

Meeting Minutes
Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee
Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 10 a.m.
SC Emergency Management Division
2779 Fish Hatchery Road
West Columbia, SC 29172

I. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was posted and advertised pursuant to all South Carolina laws, rules, and regulations. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairman Jones. Major Richard Hunton, SLED, sat in on behalf of Chief Mark Keel. Others in attendance included: State Firefighter Mobilization Coordinator, Charlie King; Firefighter Mobilization Regional Coordinators, Pierce Womack, Kevin King, Rick Dangerfield, and Keith Minick; Shon Hamilton, Mark Scanlan, Ken Kerber (ERTF); Mike Russell, Guy Gierhart, Melissa Potter, Tim Murphy (SCEMD), and Emily Farr (LLR).

Chairman Jones and Director Stenson welcomed the Committee Members and guests to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).

II. Roll call of members

SC Firefighter Mobilization Committee											
Jonathan Jones	X	Darryl Jones	X	Joe Palmer	X	Bruce Kline	X	Alvin Payne	A	Mick Mayers	X
Kim Stenson	X	Mike Bedenbaugh	X	Phil Jolley	A	Tommy McDowell	A	Harry Tinsley	X	Mark Keel	A

P: Via Phone X: Present A: Absent

III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Mick Mayers made a motion to approve the agenda. Kim Stenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

Kim Stenson made a motion to approve the March 23, 2017 minutes. Darryl Jones seconded. Motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

IV. Training Session

Chairman Jones reviewed the training session goals. Ken Kerber introduced the Emergency Response Task Force full-time staff and discussed their roles and responsibilities. Tim Murphy (SCEMD) gave a presentation on SEOC Orientation. Guy Gierhart (SCEMD) gave a presentation on Resource Requests.

V. Working Lunch

Director Stenson and Charlie King updated the Committee on the status of the updates to the Mobilization Plan. The Mobilization Plan has been compared to the State Emergency Operations Plan Annex to ensure there on no conflicts. Several updates have been completed. Once additional information is included and updated regarding personnel qualifications/credentials and mobilization packages (pre-packaged assets), the group will be ready to present the updated plan to the Committee.

Ken Kerber gave an update and overview of the inventory plan for ERTF assets. LLR has approved the posting of twelve (12) temporary part-time positions to accomplish the asset inventory project. IT equipment is in the procurement process and should be secured soon.

Ken Kerber advised the Committee a Request for Proposal has been submitted for the procurement of Dry Suits for the ERTF Water Rescue discipline. He also informed the Committee he has applied for two DHS Grants, through the HSAC Program. One grant is for \$25,000 worth of Structural Collapse Training. The other grant is for \$85,000 to fund new HART personal protective equipment.

Charlie King gave the Mobilization Coordinator's report. He advised that Horry County will not have any resource requests, through Mobilization, for Bike Week. He gave a report from the HazMat Working Group, informing the Committee the Working Group has a good handle on the HazMat assets in South Carolina. He also advised the regional workshops, conducted by SLED and the FBI, have been beneficial.

Chairman Jones informed the Committee about a training opportunity, through SCEMD, for wide-area search.

There was some discussion about the future of the State Mobilization Coordinator's position. Chairman Jones expressed the desire to return the position to a full-time State Fire employee. He reminded the Committee this had been discussed in previous meetings. Chairman Jones discussed the organizational structure, as well as roles and responsibilities of the full-time ERTF staff, relating to the staff's ability to resume the responsibility for the State Mobilization Coordinator position. He advised the Committee he has discussed this direction with Charlie King, who has agreed to provide training for the ERTF staff to aid in the transition.

Chairman Jones recommended the Committee endorse Ken Kerber as the State Mobilization Coordinator, with the intent the other ERTF staff members would be trained to assist in Firefighter Mobilization requests, adding depth to the position.

Bruce Kline made a motion the Committee endorse Ken Kerber as the State Firefighter Mobilization Coordinator. Kim Stenson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Training Session Continued

Mike Russell (SCEMD) gave a presentation on the SAR Cell.

- A two-day full scale exercise is scheduled for November

Melissa Potter (SCEMD) gave a presentation on Palmetto Vision.

Chairman Jones and Ken Kerber gave a presentation on workflows for SC-HART, ERTF, and Firefighter Mobilization resource requests. These are DRAFTS only at this point.

VII. Adjournment

Harry Tinsley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mick Mayers seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.