



MINUTES

Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee

August 24, 2006, 10 a.m.

State Fire Marshal's Office

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

Others: Jason Pope, Ken Bell, Ed Roper, Alvin Payne, David Wright, John Reich, Chris Alverson, and Tim Murphy

- Chairman Platt called meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- The minutes from the June 22, 2006, meeting were read and approved.
- Ken Bell passed out the US&R Director's report from Mick Mayers.
 - o Karl Ristow asked about workers' compensation and liability insurance.
 - o Jim Bowie stated there were Senate Committee meetings on this subject.
 - o A sub-committee was appointed to deal with this issue and give a presentation to said Senate committee. Phill Jolley was appointed chair. Other members are Alvin Payne, Tommy McDowell and Jim Bowie. This sub-committee will be known as the "Workers' Compensation Reform Sub-Committee."
- Mr. Chris Alverson gave a presentation on the Georgia Mutual Aid Group. Chris briefly described what the system is designed for and looks forward to working with the S.C. Firefighter Mobilization Committee.

Old Business

- FFMob Plan Revision 1 was presented for approval. Phill Jolley made the motion to approve, seconded by Tommy McDowell. Some discussion and motion carried.
- Jim Bowie asked who issues the Firefighter ID (FDID) numbers for fire departments. He stated there needed to be some clarification on how those numbers are issued. Michael said he would set up a meeting with Ed Roper, Sondra Senn and Morris Russell to discuss this issue.
- There was no update on the committee members' reappointments. Jim will follow up with this issue.

New Business

- The State Fire Project included in the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program was discussed. Tommy McDowell stated that the lack of radiation detection equipment has

been an issue for several years now. The \$300,000 that was approved for this project will be used to purchase this equipment. SLED has agreed to provide the administrative and logistical support for this project. Jason will work with SLED to recommend the equipment that needs to be purchased.

- The issue of mobilizing non-fire service personnel was discussed. The committee decided to make an exception for personnel who have MOU's with regional response teams who are a part of the FFMob plan. Specifically, the non-fire service personnel on the regional US&R teams will be entered into SEMS even though they are not registered as a firefighter based on the fact those teams have individual MOU's with those personnel.
- The SC-TF1 funding requests were presented. Jim said the budget needs to be in the state format. A US&R funding sub-committee was formed to deal with this issue. The members are Michael Platt, Karl Ristow and Alvin Payne. Jim will assist in developing a presentation for the Senate Finance Committee. Jim will try to get this sub-committee on the agenda for the next Senate Finance Committee meeting.

Open Discussion

- Alvin Payne mentioned that the regional US&R teams have discussed moving some radio equipment around between the teams. He asked what needed to be done as far as the MOU's. Jason will address this in the next regional US&R team meeting.
- Tony Hendrick asked about the restrictions on the equipment bought with the Homeland Security grants. Currently, that equipment is restricted to use with CBRNE-related events only. It is the committee's understanding that after three years, the equipment can be used for anything the owner wants to.
- Jason briefed the committee on several issues:
 - o We are working with Advanced Solutions Group (ASG) to add some new features to the SEMS program to make it more versatile.
 - o ESF 4 is working on a plan to support ESF 16 with coordination of fire service resources during hurricane evacuations.
 - o The next regional US&R team meeting will be on Wednesday, October, 4 at 10:30 a.m..
- The next meeting will be held at the Fire Chief's Conference at Litchfield Beach on October 18, 2006, at 3 p.m..
- Motion made to adjourn and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Pope