

**Oconee County Fire Rescue
Station Chiefs Meeting
Station 8 – 6:00 PM
July 14, 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 Chief, Britt Alger

Station #7 Chief, Nelson Wilbanks

Station #8 Chief, Mike Towe

Keith Kelley was also in attendance.

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

Motion to approve June 9, 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 July. July training consists of (15) various fire & medical classes, and Truck / Station Maintenance nights at each station.
2. Chiefs reviewed the Potential Firefighter and Medical Responder roster. Four potential Firefighter recruits need to attend the next Assessment Lab.
3. Chiefs reviewed the monthly training hours for June.
4. Mike Towe noted that all FF1 Class recruits finished the NPQ FF1 course on June 14th. One recruit still needs to complete the Hazardous Operations written test.
5. Mike Towe noted there will be an NPQ FF2 course that will start in August. Bruce noted the Fall EMR course is questionable due to number of applicants.

III. Miscellaneous:

1. Bruce asked Keith Kelley to discuss a possible change in response to CO alarm activations. The change will reduce OCFR call responses by allowing Atlanta Gas to handle the calls unless one of the following occurs:
 - 1) Someone feels sick in the home
 - 2) 911 Dispatch cannot talk to someone in the home due to monitored alarm system

2. Bruce noted that the Georgia Forestry Commission water tank is ready. The Freightliner chassis will be sent to GFC this week. All Chiefs concurred to increase the water tank capacity to 2000 gallons on future Tankers. The new Sutphen Engine 701 should be here in the next 10 days.
3. Chiefs briefly discussed the use of 1.75" smooth bore nozzles with appropriate hose. Mike Towe will provide Bruce and the Station Chiefs on equipment specifications at the next Chief's meeting.
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 6:55 pm.

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton.