

Meeting Minutes
Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee
Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 10 a.m.
141 Monticello Trail, Bldg 22
Columbia, SC 29203

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 and Mike Russell, EMD, sat in on behalf of Kim Stenson. Others in attendance included: Firefighter Mobilization Regional Coordinators, Pierce Womack and Kevin King; Assistant State Fire Marshal Nathan Ellis, Susan Duncan (State Fire), Shon Hamilton, Noel Pound and Chief Ken Kerber (ERTF), Jason Pope (SCFFA), and Chief Dennis Ray, Lugoff Fire Department.

Chairman Jones welcomed the Committee Members and guests.

II. Roll call of members

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

P: Via Phone X: Present A: Absent

III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Bruce Kline made a motion to approve the agenda. Phil Jolley seconded. Motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

Bruce Kline made a motion to approve the May 16, 2017 minutes. Mike Bedenbaugh seconded. Motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

IV. Mobilization Plan Committee Report

None of the subcommittee members were present. No report available.

V. Budget Review

Chairman Jones provided a budget report for Firefighter Mobilization and USAR.

Firefighter Mobilization’s budget will cover Ken Kerber’s salary, vehicle, and related IT needs. Expenses this year are \$211, 610. The FY 2019 authorization request is due in September 2017. Chairman Jones reminded the Committee the November Firefighter Mobilization meeting will involve a budget workshop.

USAR’s budget cost centers have been consolidated into one (CA0013). There is no cash balance. Current projected costs are \$664,920 to include employee compensation, instructor pay, uniforms, \$23,000 in dry suits, and IT equipment purchases. Chairman Jones reminded the committee 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.

VI. Mobilization Coordinator’s Report

Ken Kerber provided the Mobilization Coordinator's report. Three MOU's have been signed to move trucks to regional locations. These will be equipped with necessary packages for assisting on-scene. Staff has set up a preventative maintenance plan for the 18 wheel trucks.

Ken Kerber stated the interview process is going well for the twelve (12) temporary part-time positions to accomplish the asset inventory project.

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Noel Pound provided a P25 update. There are 60 radios and 34 have been located. He discussed templates for each radio and MOU agreements to use channels. He explained the need to complete a __ radio check.

Chairman Jones stated two emails have been created for use during mobilization. A dedicated phone line has been established (803) 896-9911 and will be used during deployment.

Shon Hamilton provided a training update. Purchased computers are at DOTS and to avoid the firewalls that may impede research capabilities, these computers will not be attached to the State system. The October 11-14 operational exercise is off-site.

Chairman Jones stated new equipment purchased is interchangeable and provides a stronger relationship with North Carolina.

VII. Task Force/ SC-HART Report

Recent HART training was successful. Training will take place Aug. 28 – Sept. 1 in Gulf Port, MS for Patriot South 2018. Night training in Oconee is Sept. 5-9.

VIII. Old Business

Chairman Jones stated the SEOC workflow process is improving. A county inventory will take place to _____. Ken Kerber said it is important to bridge any county communication gaps. Five specific counties have been identified as needing assistance.

IX. New Business

ESF4/9 staffing plan reworked to add depth. They will be an agency lead and administrative support during each shift. A desk manual for each position was passed around the committee.

The solar eclipse is Monday. Aug. 21. Chairman Jones and Susan Duncan will be present at the SEOC. The concern with the event is getting resources through heavy traffic to a call.

August 31 is the internal training for SEOC staff.

A meeting with different search and rescue groups will be held to discuss how to communicate and coordinate with others (i.e. DNR).

Noel Pound has a feedback request from Committee regarding the HazMat Working Group 2018 HazMat Team Typing survey (67 questions). Nathan Ellis requested the survey include the FDID number. Bruce Kline made a motion the Committee approve the survey. Mike Russell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Russell stated EMD has officially moved to Palmetto. The World International Games (horse related) event next September (2018) in Tryon, NC will bring in 30,000-50,000 people per day. Several South Carolina counties will be called to assist.

Bruce Kline reminded the committee several may need to be reappointed to the Committee.

X. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in November – the date is to be determined. Bruce Kline made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Jolley seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.