

GESA January 2021 Board Meeting
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Gratiot Emergency Services Authority Agenda

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Call to order

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes: Organizational Meeting December 16, 2020
3. Public Comments (General Comments, including items on the agenda)
4. Chief CAO Report Updates
5. Old Business
 - A. GESA Attorney Update (Doug Merchant)
 - B. Financial Firm/Person accounting services update (Chief)
 - D. Office Space Options (Chief)
 - F. SCBA Air Pack Purchase Options
 - G. Co-op Student Position Discussion
 - D. Web Site
6. New Business
 - A. Budget 2021-2022 Discussion
 - B. 2005 Blazer Officer on Call Vehicle Budget
 - C. Items Needed to Implement the Authority
7. Public Comments
8. Schedule for next meetings?
9. Adjournment



Gratiot Emergency Services Authority

Ithaca Fire-Rescue

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January 10, 2021

Quarterly Report Oct-Nov-Dec 2020

This quarter's Fire-Rescue volume was very busy for this time of year. Fire had a total of 17 calls for service including investigations, with Rescue receiving 85 his quarter.

The department was busy with the following activities for the quarter:

October

- 13th Fire Training Ladders/Fire Extinguishers
- 27th Fire-Rescue Training Jaws/Extrication

November

- 10th Fire Training Ground Nozzles/Foam Induction Equipment Part 1
- 24th Fire Training Ground Nozzles/Foam Induction Equipment Part 2

December

- No Fire-Rescue Training Scheduled

The following is an update on other news and events for the quarter.

It has been a busy quarter, not only for the department but on the administrative end as well. Some of this information you may already be aware of. I will try to highlight some of what is happening.

COVID 19 and related regulations are still having an impact on some extra activities in which the department normally participates. Under the updated COVID rules from the CDC, State Health Dept., and the State Fire Marshal's office we are continuing to train under their COVID guidelines. We also continued with all emergency activities *including medical calls*, taking all necessary precautions to protect not only our staff but the citizens we serve.

As advised in my last quarter we had received funding from ZFS Ithaca to purchase new ground monitors (deluge nozzles) and foam induction equipment. That equipment has arrived and after extensive training is now in service.

Most of you are aware of the recent donation the department received in support of the 800Mgz radio project. This provided the funding to complete the project. The project budget of \$68,000 was completed with only \$10,000 of department funds used. The remaining amount \$58,000 came in the form of grants and donations. An additional \$2,800 for accessories to improve communication capabilities was provided by Emerson & North & North Star townships.

In October, the department received a grant from the Ithaca Rotary Club in the amount of \$3,170 to purchase six handheld Thermal Imaging Camera's. This completes a project we started about a year ago to provide a thermal camera to each of our firefighters. This project will greatly improve firefighter safety and give them a tool in their box for search & rescue activities. The department would like to thank the Ithaca Rotary Club for the donation to complete this project.

This quarter we received the Nozzles & Foam induction equipment purchased with the grant from ZFS Ithaca. The department received training from the factory and vendor's staff. Some members of the St Louis Area Fire Department attended the first training session to observe the operation and assess the capability of the Nozzles as they are in the process of looking for the same type of equipment. The equipment has been mounted on the two engines with the help of Ithaca Mfg. mounting the nozzle brackets for the department. All new equipment is now in service. Again we would like to thank ZFS Ithaca for their financial support of this project.

The following is an update on the administrative side.

Activities related to the forming of the GESA (Gratiot Emergency Services Authority) has consumed much of my time the last quarter. With the authority now official, the many processes and items needed to be completed for full implementation are slowly coming together. The authority board has a great group of members dedicated to making this a very successful organization. While I am sure there will be bumps along the way I am very happy with the progress the board of directors has made so far. Please assure the public that GESA is not going to take over anyone's fire department and is not looking to change or enlarge our current fire district. **GESA** will not be changing Ithaca Fire-Rescue district. There have been rumors floating around that we are taking over or looking to expand our district. That cannot be further from the truth. Please if you hear rumors to that effect bring them to the attention of the board.

If anyone would like more details on any projects I am working on or events within the department, please let me know. As always, I can be reached by phone at 989-763-3347 / 875-3968 or by email dnelson@ithacami.com.

Respectfully Submitted

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2005 Trail Blazer Officer Weekend on Call Vehicle

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Service Work -(Hub Tire)

Wheel Bearing \$ 360.00

Radios & Installation - (Pro Comm)

Antennas, Cabling Misc. equipment & Labor \$ 898.00

Used 800 MHz Radio \$ 1,000.00

Emergency Lighting - (Pro Com)

Light Bar, Strobes, Siren, Labor \$ 3,725.00

Graphic Package - Moore - (Moreys Logo)

Graphics & Instillation Note: Estimate \$ 800.00

Body Molding Removal - (Shaw's Auto Body)

Labor - Remove Body Molding For Graphics \$ 100.00

Sub Total \$ 6,883.00

Possible Cost Savings

Donation St Louis Fire?

Radio Used 800 MHz \$ (1,000.00)

Total \$ 5,883.00

Future Service Items:

Brakes \$ 725.00

Tires \$ 825.00

\$ 1,550.00