

**Oconee County Fire Rescue
Station Chiefs Meeting
Station 8 – 6:00 PM
October 16, 2023**

CHIEFS PRESENT:

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

Station #5 Chief, Jason Mauldin
Station #6 Asst. Chief, Wes Boss
Station #7 Asst. Chief, Glen Cain
Station #8 Chief, Mike Towe

OPEN MEETING called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes was approved.

I. Truck / Station Maintenance:

1. Looked over outstanding work orders for Fire Rescue.

II. Training:

1. Chiefs reviewed the training schedule for October. October training consists of (22) various fire & medical classes, and Truck / Station Maintenance nights at each station.
2. Chiefs reviewed the Potential Firefighter and Medical Responder roster.
3. Chiefs reviewed the monthly training hours for September 2023.
4. Mike Towe noted five recruits passed the 75-hour NPQ FF2 course. There are still currently seven OCFR volunteer recruits and three Oconee Sheriff's Office deputies in the Medical Responder class.

III. Miscellaneous:

1. Bruce noted that 172 Scott SCBA cylinders will have an expired life in April 2024. The SCBA cylinders will be placed on bid later in the year.
2. Bruce noted that the new 105 Air & Light truck is now in service. The new Engine 701 is expected to be delivered in the Fall of 2024. Chiefs were encouraged to have a training night with the new 105 Air & Light truck.
3. Bruce reviewed the recent ISO survey point sheet. OCFR increased the credited points to solidify a Class 4/4X rating.

4. Chiefs reviewed an appeal for OCFR membership from Cody Marchbanks due to his residence being in an adjoining county. Mike Towe made a motion to approve the appeal, Glen Cain seconded the motion, and all Chiefs voted to approve the motion.
5. Chiefs reviewed an appeal for OCFR membership from Sean O'Connell due to his residence being in an adjoining county. Chris Higginbotham made a motion to approve the appeal, Mike Link seconded the motion, and all Chiefs voted to approve the motion.
6. Bruce asked the Station Chiefs for input on future Tanker truck purchases. The consensus was to maintain "off road" Tanker trucks. Bruce will seek vendor specifications on Tanker trucks.
7. Chiefs reviewed volunteers that are lack training hours. All non-career Medical Responders and Firefighters must have the annual 24 hours of training prior to December 15th, 2023. Chiefs were encouraged to contact members that are lacking training hours.

Meeting adjourned by consensus of the Chiefs. Time = 7:15 pm.

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton.