

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
FIREFIGHTER MOBILIZATION**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 10 a.m.**

**141 Monticello Trail, Building 2  
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. Mike Russell with EMD sat in on behalf of Kim Stenson. Others in attendance included: Emily Farr, LLR Director, Firefighter Mobilization Regional Coordinators, Pierce Womack, Kevin King, and Mike Norkett, and Matthew Littleton with the Easley Fire Department. Representing State Fire include Chief Ken Kerber, Shon Hamilton, and Susan Duncan.

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	A	Bruce Kline	X	Alvin Payne	X	Mick Mayers	A
Kim Stenson	A	Mike Bendebaugh	P	Phil Jolley	X	Tommy McDowell	P	Harry Tinsley	A	Mark Keel	X

*P: Via Phone X: Present A: Absent*

**III. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes**

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

Alvin Payne made a motion to approve the November 8, 2017 minutes. Bruce Kline seconded. Motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

**IV. Mobilization Plan Committee Report**

Charlie King stated he would like to mirror FEMA typing standards into the Mobilization Plan with regards to the training portion. Kim Stenson has completed the remainder of the Plan. Ken Kerber will set up an organizational meeting to finalize the updated plan.

**V. Review of Legislative Audit Council Recommendations for ERTF and Mobilization**

Chairman Jones provided the committee with a synopsis of the LAC recommendations that apply to the committee.

**VI. Mobilization Coordinator's Report**

Ken Kerber provided the committee supplemental notes. He invited the committee members to training activities and is encouraged to see leadership involved. See attached.

**VII. USAR/HART Update**

Ken Kerber provided the committee supplemental notes. See attached.

**VIII. Old Business**

Bruce Kline stated he was encouraged by the collaboration with the Academy. Chairman Jones replied and stated "We are a team" and leadership meets as a team. The Agency is reviewing ways assets can be used for mobilization as a deployable asset.

Ken Kerber stated the relationship with LLR is also helpful.

Alvin Payne asked about reappointments as his expired last year. According to State Law, the Firefighters' Association must provide written recommendations to the Governor for consideration of appointments.

**IX. New Business**

Pierce Womack spoke on communications. He, and others, visited with the Charlotte FD to see their Field Com concept.

Alvin Payne made a motion to move forward with a communications capability study. Bruce Kline seconded. By May 2, 2018 meeting, the study will analyze and develop a report and presentation for a proposal. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.

Mark Keel made a motion to establish a communications working group (with State Fire to establish chair). The motion was seconded by Phil Jolley. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.

**X. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held May 2, 2018, at 10 a.m. Mark Keel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Kline seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.