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Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee

June 22, 2006 10 a.m.

State Fire Marshal's Office

Members Present: Michael Platt, Paul Watts, Wendell Wilburn, Tommy McDowell, Bruce Kline, Jim Bowie, Tony Hendrick, Karl Ristow, Phill Jolley

Others: Jason Pope, Ken Bell, Ed Roper, Alvin Payne, Skip Hannon, and John Reich

- Chairman Platt called meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Minutes from the April 18, 2006, meeting read and approved.
- Ken Bell passed out the US&R Director's report from Mick Mayers. Committee read and provided comments.
 - Tommy McDowell agreed with the Interim Director's comments about use of the IST-ERV's during Hurricane response. The IST-ERV's should remain available for a US&R response. (See the Director's report for further information)
 - Ken Bell stated that the new tractor/trailer combination has been ordered, and it should arrive in October.
 - Bruce Kline added that the communications the committee was receiving from SC-TF1 was great.

Old Business

- Jim Bowie stated he did not have any new information on the re-appointments.

New Business

- Bruce Kline presented the Firefighter Moblization Plan Revision 1.
 - There was discussion on changing "Incident Management Teams" to "Incident Command Support Teams."
 - Tommy McDowell stated that we needed to change section 4.0 to read "except those with **local** mutual aid agreements..." He also said we should change "State Fire Marshal" to "Firefighter Mobilization Chairman" in the same section.

- The committee was instructed to review Revision 1 and provide feedback to Bruce Kline by July 12, 2006, at 5 p.m..
- Ed Roper gave a briefing on the State Hurricane Full Scale Exercise conducted on June 7 and 8.
 - o EMAC requests worked well, but WebEOC had problems.
 - If South Carolina is hit with a major Hurricane, resources from outside the state will be needed.
 - Ron Osborne stated that a new server is being purchased to help WebEOC work better when the system is taxed.
 - Wendell Wilburn stated that when requesting resources, the request must be specific.
 - Ron mentioned that the counties needed to identify the distribution points ahead of time.
- Jason Pope passed out copies of the Draft After Action Report for the Great Falls mill fire.
 - There was discussion about the need for Incident Command (IC) support during FFMob activations.
 - The FFMob Plan Revision 1 will address this issue.
 - The After Action Report should state that IC support was offered throughout this incident.
- Motion was made by Kline and seconded by Ristow to issue 800 MHz radios to those regional coordinators who did not already have one. Motion approved.
- Wendell Wilburn made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 1:15 p.m..
- Wilburn made a motion to come out of executive session at 2:15 p.m.
- The proposed FFMob budget for 2006-2007 was presented.
 - McDowell made a motion to approve, seconded by Ristow. Motion was approved
- Long Term Goals
 - First, pursue de-obligated funds from 2005 to help fund SC-TF1.

- o Second, pursue 2006 DHS grant funds for this year.
- Third, continue to seek legislation to provide state-appropriated funds to support SC-TF1.
- It was stated that the Committee needed a Strategic Plan and a Capitol Improvements Plan.

Open Discussion

- The next meeting will be held at the S.C. Fire/Rescue Conference in Myrtle Beach. The date and time is yet to be determined.
- Motion made to adjourn and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Pope