

**Oconee County Fire Rescue  
Station Chiefs Meeting  
Station 8 – 7:00 PM  
August 12, 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 Chief, Britt Alger**

**Station #7 Asst. Chief, Glen Cain**

**Station #8 Chief, Keith Kelley**

Station 8 Captain Mike Towe and Jake Sosebee were also in attendance.

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

Motion to approve the June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes was approved.

**I. Truck / Station Maintenance:**

1. Looked over outstanding work orders for Fire Rescue. Mike Link noted that the anti-lock brake light is indicating a problem. Bruce will write a work order.
2. Bruce encouraged Chiefs to test the Knox Box key holders in Engines during Truck Maintenance nights. Engines 401 & 701 Knox Box key holders are out of service and being replaced.

**II. Training:**

1. Chiefs reviewed the training schedule for August. August training consists of the following: Pump & Drafting Drill, Catch a Hydrant Drills, Forcible Entry Class, Vehicle Extrication Drills, Dispatch Familiarization & Radio Protocol Class, Ladder 1 & Ladder 8 Drills, VEIS Class, Pumping Scenarios w/ 801 & L8, Pre-Plan Athens Academy, Hurricane Michael Class, and “Exertional Heat Illness” Medical Class.
2. Chiefs reviewed the Potential Firefighter and Medical Responder roster. Bruce noted that two recruits were ready for interviews for Medical Responder.
3. Chiefs reviewed the monthly training hours for June & July, 2019.
4. Bruce noted the Fall Medical Responder class is full. There will be 23 recruits including Sheriff’s Office personnel, Animal Services personnel, and others signed up for the course.
5. The NPQ FF2 class is doing well with nine Oconee Firefighters and four out-of-county Firefighters.
6. Bruce encouraged Chiefs to obtain more drivers for fire trucks. The driver roster was reviewed.

### **III. Miscellaneous:**

1. Bruce noted that OCFR has paperwork signed on a house for live fire training. A vendor checked and found asbestos in the house. The owner requested a competitive price on removing the asbestos. Mike Towe is getting another price for asbestos removal.
2. Bruce noted that Billy Amos cannot haul off the can trailers anymore. Chiefs were encouraged to find one of their members to haul can trailers.
3. Bruce reviewed SOG 4.10.10. The SOG indicates 911 Dispatch calling Incident Command every 15 minutes on structure fires. All Chiefs agreed that the SOG should be implemented. The SOG assists the IC to know the amount of time that has passed since the call was paged out.
4. Russ Henson presented a Sensit Gas Monitor for review. All current gas monitors on fire trucks will be obsolete at end of 2019. Chiefs agreed to pursue the Sensit brand gas monitors.
5. Russ Henson brought up discussion on Support Drivers wearing turnout gear. Currently, five Support Drivers have turnout gear. Chiefs agreed that Support Drivers should have a leather helmet shield that identifies them as Support Drivers. This will assist Incident Command at fire scenes.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Chiefs. Time = 8:10 PM.

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton