



# MINUTES FIRE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

August 17, 2023

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers  
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

## **MEMBERS**

Commissioner Charlie Vissage, Region 1  
Commissioner Tony McAlister, Region 2  
Commissioner Austin Grant, Region 3 (Absent)  
Commissioner Bruce Brock, Region 4

Commissioner, Region 5 (seat vacant)  
OCES Director, Scott Krein  
Fire Chief, Chris Smith

The Oconee County Fire Service Advisory Commission met at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, with three members present.

**Press:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [[www.oconeesc.com/council](http://www.oconeesc.com/council)]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the media were present.

## **Call to Order:**

- Chairman McAlister called the meeting to order at 18:00.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Fire Commission Minutes from the July 20, 2023 meeting were approved with one change for who adjourned the meeting. Commissioner Brock was not present at the meeting and did not adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vissage made motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Brock, with a 3-0 vote to approve with changes.

## **Radio Communications Committee Report:**

No meeting held. Director Krein briefed on Radio agreements with Duke and the tower on HWY 130 and the Newry radio repeater is operational and helping out. Still working with the Radios for DEMOS.

## **Director Scott Krein's Report:**

- Bountyland Station nearly completion  
New Bountyland area map and box alarm changes with the addition of the station.  
Amended Budget for Station Staffing going thru Council.
- Reminder of Volunteer Incentive Information will be finalized at the end of the month.  
August and September paperwork do as quickly as possible and complete to ensure we have everything complete for incentive.
- Finalizing Helicopter Insurance at a new cost of \$180.00 each? This is Helicopter and ground transport.

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### **Chief Chris Smith:**

- Physicals working to finalize the process for all Emergency Services, OSHA and NFPA standards for interior activates.  
Level 1 – Interior  
Level 2 – Exterior/operator/Driver  
Level 4 – Admin Only  
Information on physical requirements and information discussed on doctor's requirements and county requirements. Large discussion on process for physicals.
- New Vehicle Fire SOG presented.
- Motor Vehicle Accident SOG also discussed to include Electric Vehicles. Get updated training for electrical vehicle fire.
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### **Fire Representative Reports:**

- Region 1: Comm Vissage – None for this meeting.
- Region 2: Comm McAlister – Offered comments related to accident scenes and getting roads open as soon as possible.
- Region 3: Comm Grant – Not Present
- Region 4: Comm Brock – Requested staffing at stations as soon as possible.
- Region 5: Vacant

### **Next Meeting**

- The next Fire Service Advisory Commissions Meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, beginning at 18:00.

### **Adjourn:**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Comm McAlister, seconded by Commissioner Vissage and approved unanimously at 18:21.

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