



# MINUTES FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

November 17, 2021

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers  
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

## **MEMBERS**

Commissioner Charlie Vissage, Region 1  
Commissioner Tony McAlister, Region 2  
Commissioner Austin Grant, Region 3 (Absent)  
Commissioner Jamie Brock, Region 4 (Absent)

Commissioner Brandon Burton, Region 5  
Chief Scott Krein, OCES Director  
Chief Larry Greer, OCES Fire Chief  
Steven Zahn, Secretary

The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission met at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all members present and Steven Zahn, Secretary.

**Press:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [[www.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the media were present.

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Brandon Burton called the meeting to order at 1800.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the October 21, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved after a motion was made by Charlie Vissage & seconded by Tony McAlister.

## **Radio Communications Committee Report**

- Steven reported that the repeater for Lever Hall has been installed. Waiting for a report from Cole & Favion regarding improvements.
- More departments & squads are buying mobile & portable radios.
- Not sure if 1/1/22 will be the date of activation. We are dependent on the installation of the repeater on the Salem water tank. Also, all radios need to be touched one more time to have ID numbers & channel zone lineups installed.
- The code-plugs will be sent out to those with a need to have it.
- The process for radio IDs is being developed by Travis Tilson.

## **Director Krein's Report**

- Incentives:
  - The Chiefs need to submit how they want the 50 Administrative Incentive Points to be assigned.
  - \$7.50 per Incentive point is what it looks like it will be this year.
  - Checks to go out in early December.
  - Email to go out early so next year's Incentives will go smoother.
- Last night the 9<sup>th</sup> fire truck was purchased. 16-18 month delivery. Saving 10% by ordering & storing equipment now.
- Radiological Regional training exercise will be occurring in February or March. Departments are required to have yearly training also. Scott Smith will assist with this requirement.

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### **Chief Larry Greer's Report:**

- Hose, pump & ladder testing, working hard to get this completed. Get with your departments to decide on third party testing on hoses & pumps. The proposed costs are \$180-220 per pump and \$.35-.22 per foot for hose. Charlie & Tony think we should go ahead with third party testing. Larry added it will be cheaper the more departments participate. If a department does not want to participate, they will be responsible. Larry & Brandon think 1 company should do all the pump testing. They are the experts. Tony made a motion that all hose & pump testing be done by 3<sup>rd</sup> party, paid for by the departments. Charlie seconded. To start mid-July or after. The Commission members voted unanimously to accept this motion. Ladder testing is already 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing.
- OCES hiring process: Why not hiring from within county system? Looking at 6 or 7 now who are Oconee residents. Some with & some without training. Soon it will be the first time in a few years OCES ranks will be full.
- Trying to make a 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad a reality. Hiring going well. Charlie & Tony applauded the 21 staff for a job well done. Many FF jobs available in SC.
- PAR on structure fires now every 10 min. for accountability. Proposes that this should be done on all calls for safety sake. Anderson just started this. Going well. Also need "Signal 99" as a way to yell for HELP from Law Enforcement. Talk to your Chiefs. Steven will take this to the Rescue Commission & Chiefs.
- Christmas Dinner:
- December 2. Original speaker, Dabo, cannot make it. Have another. Texas Roadhouse providing food as in the past. #s turned in. FF of the year & Rescue responder of the year have been chosen by the Commissions. Awards will be given at the Dinner.
- Brandon made a motion for no December meeting. Tony seconded. Unanimously approved.

Larry thanked all who served on the Commission & the time they give. Let's continue moving forward

### **Fire Commission Representatives' Reports**

Region 1: Reported some problems with communicating with Air Life Helo. Reprogramming has been done & the problem fixed. Personal doctor physical sheet close to being completed.

Region 2: All good.

Region 3: Absent

Region 4: Absent

Region 5: Thanks all. Sees improvement between county & municipals working together.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Fire Advisory Commissions Meeting will be held on January 17, 2022 beginning at 1800. At that meeting, we will set meeting dates for 2022 and elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman & Secretary

### **Adjourn:**

Commission McAlister made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vissage, and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 1902.

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