

**Oconee County Fire Rescue
Station Chiefs Meeting
Station 8 – 6:00 PM
January 13, 2025**

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 Chief, Nelson Wilbanks

Station #8 Lieutenant, Jaron Queen

Station 1 Lieutenant Andrew Kinnard and BOC Chairman John Daniell were also in attendance.

OPEN MEETING called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Greg Hammontree, Volunteer Fire Insurance Services representative, provided information on OCFR's current liability insurance policy.

Motion to approve the December 9, 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 January. January training consists of (23) 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 December. Year 2024 had the highest amount of earned training hours for OCFR membership.

III. Miscellaneous:

1. Danny Myung presented an appeal to remain a member of OCFR.

Jason Mauldin made a motion to approve the appeal for membership with six months of probation. Chiefs will review training hours and response to calls at the July, 2025 Chiefs Meeting. Jaron Queen seconded the motion. Wes Boss, Mike Link, Jason Mauldin, Jaron Queen, and Nelson Wilbanks voted "yes" to the motion. Chris Higginbotham and Greg Peck voted "no" to the motion.

2. Melanie Jenkins presented an appeal to remain a member of OCFR.
Mike Link made a motion to approve the appeal for membership with six months of probation.
Chiefs will review training hours and response to calls at the July, 2025 Chiefs Meeting. Nelson Wilbanks seconded the motion. All Chiefs present approved the motion.
3. Bruce noted the county Fleet department will be replacing TruFuel with Husqvarna fuel additive.
TruFuel is giving service issues with chainsaws, etc.
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, 2025**. Chiefs were encouraged to contact members that are lacking training hours.

Open Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton.