley, and Marshall Norton.

Marshall Norton called the meeting to order.

Agenda was approved with adding Ronald Dutton to discuss about the water extrication class and dispatch policies. Motion made by Joseph Haley and seconded by Michael Sanders. Yes carried the vote.

Minutes of the June 6th, 2011 meeting was read and approved. Motion made to approve by Joseph Haley seconded by Tom Murphy. Yes carried the vote.

Captain's report:

Station # 2 - wants to know about the new station. Chief Byrum said he was waiting on the budget hearing.

Station # 5 – Will be having picture fund drive next week.

Randall Simpson spoke about station #2 will be losing 7 firemen at the end of the year. He said it might be a good idea to change the SOG so that new fireman could start before October. Alan Daniel said that all station are needing fireman and that he will put an ad in the Hartwell Sun and that all fireman need to be looking for people in their communities to serve as new fireman. Alan has a information sheet for each fireman to sign which states whether or not fireman are planning to continue to stay in the fire department so that we will know how to plan for future membership. A motion was made by David Lorenston to run the ad in the Hartwell Sun and to have each fireman to sign the information sheet. Seconded by Michael Sanders. Yes carried the vote.

Alan Daniel stated that fireman making up training at other stations must be approved by their station captain.

Alan Daniel reported that the changes in the Standards and Training that were to take place in January 1, 2012 will not take place till July of 2013.

Chief's Report:

Have an Internet Use Policy for each fireman to read and sign. Marshall Norton made the motion and Joseph Haley seconded it. Yes carried the vote.

Have a new seat belt policy (New county policy) for each fireman to read and sign.

Chief Byrum stated that the fire department passed the Standards and Training inspection.

Will be changing all truck numbers in about two weeks.

911 will be dispatching an ambulance to all structure fires if one is available between 0600 – 1700. If you need an ambulance at a fire, call for one.

911 will be paging another back up station if no response after 6 minutes.

Voted to have 911 to page 3rd station to all stuck sure fires and two to all other fires while the weather is so hot.

The full time fireman has been testing all the hoses at each station. After a fire if you cannot wash the hoses that are dirty, let Jerry know and he will sent someone to wash them.

If you find and yellow jackets around hydrant let Jerry know about it.

Voted to have the county to put Air condition in Station 6 meeting room and replace the roof at station 3. Michael Sanders made the motion and Marshall Norton seconded it and yes carried the vote.

An application for the daytime fireman was accepted last month and there were 3 to put in for the job. The Board voted last week to hire B. J. White.

7 Board members vote yes

Steven Ayers voted yes

Asstant chief voted yes

One board member was out of town.

Jerry stated that the form that he has to sign for fireman to get class B license states that you must have 1 years driving experience. The SOG will need to be changed to reflect that. Marshall Norton made a motion to change the SOG and Michael Sanders made the second. Yes carried the vote.

Ronald Dutton discussed a new dispatch training policy.

Ronald Dutton said that all first responders are having a water extrication on Saturday, August 13 at 8am. at the last picnic shelter at Elrods Ferry.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion made by Michael Sanders. Seconded by Tom Murphy. Yes carried the vote.