



MINUTES FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

September 15, 2022

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
Commissioner Jamie Brock, Region 4 (Absent)

Commissioner Brandon Burton, Region 5 (Absent)
OCES Director, Scott Krein,
Training Chief, Brady Norris,
Fire Chief, Chris Smith,
Secretary, Steven Zahn

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 and Steven Zahn, Secretary present.

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]. 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

Assistant Chairman Grant called the meeting to order at 1800.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the July 19, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved after a motion was made by Commissioner Vissage & seconded by Commissioner McAlister.

Steven Zahn's Radio Communications Committee Report

- No meeting last month.

Director Krein's Report:

- Introduction of Chris Smith as new County Fire Chief.
- Distributed 2022 Volunteer Incentive Program Requirement Sheet.
- 2 weeks left to get physicals to qualify. Contact Cindy for an appointment.
- A list will be distributed in early October showing what each member is missing in order to qualify for an Incentive. Will have to the end of October to correct missing paperwork.
- To qualify for an Incentive, a member must hold a certification. A member with no certification should not be on a call & should not be listed for that call.
- Classes are being canceled due to low enrollment. We need more education. Encourage members to sign up for classes.
- Radio system update: Have a scheduled meeting with the new radioman from the SO who is getting up to speed.

Chief Smith:

- Chief Smith told the members about his background.

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- We want to continue to provide the best service we can.
- Pump & ladder testing is complete. Hose testing is ½ complete.

Chief Norris' Report:

- Reminder about Member of the Year.
- Class offerings have gone out.
- Rescue classes coming up.
- 2023 class schedule coming soon.
- Call Brady for classes you would like to see.

Fire Commission Representatives' Reports

- Region 1: Comm. Vissage reported a concern from one of his Chiefs re the HART Team training. The training was not communicated to FDs about opportunity to participate & to be able to respond to questions from the public & be prepared for related emergencies. Requested an update on the radio system (see Krein's report).
- Region 2: Comm. McAlister had a question about the hose testing & the road behind WUFD.
- Region 3: Comm. Grant reported all good.
- Region 4: Absent
- Region 5: Absent

Next Meeting

The next Fire Service Advisory Commissions Meeting will be held on October 20, 2022, beginning at 1800.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Vissage, seconded by Representative McAlister and approved unanimously at 1816.

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