



MINUTES
Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee
January 21, 2010
State Fire Marshal's Office

Members Present: John Reich, Kim Stenson, Tommy McDowell, Wendell Wilburn, Alvin Payne, Phil Jolley, Joe Palmer

Others: Jason Pope, Dan McManus, Libby Hardwick

- Chairman Reich called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.
- Libby Hardwick passed out the budget update. We know that the US&R budget has a zero balance.
- Dan McManus presented the US&R/Mobilization report. (See Attachment 1)
 - o Wendell Wilburn made motion to accept the budget report, seconded by Karl Ristow, motion passed.

Old Business

- John Reich handed out copies of a letter from Scott English regarding several fire service issues.
- John Reich reported on several questions that Karl Ristow had submitted via email.
 - Daniel McManus will answer response timeline questions to Karl via email.
- Wendell Wilburn made a motion to send US&R budget request to LLR, seconded by Tommy McDowell, motion passed. Joe Palmer will draft letter and send it to John Reich.

New Business

None

Open Discussion

None.

The next meeting will be held April 15, 2010. Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted with one (1) attachment,

Jason Pope

Attachment 1

Firefighter Mobilization and State US&R Program
Assistant State Fire Marshal's Report

January 20th, 2010

US&R Task Force One

Status: Deployable

Task Force One is currently available for a modified Type I deployment with

- 115 Active members strong, spanning 35 Departments and agencies
- In addition we also are supporting the following membership status'
 - 16 Coming off probation
 - 9 on 6 month leave
 - 8 invalid MOU's
 - 8 resignations
 - 5 senior advisors
 - 14 new members from the 08/08 orientation
 - 8 New members in Squad 1009
 - 7 More applicants waiting for interviews in February

Meetings & framework:

- Attended NC Helo Training with SC NG
- Prepared a final annual operating budget
- Firefighter Association Meetings/Joint Council/SCEMD Annual brief
- Task Force Leader meeting, Mt. Pleasant

US&R Training/Prop development

- Construction continues on the new US&R training grounds
- Plagued with record rain fall, a hurricane and construction delays
- We are two months from completion of rubble pile prop

Equipment Cache

- Continual problems with US&R Suburbans
- \$111,000 of '08 SHSP Funds will be used to purchase three F-250's
- ALL Type I cache has been re-inventoried for 2009 and entered into new tracking software.

Training

- Canine Managers attended a FEMA canine course with TN-TF1
- 2009 Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) was conducted (11/10 – 11/12)

Communications

- This still remains the teams Achilles heel

- I will request grant monies for this on the 2010 DHS grant

South Carolina HART Program

- 7 HART members received Rescue Team Leader Training on Jan 15th 2010
- I have been asked to test the program in real-time three times in 2010
- Quarterly training is already scheduled for 2010 (we need your help!)

Firefighter Mobilization

1. To date, we have **240** registered fire departments with over **5,440** personnel.
Of the total registered personnel:
 - 3,368** have Firefighter II
 - 841** have both Firefighter II and EMT
2. The October 20th SEMS training went extremely well; two Fire Academy staff participated. The next training is scheduled for March 16, 2010.
3. The SEMS program has encountered several issues since the server move. Most of them have been corrected.
4. The Mobilization Coordinator attended the Palmetto 800 Users' meeting on November 4, 2009. He also attended the WebEOC drill on November 17, 2009 at S.C. EMD.
5. **ACTIVATION:** On November 30, 2009 Firefighter Mobilization was activated in response to a large trash fire in Lee County. The request was for 2 Type I Engines, 2 Type IV Engines and 2 Command Personnel. Units from Darlington County Fire and Hartsville City Fire filled this request. The units worked one operational period and were released.
6. Continued assistance with the equipment procurement process for the SC-HART program.
7. Greg Lindley has resigned as the Region 7 Coordinator. He has taken a new job with Laurens County and does not have time to devote to this program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel B. McManus, ASFM