



Minutes

*Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee
April 18, 2006 3 p.m.
Columbia Fire Department Headquarters*

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

Others: Jason Pope, Norman Knight, Ken Bell, Tom Webb, Russ Friar, Ed Roper, Joey Tanner, Bill Hall and Alvin Payne

- Chairman Platt called meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- Minutes from the March 3, 2005, meeting read and approved.
- Minutes from the two March 8, 2005. conference calls read and approved.
- Chairman Platt announced that Ray Wilkinson was invited to today's meeting to receive a service award. Ray was not present to accept the plaque. Michael will deliver the plaque to Ray.

Old Business

- Bruce Kline asked about re-appointments for the committee members. Jim Bowie said we should know something by next week.

New Business

- Mick Mayers could not be at this meeting so he sent the US&R report to Michael via email. Michael passed out copies and sent by email.
 - Michael stated that \$150,000 of grant funding had been secured for the purchase of a new tractor/trailer combination for SC-TF1.
- Michael passed out copies of the position description for the US&R director.
 - There was discussion on salary; needs to be at least mid-point of the pay band.
 - Committee told to provide feedback on the position description to Michael within two weeks.
 - Position Description needs to be finalized in 45 days.
- Jim Bowie gave an update on the US&R funding issues. We will ask for \$750,000 for an operating budget and an additional \$100,000 for the Director's position.

- Alvin Payne asked Ed Roper who paid for the US&R props at the SCFA. Ed stated that the Fire Academy paid for the materials used to construct the props. Ed stated that volunteer assistance from SC-TF1 personnel helped to construct the props. Ed further stated that the SCFA is committed to working with SC-TF1 on training issues. Alvin also asked Ed why the SCFA charges more for classes that are paid for by grants. Ed explained that the SCFA underwrites courses to municipal fire departments based the 0.35 funding that the SCFA gets. The SCFA does not underwrite these same classes when the classes are paid by federal grants. The committee understood Ed's response and appreciated the explanation.
- Chief Joey Tanner gave a briefing on the National Fire Service Intrastate Mutual Aid System and passed out copies of the minutes from the International Fire Chiefs Association that dealt with said subject. Chief Tanner commented that South Carolina is way ahead of most of the country in the area of intrastate mutual aid.
- Jason gave the regional coordinators' report and commented on the Darlington County post-incident critique. The committee agreed to accept the Darlington County After Action Report Revision 1 as the official incident report.
- Karl Ristow submitted the annual report for approval. The committee suggested adding additional information for the US&R regional teams. Karl will make additions and send it to Michael and Jason via email. Jason will coordinate the printing of the reports. The committee wants to send it to all legislators, the state's fire service, and law enforcement associations.
- Michael received a letter from the Beaufort Co. Chiefs' Association requesting that the last Mass Decon Tent be issued to Daufuskie Island. The committee decided to issue the Tent to Allendale County as originally planned.

Open Discussion

- Wendell asked for a Firefighter Mobilization budget update. Michael said he would send it to the committee members via email.
- Wendell also stated that Beaufort County received a grant to purchase a mobile kitchen that can serve 300 meals, three times a day. This asset will be available for mutual aid assistance.
- Tom Webb asked the committee if SC-TF1 could request an extension for spending the grant money for this cycle. The committee gave him permission to do so.
- Motion to adjourn; next meeting date is Monday, May 22, 2006, at 10 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted, Jason Pope