

**Oconee County Fire Rescue
Station Chiefs Meeting
Station 8 – 6:00 PM
February 9, 2026**

CHIEFS PRESENT:

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

Station #5 Captain, Neil Boss
Station #6 Asst. Chief, Wes Boss
Station #7 Chief, Nelson Wilbanks
Station #8 Chief, Mike Towe

Cliff Threadgill was also in attendance.

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

Motion to approve January 12, 2026 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 February. February training consists of (19) various fire & medical classes, and Truck / Station Maintenance nights at each station.
2. Chiefs reviewed the potential Firefighter & Medical Responder roster. Chief Towe noted the NPQ FF1 Course is going well with (8) FF1, (1) Support Driver, and (2) City of Greensboro FF1 recruits.
3. Chiefs reviewed the monthly training hours for January 2026.

III. Miscellaneous:

1. Bruce reviewed the list of non-certified fire truck drivers with the Chiefs. All Chiefs were encouraged to get non-certified truck drivers checked off on driver training in 2026.
2. Bruce reviewed the 2026 Station Officer roster. Officer helmet swaps were completed as needed by fire station officers. Chief Towe will check on the status of Station 8 officer helmets.
3. Bruce asked Station Chiefs to review the January structure fire scenes and make improvements on the following: Engines & Ladder Trucks announcing on scene over the radio – for ISO, Incident Command, Accountability, Staging, Fire Scene PPE, 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 18th, 2026**. Chiefs were encouraged to contact members that are lacking training hours.

Open Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken & typed by Bruce Thaxton.