

# SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER MOBILIZATION

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee

*Tuesday, May 15, 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: Emily Farr, LLR Director, Firefighter Mobilization Regional Coordinators Pierce Womack and Chief Keith Minick (phone), Jason Pope and Greg Gerber with Fairfield County Fire Service, Chad Beam, and Brick Lewis. Representing State Fire include Chief Ken Kerber, Chief Nathan Ellis, 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	X	Joe Palmer	X	Bruce Kline	P	Alvin Payne	X	Mick Mayers	A
Kim Stenson	X	Mike Bedebaugh	X	Phil Jolley	P	Tommy McDowell	A	Harry Tinsley	A	Mark Keel	X

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

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

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

Alvin Payne made a motion to approve the Feb. 7, 2018, minutes. Mike Bedenbaugh seconded. Motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

#### IV. Mobilization Plan Committee Report

Chairman Jones shared via email a revised copy of the Mobilization Plan. Two additional amendments were made. A motion to approve the plan for adoption was made by Kim Stenson. Darryl Jones seconded. The motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

Chairman Jones stated the Fire Portal, once ready, will be used for future tasking orders and to indicate deployable assets.

During the recent hurricane exercise, Chairman Jones and Chief Kerber received a copy of SCEMD's decision making timeline matrix. A similar matrix, for ESF 4/9, would be beneficial.

**V. Employee Update**

Chairman Jones asked Chief Kerber to provide an update. A reclassified position (Program Coordinator II) was posted and Chad Beam accepted the position. He starts June 4, 2018. Noel Pound resigned as a part-time employee. His position will be posted for hire.

**VI. Mobilization Coordinator's Report**

Ken Kerber provided the committee supplemental notes and a list of personnel.

Chairman Jones stated he is working with the agency's legal department to allow State Fire assets to be deployable.

Two regional coordinators have been selected. They are Marquis Solomon (Midlands) and Greg Gerber (Fairfield County area). A motion was made by Alvin Payne to accept the selection of the coordinators and Phil Jolley seconded. Motion carried unanimously, without discussion.

**VII. USAR/HART Update**

Ken Kerber shared with the committee a slide show presentation and summary of the recent three day ORE in the Pee Dee region. He stated 90 percent of equipment was moved to the ORE and, with 65 members, they accomplished all of the set goals. This was the first time in three years that \$6 million worth of equipment had been moved. A survey was emailed to attendees to gain feedback.

**VIII. Old Business**

Chairman Jones stated he recently met with Pierce Womack, Matthew Littleton, Shon Hamilton, and Charlie King in Oconee County at the nuclear site regarding a Communications Capability Study. Matthew Littleton completed an inventory of equipment – including the bus. Pierce Womack provided attendees a Field Communications Assessment and Plan for Firefighter Mobilization handout. The main concern is Internet capability.

The Communications Working Group has not held a meeting nor identified who is part of the group. Chairman Jones mentioned the possibility of adding members outside of the fire service to participate and he is still identifying players at state and regional levels. We need to make sure we are meeting a need without duplicating effort.

**IX. New Business**

Dr. David Griffin, HazMat Working Group Chairman has asked to resign. Steve Coffin from North Charleston has agreed to Chair and Kevin King will serve as Vice Chair.

Alvin Payne reminded the Committee all members are serving in expired terms.

Chairman Jones thanked outgoing S.C. Firefighters' Association Executive Director Joe Palmer for his involvement and contributions.

**X. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held August 1, 2018 at 10 a.m. Mark Keel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darryl Jones seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.