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A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY

FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

February 18, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- January 7, 2021 Minutes

Election of Officers

- Commission Chairman
- Commission Secretary

Director Scott Krein’s Report

- Discussion regarding AFG Grant
- Updated regarding assurance to fire fighters
- Discussion regarding new fire trucks
- Discussion regarding fire physicals
- Discussion regarding volunteer department recruitment
- Discussion regarding new staffing

County Fire Chief Larry Greer

- Discussion regarding PPE Helmet Color Standardization
- Discussion of the volunteer membership requirements SOG

Locations

Fire Commissioner's Updates

- Region 1 – Station 4, 9, 10, 24, and Hazmat / Travis Collins
- Region 2 – Station 11, 14, and 16 / Tony McAlister
- Region 3 – Station 3, 12 and 17 / Austin Grant
- Region 4 – Stations 1, 8, 13, and 15 / Jamie Brock
- Region 5 – Station 2, 5, 6, and 7 / Brandon Burton

Adjourn

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Locations

Station 1: Oakway; Station 2: Salem; Station 3: Corinth-Shiloh; Station 4: Mountain Rest; Station 5: Walhalla; Station 6: Westminster; Station 7: Seneca; Station 8: Fair Play; Station 9: Long Creek; Station 10: Cleveland; Station 11: Keowee-Ebenezer; Station 12: Friendship; Station 13: Crossroads; Station 14: Pickett Post/Camp Oak; Station 15: South Union; Station 16: West Union; Station 17: Keowee; Station 18: Hazmat; Station 24: Holly Springs

OCONEE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 2-61. - Access to and conduct at county meetings, facilities and property.

(a) *Purpose.* The county council has determined that it is necessary to regulate access to county facilities, grounds and property in order to ensure the safety and security of the public who visit these areas or the county employees who serve them. The conduct of persons who visit county facilities and/or who have contact with county employees must also be regulated to preserve public order, peace and safety. The regulation of access and conduct must be balanced with the right of the public to have reasonable access to public facilities and to receive friendly, professional service from county employees. These regulations apply to all county facilities and meetings, as defined below, for and over which county council exercises control and regulation, and to the extent, only, not preempted by state or federal law.

(b) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Facility means any building, structure, or real property owned, leased, rented, operated or occupied by the county or one of its departments, offices or agencies.

Meeting means any assemblage of persons for the purpose of conducting county governmental business, operations or functions or any assemblage of persons within a county governmental facility. The term "meeting" includes, but is not limited to, county council meetings, county board and committee and staff meetings, trials, hearings and other proceedings conducted in the courts of general sessions and common pleas, family court, master-in-equity, probate court and magistrate's court; and other meetings by entities duly authorized by the county council.

(c) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Utter loud, obscene, profane, threatening, disruptive or abusive language or to engage in any disorderly or disruptive conduct that impedes, disrupts or disturbs the orderly proceedings of any meeting, or operations of any department or function of the county government, including, without limitation, speaking when not explicitly recognized and authorized to do so by the presiding official in such meeting.
- (2) Bring, carry, or otherwise introduce any firearm, knife with blade longer than two inches or other dangerous weapon, concealed or not concealed, into any facility or meeting. This prohibition does not apply to law enforcement personnel or any other person whose official, governmental duties require them to carry such firearm, knife, or other weapon.
- (3) Engage in partisan political activity, including speech, in any meeting not authorized and called for the purpose of partisan political activity and explicitly authorized for such purpose in the facility in which such activity is to be conducted, or refusing to cease such activity when the presiding official of the meeting in question has ruled that the activity in question is partisan political activity and has directed that such activity stop.
- (4) Interfere with, impede, hinder or obstruct any county governmental official or employee in the performance of his duties, whether or not on county government property.
- (5) Enter any area of a county government facility, grounds or property when such entry is prohibited by signs, or obstructed or enclosed by gates, fencing or other physical barriers. Such areas include rooms if clearly marked with signs to prohibit unauthorized entry.
- (6) Enter by vehicle any area of a county governmental facility, grounds or property when such area is prohibited by signs or markings or are obstructed by physical barriers; or park a vehicle in such restricted areas; or park in a manner to block, partially block or impede the passage of traffic in driveways; or park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or in a fire zone; or park in any area not designated as a parking space; or park in a handicapped parking space without proper placarding or license plate; or park in a reserved parking space without authorization.

- (7) Use any county governmental facility, grounds or other property for any purpose not authorized by law or expressly permitted by officials responsible for the premises.
 - (8) Enter without authorization or permission or refuse to leave any county governmental facility, grounds or other property after hours of operation.
 - (9) Obstruct or impede passage within a building, grounds or other property of any county governmental facility.
 - (10) Enter, without legal cause or good excuse, a county governmental facility, grounds or property after having been warned not to do so; or, having entered such property, fail and refuse without legal cause or good excuse to leave immediately upon being ordered or requested to do so by an official, employee, agent or representative responsible for premises.
 - (11) Damage, deface, injure or attempt to damage, deface or injure a county governmental property, whether real property or otherwise.
 - (12) Enter or attempt to enter any restricted or nonpublic ingress point or any restricted access area, or bypass or attempt to bypass the designated public entrance or security checkpoint of a facility without authorization or permission.
 - (13) Perform any act which circumvents, disables or interferes with or attempts to circumvent, disable or interfere with a facility's security system, alarm system, camera system, door lock or other intrusion prevention or detection device. This includes, without limitation, opening, blocking open, or otherwise disabling an alarmed or locked door or other opening that would allow the entry of an unauthorized person into a facility or restricted access area of the facility.
 - (14) Exit or attempt to exit a facility through an unauthorized egress point or alarmed door.
- (d) *Penalty for violation of section.* Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished in accordance with section 1-7. In addition, vehicles that are improperly parked on any county property, facility, or other premises may be towed at the owner's expense.

(Ord. No. 2003-04, §§ 1—4, 4-15-2003; Ord. No. 2012-06, § 1, 4-3-2012)



OCONEE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
Standard Operating Guideline # 1xxx
Subject: PPE Helmet Color Standardization

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PURPOSE:

This Standard Operating Guideline will be utilized to standardize personnel protective equipment helmets so that OCES responders' level of training/qualification can be quickly identified while operating at the scene of an emergency (color of helmet identifies eligibility to operate in IDLH environments).

SCOPE: All Oconee County Emergency Services personnel.

STANDARD: OCES will use the following helmet colors to identify personnel operational response level.

1. White Helmet – Chiefs (Certified NFPA Firefighter 1 level or above).
2. Red Helmet – Captains/Lieutenants (Certified NFPA Firefighter 1 level or above)
3. Black Helmet – Firefighter (Certified NFPA Firefighter 1 level or above)
4. Yellow Helmet – Exterior Firefighter/Officer (Non-Certified Personnel) **
5. Orange Helmet – Junior/Explorer Personnel

**Non-certified personnel who hold an officer position will wear the appropriate front rank insignia.

Scott Krein, Director of OCES

Implementation Date

Review Date

Subject: Volunteer Member Requirements

SOG: 02.05.01

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Category: Personnel

Rescinds: None

Approved by: Charles V. King, Chief

Revision: 2

Effective Date: 02/24/2014

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this SOG is to establish guidelines that pertain to the duties of Oconee County Emergency Services Volunteer Firefighters.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Oconee County Emergency Services Volunteer Firefighters.

General:**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Any person, regardless of race, color, sex or creed who is qualified, shall be eligible to volunteer with Oconee County Emergency Services as long as they meet the requirements listed below.

Must be:

1. Eighteen years of age or older.
2. Physically and mentally fit.
4. Abides by the Standard Operating Guidelines of the organization.
5. Possess a valid South Carolina driver's license.
6. Be able to obtain fire-brigade clearance under applicable OSHA standard(s).
7. **MUST** be a member in good standing with one of the Volunteer Fire Stations within Oconee County.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

- No member shall appear at a meeting of the station, respond to a call or be considered a representative of the department when under the influence of alcohol. Violation will result in immediate disciplinary action.
- No member shall report for or be on duty under the influence of any drug or compound that may decrease their decision-making capabilities, reaction time, and ability to operate machinery or cause drowsiness. Prescription medication included.
- Any member who tests positive for illegal drugs will be expelled immediately from membership.

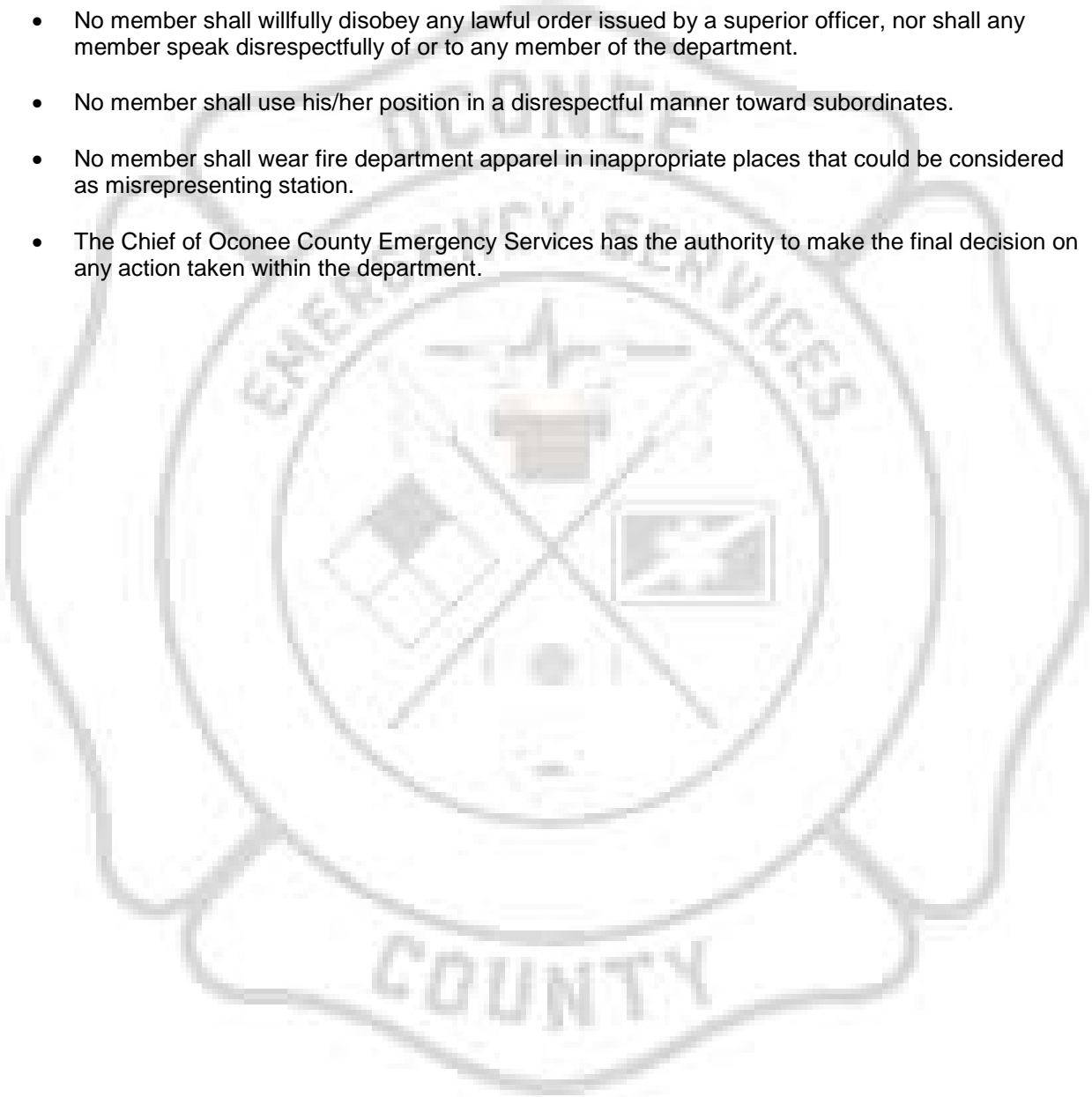
REMOVAL FROM FIRE GROUND:

- The Incident Commander is expected to remove any member from the fire ground when his/her action(s) warrant.
- The IC is expected to remove any member from the fire ground when proper personal protective equipment is absent. This includes, but is not limited to boots, turnout pants, turnout coat, gloves, helmet and flash hood.
- Upon returning to the station the IC will document violations noted. An investigation will be conducted and the results placed in the member's personnel file.

JUST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

- Failure to follow any of the guidelines will result in disciplinary action and possible termination from the department. Violations will be reported to the Executive Committee in writing, signed by the complainant. A complete investigation will be conducted and a report filed in the member's personnel file.
- No member will knowingly attempt to undermine the chain of command by spreading false information or by generating of mistrust among members of the department.
- No member will threaten bodily harm to any member of the department.
- No member will knowingly abuse or cause damage to property of the department or members of the department.
- No member will remove property of the department from any location without proper authorization from the Chief.
- No member will knowingly discriminate against anyone based on his/her sex, age, color, national origin, or religion.
- No member shall falsify records, make misleading statements with the intent to deceive, or willfully multiply or counterfeit of any department records, books, papers, documents or computer software.
- No member shall violate the chain of command.
- No member of Oconee County Emergency Services shall be a party of any malicious gossip, or any activity, which would tend to disrupt department morale or bring discredit to the department or any member.
- No member shall, or be a part of: any sexual misconduct or any sexual act while on department property or apparatus.
- Information relative to the business affairs of the station shall be furnished to the public only with authorization of the Chief.

- No member shall, on or off duty, use the badge, prestige of the department, or his/her position within the department for the purpose of personal gain.
- No member shall directly solicit the influence of any person that could elevate his/her position within the department.
- No member shall willfully disobey any lawful order issued by a superior officer, nor shall any member speak disrespectfully of or to any member of the department.
- No member shall use his/her position in a disrespectful manner toward subordinates.
- No member shall wear fire department apparel in inappropriate places that could be considered as misrepresenting station.
- The Chief of Oconee County Emergency Services has the authority to make the final decision on any action taken within the department.



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LEGALS

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Public Notice
 The Fire Service Advisory Commission will meet on the following dates/times in Oconee County Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC unless otherwise advertised:
 February 18, 2021, March 18, 2021, April 15, 2021, May 20, 2021, June 17, 2021, July 15, 2021, August 19, 2021, September 16, 2021, October 21, 2021, November 18, 2021. All meetings are scheduled for 6pm.

Public Notice
 The Oconee County Arts & Historical Commission will meet on the following dates/times in Oconee County Council Chambers located at 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC unless otherwise advertised:
 Meetings on February 11, 2021, March 11, 2021, April 8, 2021, June 10, 2021.

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IN RE: Public Notice- The Fire Advisory Commison

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Hal Welch
General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
01/29/2021



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