

**Oconee County Fire Rescue  
Station Chiefs Meeting  
Station 8 – 7:00 PM  
April 8, 2019**

**CHIEFS PRESENT:**

**Fire Chief**, Bruce Thaxton  
**Station #1 Chief**, Mike Link  
**Station #2 Chief**, Greg Peck  
**Station #4 Chief**, Chris Higginbotham

**Station #5 Chief**, Russ Henson  
**Station #6 Asst. Chief**, Wes Boss  
**Station #7 Chief**, Tommy Crowe  
**Station #8 Captain**, Mike Towe

Daniel Culbertson, Ricky Hayes, Shawn Johnston, Jim Pirkle, Dusty Powell, and Bob Ward were also in attendance.

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

Motion to approve the March 11<sup>th</sup> minutes was approved.

Bryan Allen, Compliance and Evaluation Manager with GFA Standards and Training, advised the Chiefs on new rules for Volunteer Fire Departments. Allen noted the following new rules were mandated by the Standards and Training Council for Volunteer Firefighter and Department compliance:

- a) All volunteer firefighters must complete 24 hours of approved training per year
- b) 24 hours of training for each member must be submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup> to GFA
- c) OCFR can count training hours from a member's career department
- d) Members lacking the 24 hours of training must take the NPQ FF1 or Registered FF test
- e) Members must be deactivated if they lack the 24 hours of training and do not retest
- f) Truck and station maintenance nights need to include a training topic
- g) All members since 2016 must submit a 16-page application packet for GFA
- h) All Support Drivers since 2016 must pass a Support Firefighter written test

The Chiefs agreed that 24 hours of training for each member should be complete by the second Thursday in December. This will allow Lara Crowe enough time to enter training hours into the GFA website prior to the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

The Chiefs concurred that Medical Responders also need to meet 24 hours of training per year to remain a member.

**I. Truck / Station Maintenance:**

1. Looked over outstanding work orders for Fire Rescue.

**II. Training:**

1. Chiefs reviewed the training schedule for April. April training consists of the following:  
1.75" and 3.0" Hose Testing at all stations, Paratech Extrication Demonstration, "Firefighter Down

CPR” Drill, and “Trauma Assessment” medical class.

2. Bruce reminded Chiefs on hose testing and hose loads. Hose gaskets were distributed to the Chiefs.
3. Chiefs reviewed the Potential Firefighter and Medical Responder roster.
4. Chiefs reviewed the monthly training hours for March, 2019.
5. The Firefighter 1 class moving along with 12 OCFR recruits. The Live Burn will be April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **III. Miscellaneous:**

1. Bruce thanked the Chiefs for implementing the GroupMe app.
2. The Station Chiefs reviewed two appeals for membership:  
Abdiel Perez appealed to remain a member of OCFR. Mike Link made a motion for Perez to remain a member. Tommy Crowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.  
Jaimee Finney appealed for OCFR membership. Tommy Crowe made a motion to approve Finney for membership. Matt Towe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Chiefs. Time = 8:35 PM.

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton