



CITY OF ROME and FLOYD COUNTY GEORGIA



FIRE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

March 11, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Sam King Room

Rome/Floyd Fire Overview Committee met at 10:30AM on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the Sam King Room.

Members present:

Sammy Rich, City Manager

Jamie McCord, County Manager

Harry Brock, City Commissioner

Jim Bojo, City Commissioner (Chair)

Allison Watters, County Commissioner (Vice Chair)

Toni Rhinehart, Finance Director

John Blalock, Public Safety Division Director

Troy Brock, Fire Chief

Brad Roberson, Deputy Chief

Jamie Stone, Division Chief

Clete Bonney, Division Chief

Doug Walker, Public Information Officer

John Bailey, Public Information Officer

Members absent Scotty Hancock, County Commissioner, Tim Herrington, Emergency Management Director,

Additional attendees present: Chris Fincher, Emergency Management Deputy Director

Commissioner Jim Bojo called the meeting to order at 10:32AM.

Minutes of the December 2024 meeting were approved by common consent.

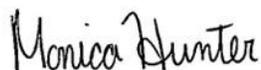
- I. **Financial Statements** – Toni Rhinehart states for the month of January, the monthly contribution from the city and county are \$946,491. This is significantly up from last year to cover the pay implementation. Revenues are up \$224,759 from 2024 and expenses are up \$204,000 which Rhinehart states balances out. Personal Services are up from last year in the month of January, \$175,000. County and City has funds for opioid purposes to purchase NARCAN and AEDS in hopes to bring those expenditures to the finance committee at the end of March. The total cost will be \$13,750.
- II. **December, January, and February Stats** – Division Chief Jamie Stone reports the stats for December 2024. Stone reports there were a total of 617 incidents, 306 in the city, and 311 in the county. Fire Prevention conducted a total of 300 fire inspections. The educators taught 23 Fire Safety Education classes. In 2024 the department had a total of 6,913 runs. In the month of January there were a total of 558 incidents, 268 in the city, and 290 in the county. Fire Prevention conducted a total of 253 inspections. The educators taught a total of 43 Fire Safety Education classes. The month of February there were a total of 524 incidents, 258 in the city, and 266 in the county. Fire Prevention had a total of 284 inspections. The educators taught a total of 34 Fire Safety Education classes.
- III. **Operations Report** – Chief Troy Brock and Division Chief Clete Bonney states there will be a grand opening for the new maintenance shop in April or May 2025. Bonney informs the committee that Williams Fire is at 75% completion with the Engine 1 Refurbishment. Bonney states a final inspection will be completed when refurbishment is complete. Bonney reports the department has received the

Squad truck back from Texas. Chief Brock reports the Squad truck will be placed at Station 2. Bonney states the department has purchased a brush truck to assist with wildfires. Deputy Chief Brad Roberson reports that purchase was funded with SPLOST funds. Bonney reports SCBA's getting their first annual flow test and will be back in service. Bonney states the next project will be to renovate Station 2 and with the funds leftover after renovation, the department plans to complete concrete work to Stations that need concrete work.

- IV. **Community Risk Reduction** - Chief Brock reports the department has changed its name from Support Division to Community Risk Reduction to follow ISO requirements. Chief Stone reports that in December all personnel completed all required training. (Standards and Training, ISO, and Department of Public Health). The department promoted 14 corporals in December. In January, the department completed hydrant testing which is also an ISO requirement. The department promoted two sergeants in January. In February the department completed the bloodborne pathogen training and our personal protective equipment training. The department worked with EMA completing a CERT Explorers Program for fire behavior with 7 kids in the class. On the Capital budget the department requested \$160,000 for 16 thermal imaging cameras and was able to purchase 17 thermal imaging cameras for \$147,000.
- V. **Manpower** – Deputy Chief Brad Roberson reports Captain Kirk Rickman's retirement from the department after 38 years of service. Roberson reports the department is two short. Roberson states the department's Captains can work and train thoroughly with current staff when there is not a rookie school taking place. The department does not run a rookie school until the department is six short.
- VI. **EMA / EOC Capital Update** – Chris Fincher states in December the board approved of a project of \$15,000 from the joint Fire/EOC fund to replace the WIFI in the building. The funds will be used to purchase a large plotter printer for printing maps. The funds will be used to purchase cameras in the center for live stream meetings. Unfortunately, because of a change in the vendor for the project the cost did go over budget by \$377.65. The Fire Department thanked Chris Fincher and EMA for aiding during dangerous storm conditions to allow 6 Engine companies back in Service.

Adjourned 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Operations Coordinator
Rome Floyd Fire Department