

**Oconee County Fire Rescue
Station Chiefs Meeting
Station 8 – 7:00 PM
October 14, 2024**

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 Captain, Emily Alger

Station #7 Chief, Nelson Wilbanks

Station #8 Chief, Mike Towe

OPEN MEETING called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the September 10, 2024 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 (21) various fire & medical classes, and Truck / Station Maintenance nights at each station.
2. Chiefs reviewed the Potential Firefighter and Medical Responder roster. Three Firefighter recruits are ready for the Firefighter Assessment Lab.
3. Chiefs reviewed the monthly training hours for September.
4. Bruce noted that six of seven recruits are still in the 80-hour Fall EMR Course.

III. Miscellaneous:

1. Kirk Atkinson noted plans to have an OCFR Technical Rescue team. The following courses will begin in January, 2025: 40-hour NPQ Introduction & Core; 40-hour NPQ Rope Technician. The class size will be limited to eight firefighters. Several firefighters will be recruited that already have the Technical Rescue training. Jason Gantt, Ben Holton, and Jake Sosebee will be the lead instructors. Mike Towe will assist with work associated with GFA Standards and Training.

2. Bruce noted that over (16) Volunteer Firefighters and Medical Responders participated in the recent Fire Safety Skits in (7) Elementary Schools. Emily Alger suggested that OCFR present the skits to the OCFR membership and families next summer. The presentation of the skits may encourage other volunteers to participate. Bruce will check with the Civic Center for an August, 2025 date. Dinner will be included.
3. Bruce asked Chiefs to wash recruitment signs on trailers. Station 6 can trailer needs to be emptied.
4. Chiefs reviewed volunteers that lack training hours. All non-career Medical Responders and Firefighters must have the annual 24 hours of training prior to December 19th, 2024. Chiefs were encouraged to contact members that are lacking training hours.

Open Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton.