

**Oconee County Fire Rescue  
Station Chiefs Meeting  
Station 8 – 6:00 PM  
March 10, 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 Lieutenant, Matt Gentry**

**Station #7 Chief, Nelson Wilbanks**

**Station #8 Chief, Mike Towe**

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

Motion to approve February 10, 2025 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 March. March 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 February.
4. Bruce asked the Station Chiefs to put all doors, glass, etc. back into cars after extrication drills. This will accommodate the wrecker driver for Wilson's Garage.
5. Chief Mike Towe noted the NPQ FF1 class was going well. The third evaluation of timed skills will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. One recruit needs to improve skills and testing to remain in the class.

**III. Miscellaneous:**

1. Bruce noted that 100' of yellow forestry hose is on most Front-line Engines, Reserve Engines, and Tankers. The forestry hose needs to remain out of the burned area until fire is out to avoid burning the hose. Bruce will contact Carlton Hale to see if he can install forestry hose reels on six Tankers.
2. Bruce noted the recent Appreciation Dinner attendance was at maximum capacity. There was discussion on how to limit RSVP's to accommodate table and chair space.

3. 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Chiefs were encouraged to contact members that are lacking training hours.

Open Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton.