

September 8 -10, 2021  
Fall Work Session  
Hartsville, SC

**Wednesday September 8, 2021**

**Attendance:**

**In Person:** Jamie Caggiano, Josh Holzheimer, Malcolm Burns, Jamie Helms, Randy Arant, Keith Minick, Terry Sheriff, John Jones, Andrew Morris, Tres Atkinson, Charlie King, Brick Lewis, Jeff Oswald, Zorrina Harmon, Marcia Greer, Ashley Boltin

**Zoom:** Brook Dennis, Mickey Folsom, Patti Graham

10:08 am President Caggiano welcomed everyone and Thanked Chief Burr from Hartsville for hosting us.

Invocation by Chief Burr

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Jeff Burr gave an overview of Hartsville, SC. Mr. Bill Segars have a Hartsville Fire Department history overview.

***A motion was made by Malcolm Burns to approve August 10, 2021 minutes as presented; seconded by Josh Holzheimer. All in favor.***

Josh Holzheimer gave the 2021-2022 budget presentation.

A new staff organizational chart was presented, no motion was needed to approve.

Direction was given to the Training & Education Chairman to prepare a long range plan on how to spend the current T&E Funding over the next 3 years.

Stingray Boat Tour

**Thursday September 9, 2021**

**Attendance:**

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**Zoom:** Brook Dennis, Rick Dunn, Brian Bailey, Jack Kirlin, Jeff Oswald, Rick Cramer, Ryan Eubanks

President Caggiano informed the group that a meeting took place with Alan Sims, Justin McClellan, Jamie Caggiano & Charlie King to discuss the future and the possibility of joining conferences in the future. We learned that financially it won't work out. The Fire Chief's Association needs to profit \$20,000 from the conference. They are going to take the discussion back to their board and come back to us with a formal answer. We do plan to meet with the EMS Association about the possibility of joining conferences in the future.

President Caggiano ask Finance & Audit Chairman Josh Holzheimer to create a road map of our current funding, and how we plan to spend it because of our status.

Later today, we will need to have a mobilization discussion. Chief Kolvalcik has retired from the City of Greenville Fire Department and ask to come off the mobilization committee. We need to appoint a new member we have 6 people that have expressed interest by submitting a letter, we will need to review, discuss, and select one.

### **Committee Reports**

Legislative – Malcolm Burns – The Committee met on August 25<sup>th</sup> via zoom. Our next big focus is strengthening the Move Over Law. Currently we are looking at different states laws to see how we can improve ours. The problem with our law it states to slow down to a reasonable speed which is left to interoperation by the individual. In North Carolina their law states that you must slow down to 15 mph under the posted speed limit. We need to take this angle as a public safety stance, currently it goes by the DOT stance. The discussion has been what it you add blue lights to the Fire Truck, will that make a difference, we are currently looking into that, but it seems we are running into everyone has a different stance on that.

Advisory – Jamie Helms – We received 28 applications for the 2022 Leadership Institute. The committee is looking to meet on September 29/30 to start the review process. The advisory committee will be meeting with Brook and Rick to discuss the marketing strategies for the awards campaign. We will have a recommendation for the 2022 Leadership Institute class to the Executive Committee in October.

Training & Education - Terry Sheriff – We continue to work on the goals of the committee. We are excited to have our keynote speaker Mark VonAppen at the October 12<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting that will be held at the SC Fire Academy. Our committee continues to work on the Fire Service Improvement Conference for January and the Fire – Rescue Conference in June. The deadline for class submission is September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. I have been in discuss and we need to decide on if we want to host the North American Vehicle Extrication Competition. I personally have some reservations and concerns, they use scenarios with live patients, I will send the information out to the executive committee so that you can review as well. We are work working with Fire Academy & Officer Section on the boot camp. Our 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President is working on providing a training with demolition of buildings that may be an opportunity to provide additional training in the future and maybe at Fire Service Improvement Conference. We will be working on the direction given yesterday about providing a 3 year plan.

Health & Safety – Chief Williams was absent but sent his report in; The H&S Committee has not met since our July 23rd meeting. September's social media message went out on September 1st; the H&S Committee shared a checklist for fire departments to use to make sure their home away from home is safe. October's social media message for our members will concentrate on physical fitness.

By-Laws – Jason Pope – The committee has not met since our last Executive Committee meeting; we do plan to have an in person meeting the first of October.

Conference Committee – Mike Norket – Thanked the committee for the opportunity to be here. The committee has met, and we laid out the goals and task, we had discussion and good feedback. Tres, Ashley & I will meet in Myrtle Beach to visit some of the venues. We are looking to have a face to face meeting at the Fire Chiefs Conference in October with the committee and Chief Caggiano. One of the challenges we are facing next year is that we are the same week as the Country Music festival, it does block off the downtown beach area.

NVFC – Jack Kirlin & Brian Moon – The Committees that Jack is on have not meet since last September. On October 12<sup>th</sup> Jack & Brian will be traveling to the Fall NVFC meeting in Jackson hole Wyoming. Brian Moon forwarded that the NVFC has a campaign running to give away 2 free memberships for 1 year to the NVFC. This is something I am sure we want to participate in.

Officer Section – Andrew Morris – The Officer Section in partnership with State Fire Academy, & the Instructors Society to host the first Officer Boot Camp, by having these partners it gives is momentum. We are currently still in meetings but look forward to bringing that soon. It will be hosted at State Fire and will promote officer content.

Foundation – Tres Atkinson – I have met with Bryan Bailey, and he has some new ideas for the Foundation Golf Tournament that will be coming up, Bryan is putting together a package and we hope to share that with you all very soon. We have had a lead on someone helping us write a description and put us in touch with companies that do this for a living on getting a fundraiser person for the foundation. We have several vacancies on our board so if you know someone that would serve us well, please let me know.

SCFIS – Rick Cramer – I am sorry I am not able to be there in person, but thank you for the opportunity to speak, I will turn it over to Zorrina. The website for scfirefighterscancer.com was shown, it was explained the group that Axis is the contractor and Provident & SCFIS are the sub-contractors. A handout was given to show how to file a claim, this is a guide on how to file a claim, we will not be taking paper claims only electronic claims.

**Facts about the Cancer Bill:**

- Eligible claims will be paid for a qualifying cancer diagnosis, where the diagnosis occurred on or after July 1, 2021.
- A one-time benefit of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) upon the firefighter’s initial diagnosis. This benefit is a one-time, lifetime benefit, for a single diagnosis of a qualifying type of cancer, regardless of how many different diagnoses are received by the applicant.
- A reimbursement of up to twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) annually to the firefighter for any out-of-pocket medical expenses including, but not limited to: deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance costs incurred. This benefit is payable annually, for a single diagnosis of a qualifying type of cancer.

- A seventy-five thousand-dollar (\$75,000) death benefit for a firefighter who dies as a result of cancer or circumstances that arise out of the treatment of cancer. All of the benefits arising out of such death are available to the deceased firefighter's beneficiary. This benefit is a one-time, lifetime benefit.

The FACT Sheet was put together by Jonathan and SCFIS. Jonathan is working on a certificate program through the Fire Academy portal.

Another organization the Professional Firefighters Association attacked our insurance company and state fire saying it was a conflict of interest and they wanted to turn it over to the legal team. We have since talked with the Professional Firefighters group and tried to explain to them that SCFIS is a standalone company, there is nothing illegal going on, and we will continue to deliver a good product with good customer service. The SCFIS Company will continue to sponsor events and dinners for the Association and other fire service events. This company was originally developed to give back to the SC Fire Service. SCFIS is currently working on their strategic plan, and they hope to have it complete by December.

SCFAST – Patti Graham – SCFAST has been busy these last few months. We participated in the Behavioral Health Symposium that was put on by the SC Fire Academy, thank you SCFIS for sponsoring the lunch for that event. We have training planned for Florence & Lexington Fire Departments. We received reports that Fort Jackson, had taken the training and they were able to help one of their own that was suicidal. We have a resource list that we can provide and help those in need, Three Rivers Hospital has an outpatient facility that we work with, they have a section for Military and Fire Responders. We have had many requests from Departments that know their people are hurting, they just don't know how to help. Patti is working with the SC Fire Academy on several curriculum programs. I will be working with Rick on a couple of updated for the website. Our coordinators had the opportunity to spend the weekend at the Big Red Barn for some training and relaxation, it was a great opportunity, Chief David Kerr was the spear head in getting us in with this group.

Communications – Brook Dennis – I have been working on the Membership Directory, it is Suicide Awareness month so we have been putting information out about that. Our next big push is Awards on social media. It was mentioned that the Executive Committee has been enjoying the TicTok videos, Brook mentioned that we are building a community on TicTok.

EMS Committee – Ryan Eubanks - Public Comment for DHEC 61.7 is open. We will have some wins in the new regulation, but some challenges as well. There is a lot of back chatter about the rewording of the 80% rule is clouded. It is unclear is the licensed fire agencies to respond 100% of the time. The association will be sure to share the stakeholders links. Charlie has a rough draft of the comments so far.

Break

10:34 am Kevin Kutch with the Peer Connect App gave a presentation

Strategic Planning – John Jones – John reviewed over the SWOT analysis summary and ask everyone to review over the matrix as homework.

***A motion was made by Josh Holzheimer for Executive Session to include Staff to discuss mobilization Candidates; seconded by Keith Minick. All in favor.***

***Executive Session was adjourned, no action was taken, it was turned over to the Advisory Committee to report back their findings.***

Lunch

Darlington Racetrack Tour

**Friday September 10, 2021**

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Meeting Reconvened

***The 2022 Proposed Budget comes to you all out of Finance & Audit committee, A vote was taken; Approval 7, Opposed 0.***

A facility discussion took place. Direction was given to have a plan amongst staff of what we see we would need in a new building. The Executive Committee ask Executive Director to find a real estate agent.

Carter Jones gave a history presentation & update.

Mr. Bill Segar gave a presentation on the project he will be assisting with and the interactive map.

***A motion was made by Jamie Helms to adjourn; seconded by Josh Holzheimer. All in favor.***

Lunch was served.