

SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER MOBILIZATION

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MINUTES

FFM Committee Conference Call

Thursday, August 16, 2007

10:00 am to 11:00

Reich, Roper, Pope, Mayers, Paolucci, McDowell, Wilburn, Kline, Ristow, Owens, Jolley, Watts, and Payne

Chairman Reich presented the following information:

1. V-SAFE Update:

- Passed and we have begun the administrative requirements.
 - Appointments of the 9 member peer review panel is taking place
 - Grant application draft is being developed by Sondra & Jason
 - Additional forms, scoring matrix, auditing and accountability
 - Web access development in process
 - Money will be released in mid to late September
 - Already answering numerous e-mails regarding the grant

2. Assistant State Fire Marshal Positions:

- V-Safe passage has permitted the re-structuring plans
- State Fire Marshal named
- Assistant Fire Marshal positions have been requested, PDs complete & they are downtown do to re-classification. Program Manager II, Band 8, Hiring Range 54,000-77,000 Top 99,908. Should be approved and posted by this Monday.
- Advertised until filled...State News, SConFIRE, FM & FA web-site, E-mails, SC Jobs. I have requested Mick's assistance to get this out to the 28 FEMA US&R Teams as well as all of the State US&R Teams.
- Any other recommendations of advertising options?
- An assessment committee needs to be developed:
 - Names, composition of committee: myself, Lynn Rivers, FFM, SC-TFI
 - Available dates for interviews
 - Process may vary depending upon applicants, 1st round...2nd round
 - Will mail applications, question bank, guidelines, scoring matrix.

*** Remember that these funds are non-recurring and we must show the necessity for these allotted funds, prove accountability and demonstrate wise fiduciary responsibility to justify recurring funds in 2008.

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Let's discuss the make-up of the assessment committee...

- Those requesting to serve:
 - Ristow
 - Kline
 - Mayers or SC-TF1 Representative
 - Reich
 - Rivers

- 3. New Fire Station / US&R Facility Report
 - Bid opening 1.832 million...under the budget estimate...total 2.2 expected
 - 10 day protest period ends tomorrow
 - 240 day construction clock begins to tick after the contract is awarded

- 4. Pre-Positioned Equipment Program (PEP)
 - Contract not renewed
 - Relocated to I-20 & Fairfield Rd.
 - Frees up the fire station & offices for US&R
 - Equipment is off the hill and in the fire station
 - Crane & Low boy trailer are the only equipment not secure at this time...

- 5. State Fire Project: Jason Pope reported
 - a. Current year (FY06) – bid awarded, should be receiving equipment soon
 - b. Upcoming year (FY07) – advanced equipment requested, SHSP staff have recommended we receive \$650,000 for this project. We must now make presentations to the four regional counter-terrorism coordinating councils.

- 6. FFM Budget Update: no new information at this time.

- 7. Recent Aiken Incident:
 - Friday at 4:00pm David Ruth of Aiken contacted the state warning point and asked for FFM to be on standby... good move. Lexington, Orangeburg, Newberry, Barnwell, SC Forestry, etc were contacted but the fire was controlled by the 75-100 firefighters on scene.

- 8. Status of Current Weather Conditions...SEOC advises they are sitting back & watching the current storm development and landfall.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 10:00 here at the Fire Marshal's Office.