

**Oconee County Fire Department
Station Chiefs Meeting
Station 7 – 7:00 PM
February 13, 2017**

CHIEFS PRESENT:

Fire Chief, Bruce Thaxton
Station #1 Asst. Chief, Bob Ward
Station #2 Captain, Dusty Powell
Station #4 Chief, Chris Higginbotham

Station #5 Chief, Russ Henson
Station #6 Chief, Wes Boss
Station #7 Captain, Steve Rose
Station #8 Chief, Keith Kelley

Britt Alger, Dr. Crowe, and Mike Truluck were also in attendance.

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the January 9th and January 30th minutes was approved.

I. Truck / Station Maintenance:

1. Looked over outstanding work orders for Fire Rescue. Bruce Thaxton will send in a work order to repair Station 7 ice machine.

II. Training:

1. Chiefs reviewed the training schedule for February. February training consists of the following: National Traffic Incident Management Class, Ropes Class, and Preplan Rocky Branch Elementary and North Oconee High Schools.
2. Chiefs reviewed the Potential Firefighter and Medical Responder roster.
3. Chiefs reviewed the monthly training hours for January, 2017. Bruce Thaxton will add a header to the training hours handout.

III. Miscellaneous:

1. Bruce Thaxton asked for input on pay per call and recruitment ideas. Keith Kelley inquired about budgeting for a Station 8 Squad truck to assist with having a volunteer on call. Dusty Powell noted that Station 2 was willing to convert Rescue 2 to a Station 8 Squad truck. The Station Chiefs concurred that Rescue 2 should be swapped out with D1's truck due to 4-door capability to transport volunteers. Bruce Thaxton will check with Code Enforcement on contact for digital sign on Mars Hill Road. Bruce also noted securing land and building Station 8 is a priority item for the BOC.

2. Bruce Thaxton noted there has been discussion of enhancing the e-dispatch app. in lieu of upgrading the VHF pager system. Motorola has submitted a quote for \$122,351.09 to upgrade the VHF paging system. Keith Kelley is currently researching possible enhancements to the e-dispatch app. The Station Chiefs noted various reasons for keeping the pager system. The Station Chiefs will discuss the e-dispatch app in lieu of pagers with their members.
3. The Station Chiefs did not approve Tim Burgess for membership. Tim lives in Athens-Clarke County. Steve Rose made a motion, Chris Higginbotham seconded the motion, and all Chiefs voted not to approve Tim Burgess for membership.
4. Bruce Thaxton noted that the EMA Director's position is still vacant.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Chiefs. Time = 8:45 PM

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton