

SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER MOBILIZATION

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MEETING MINUTES

Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee

Wednesday, Aug. 1, 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 South Carolina laws, rules, and regulations. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairman Jones. Others in attendance included: Firefighter Mobilization Regional Coordinators Pierce Womack, Rick Dangerfield, Keith Minick, Chuck Black, and Greg Gerber. Representing State Fire include Chief Ken Kerber, Chad Beam (phone), Shon Hamilton (phone), George Stapleton, and Susan Duncan.

Since a quorum was present, Chairman Jones welcomed the Committee members and guests.

II. Roll Call of Members

SC Firefighter Mobilization Committee											
Jonathan Jones	X	Darryl Jones	P	Kyle Minick	X	Bruce Kline	A	Alvin Payne	P	Mick Mayers	A
Tim Murphy for Kim Stenson	X	Mike Bedenbaugh	A	Phil Jolley	X	Tommy McDowell	P	Harry Tinsley	X	Stewart Robinson for Mark Keel	X

P: Via Phone X: Present A: Absent

III. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

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

Kyle Minick made a motion to approve the May 15, 2018, minutes. Harry Tinsley seconded. Motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

IV. Mobilization Coordinator's Report

Chief Kerber provided an inventory handout for attendees. He also stated Chad Beam is working on the radio cache.

Chief Kerber discussed the large incident regarding Fountain Inn Fire Department's request for additional firefighters who were needed for a well-involved commercial structure fire. No injuries were reported.

Chief Kerber met with coordinators and distributed a notebook containing new contact information and a copy of the updated and approved Mobilization Plan, as well as descriptions of initially dealing with a Mobilization, HART, or Task Force request.

Chief Jones discussed lessons learned using tasking orders, as amended, in Mobilization Plan. He stated it needs updating.

Laptops have been ordered for regional coordinators.

Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) money will be used to fund Com L and Com T (Communication Leader and Technician) classes.

Chief Kerber states the ORE surveys have been completed and comments are available for review.

V. USAR/HART Update

Chief Kerber stated SeAATS (Southeast Army Aviation Training Site) is seeking to have a focal center of domestic operations. The Academy is a possible choice.

Chief Kerber expressed his wish for SC-HART to be a national standard. COL Batten, CW5 Reynolds, and Chief Kerber met with Director Farr and Chief Jones and will develop a business plan.

Chief Jones mentioned there is no national HART standard and accrediting entity. A potential long term goal is to become a national and international accrediting entity.

Chief Kerber mentioned there are several large tasks: Future planning, future ORE's, inventory, developing more members, and changing requirements for involvement.

VI. FY19 Budget Summary

Chief Jones discussed the cash report. A new cost center was added related to USAR training. He also discussed Firefighter Mobilization's FY19 budget.

Six 800 megahertz radios are missing.

This year, the Firefighter Mobilization exercise is intended to test the updated plan.

Uniform supplies for regional coordinators will be purchased.

The USAR budget was discussed.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

Chief Jones discussed the ERTF plan. When the law was amended, the responsibility of the Committee was to develop specifics regarding how to request assistance - such as what measures will be used to assess our compliance with the plan?

Additionally, in developing the plan, should we include how to request regional teams? Where do they fit in? Communication must be centralized. A central plan is best and divided to include regional teams. Chief Kerber suggested several members of the Committee start the framework. These include Mick Mayers, Jonathan Jones, Shon Hamilton, Chad Beam, and one member from each regional team. A unified training plan will help forecast future needs.

A number of the ERTF personnel and Chief Jones plan on attending the SUSAR (State Urban Search & Rescue) Conference in New Orleans the week of November 4.

Pierce Womack inquired about bringing the bus up to operational status. He offered the City of Easley's inside bay if the members were in favor of sending the bus to Easley. A motion was made by Phil Jolley in support of sending the bus for a period of time to up-fit it. Harry Tinsley seconded. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

SLED representative, Stewart Robinson, stated Dave Tafaoa retired and there are 16 arson agents with two canine teams. State Farm dogs can be used, if their certification is current.

IX. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be held Oct. 24, 2018, at an undetermined time. Kyle Minick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry Tinsley seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.