

# SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER MOBILIZATION

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## Minutes

### Firefighter Mobilization Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 29, 2012

I. Call to Order and Welcome - Meeting began at 10:05 a.m. in State Fire Marshal's Office conference room.

II. Members present

SC Firefighter Mobilization Committee											
Shane Ray	X	Darryl Jones	X	Joe Palmer	X	Bruce Kline	X	Alvin Payne	X	Wendell Wilburn	
George McKinney	X	Mike Bendebaugh	X	Phill Jolley	X	Tommy McDowell	X	Karl Ristow		Eric Thompson	X

III. Approval of agenda - Chief Alvin Payne moved and George McKinney seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

IV. Reading of the minutes of last meeting - Chief Alvin Payne moved and Chief Mike Bendebaugh seconded to approve the October meeting minutes. Motion carried.

V. Old Business

- Firefighter Mobilization Act of 2000, statutory changes and permanent funding – Joe Palmer stated an increase of .35 to .50 (Department of Insurance) maybe considered a new tax on insurance companies, and we will review other options.
- Chief Ray explained the importance of updating the statute. Updates to include inserting SCEFT in the Code of Laws and US&R into the Firefighter Mobilization Act.

VI. New Business

- Discussion on the Medical Control component of the SCERTF – Dan McManus reported, by law, we must have protocols and a medical doctor to control the team's medical cache. There is a cost of providing a medical control officer. McManus informed the current team doctors of the available position, one applied. McManus is working with Chief Ray to investigate if the job can be offered to outside candidates; however, the team is satisfied with the one doctor who applied. Chief Ray will work with Director Pizarik in review of the statute.
- Presentation of the types, capabilities, and limitations of US&R teams in the state/ progress of the 2008-2013 US&R Strategic Plan- Dan McManus distributed the FEMA typing standard and reviewed the regional team's self-assessment. Four of the regional team's type out as a type II team, Charleston was not in the report. This report includes the team's operations, logistics, training, equipment, and management.
- Regional coordinators vacancy, regions four and seven – Eric Thompson reported the names of candidates for region seven coordinator. Chief Bruce Kline moved and Chief Phil Jolley seconded to appoint Chief Keith Minick as the new Region Seven FFMOB coordinator. Motion carried.

The region four coordinator position remains vacant. Deadline to submit applications and resume is January 11, 2013.

- Joe Palmer reminded the committee that March 6, 2013 is Firefighter Legislative Day at the SC Statehouse.

VII. Open Discussion

- Chief Ray spoke about the efficient operation of the Maryland deployment. All agencies worked together to complete the mission.
- Chief Ray opened the floor for discussion regarding the South Carolina Haz-Mat Working Group (SCHMWG). Joe Palmer stated that the group would like to become an association to allow training, networking, and vending services. Palmer stated the best choice would be to become part of the South Carolina Firefighters' Association.
- Chief Ray stated the need to have SCHMWG written into the Firefighter Mobilization Act as a resource to the state. Due to the fact that there is a lack of coordination of our local, regional, and state Haz-Mat response capabilities and the ability to deploy to a state or federal level event, a discussion was held regarding the creation of a state Haz-Mat coordinator for all Haz-Mat related resources as well as a report to the FFMOB committee.
- Chief Ray reviewed the budget handout with the group. This information will be shared, along with the deployments information, to legislators.

VIII. Next Meeting Date – January 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the State Fire Marshal's Office.

IX. Adjourn – Chief Alvin Payne moved and Chief Phil Jolley seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.