



CITY OF ROME and FLOYD COUNTY GEORGIA



FIRE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

March 14, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Sam King Room

Rome/Floyd Fire Overview Committee met at 10:30AM on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in the Sam King Room.

Members present:

Sammy Rich, City Manager
Meredith Ulmer, Assistant City Manager
Jamie, McCord, County Manager
Bonney Askew, City Commissioner
Allison Watters, County Commissioner
Scotty Hancock, County Commissioner – Chairman
Bill Collins, City Commissioner

Troy Brock, Fire Chief
Brad Roberson, Deputy Chief
Jamie Stone, Division Chief
Clete Bonney, Division Chief
Toni Rhinehart, Finance Director
John Blalock, Public Safety Director
Doug Walker, Public Information Officer

Members absent: Mary Catherine Chewning, Fire Marshal

Additional attendees present:

Commissioner Scotty Hancock called the meeting to order at 10:42AM.

Minutes of the November 2022 meeting were approved by common consent.

I. **Financial Statements** - Finance Director Toni Rhinehart did not present financial statements at this meeting.

II. **Fire Chief Report**

- **December, January, February Stats** – Division Chief Jamie Stone presented monthly stats for Fire Marshal Mary Catherine Chewning. Chief Stone stated there were a total of 744 runs in December, 388 in the city, 356 in the county. Fire Prevention had a total of 128 inspections. The educators taught a total of 57 classes reaching 33,148 residents. For the month of January there were a total of 554 runs, 279 in the city, and 275 in the county. Fire Prevention had a total of 172 inspections. The educators taught a total of 62 classes reaching 44,342 residents. For the month of February there were a total of 521 runs, 255 in the city, and 266 in the county. Fire Prevention had a total of 260 inspections. The educators taught a total of 77 classes reaching 44,349 residents.
- **Support Report** – Division Chief Jamie Stone stated the department recently promoted Philip Little as Chief of Training. Chief Little is currently teaching a recruit school with 11 new firefighters. Three of the new recruits were already certified and were placed on the trucks last week. The department completed blood borne pathogens and stop the bleed training. In February, the department completed PPE training. Chief Stone stated that in March the department completed hydrant testing to assist with the ISO rating. The Educators will be hosting all City and

County 5th graders for a field trip to the administrative office for the next two weeks. Chief Stone mentioned the department is working on training ground upgrades. The next project is to pave the roads and parking lot at the training center costing \$72,925 beginning in June 2023. Both projects are funded through the 2017 SPLOST.

- **Operations** – Division Chief Clete Bonney mentioned the department has several projects for 2023. This week the department will complete stabilization training with paratech equipment. The funds from a 2022 grant were used to purchase this equipment. The paratech equipment will be placed on Engine 7 and Engine 9. Chief Bonney stated the department was working on capital projects. The first project is to place new generators at Stations 2, 6, and 9. Bonney mentioned that Station 4 would be remodeled this year. The new Squad and Ladder Truck should arrive in September 2023. The new Engine 9 should arrive in March 2024. Chief Bonney stated another capital project being completed is SCBA testing. The department is currently evaluating different air packs with Bluetooth capability.
- **Projects** – Deputy Chief Brad Roberson stated the department is taking advantage of any grants available. In 2022 and 2023 Rome Fire put in for the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant. This grant would help provide the department with turnout gear and new radios.
- **Manpower** – Deputy Chief Brad Roberson stated the department started the promotional process for training officer. This internal captain position will fill the vacant position for Chief Little's promotion. Roberson mentioned the department is one employee short. After the upcoming retirement of Danny McGhee, the department will be two employees short. Roberson stated the department has 3 intern students from the College and Career Academy.

Adjourned 11:08AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Shana Williamson



Operations Coordinator