

SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER MOBILIZATION

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MEETING MINUTES

Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 1500 Hours

South Carolina State House Grounds-Blatt Building, Room 427
Columbia, SC

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 1500 by Chief Polk.

II. Roll call of members

SC Firefighter Mobilization Committee											
Bert Polk	x	Darryl Jones	x	Joe Palmer	x	Bruce Kline	x	Alvin Payne	x	Mick Mayers	
Kim Stenson		Mike Bendebaugh	x	Phil Jolley	x	Tommy McDowell	x	Harry Tinsley	x	Mark Keel	x

Several guests were present. Tim Wojcik was present to keep the minutes (attendance sheets are attached).

III. Approval of agenda and previous minutes

A motion was made by Chief Payne to approve the agenda and previous minutes. The motion carried.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

Status of State Firefighters Mobilization Coordinator's and Task Force Manager's job posting and hiring process

A discussion was held around the timeline for hiring two full time employees to manage the Emergency Response Task Force. It was discussed that one of these employees could be appointed by the committee if they so desired to serve as the

Firefighter Mobilization Coordinator. Director Taylor spoke to the group and explained LLRs hiring process.

Current readiness and response capability of the Emergency Response Task Force to include the HART program

Chief Polk addressed concerns about operational readiness of the Task Force and specifically the HART program for information only. All programs are operational.

Plans for Mobilization and the Emergency Response Task Force going forward

For information only, Chief Polk addressed the plans for the Task Force moving forward to include training and recruiting. Chief Polk addressed concerns that LLR was looking to rework the Mobilization Plan, stating that no such actions have been considered.

After Action Report for recent flooding events

LLR's After Action Report from the October flood event was shared with the committee. A person from the floor stated that he had information pertaining to Mobilization's operation during the flood that he would be glad to share with the committee. The committee discussed producing a more in depth AAR focusing on the mobilization aspect. No motions were made.

Executive Session to discuss appointment of State Firefighter Mobilization Coordinator

After Executive Session, a motion was made by Chief Kline that Charlie King be appointed the State Firefighter Mobilization Coordinator. This motion passed.

An additional motion was presented by Chief Jolley that the chair schedule bi-monthly mobilization committee meetings and that the chair will communicate via conference call and email in between those meetings. This motion carried.

VII. Next Meeting and Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Payne. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1801.