

Executive Committee Conference Call
March 19, 2020
1:30 pm – 2:31 pm

Attendance: Keith Minick, Jamie Caggiano, Josh Holzheimer, Malcolm Burns, Brian Brazier, Tres Atkinson, Marquis Solomon, Rick Cramer, Billy Dillon, Tracy Williams, Ryan Eubanks, Will Broschious, Andrew Morris, John Bowers, Charlie King, Zorrina Harmon, Brick Lewis, Ashley Boltin

1:30 pm Meeting Called to order by President Minick

Roll Call was taken

State Fire – Jonathan Jones gave an update, most of State Fire staff that are able, are teleworking, they do have limited staff on campus, and the campus is still open. The Maintenance staff is taking advantage of this unexpected down to for prop maintenance. Next week they are preparing for more of their staff to telework. The management staff will be rotating call, so that at least one manager will be on site every day. Starting Monday the front gates will be locked, and you will have to check in with the guard before being allowed on campus this helps with us being able to maintain records of who has been on campus. Director Farr requested on Tuesday and is utilizing the Palmetto Incident Management Team primarily for communication purposes for LLR. That is going very well so far. All classes at the State Fire Academy have been cancelled with the exception of in house classes and we continue to support those efforts. Next week we will be looking to hear from the SC State Fire Chiefs & SC State Firefighters' Association on direction for the April 1, 2020 Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

President Minick opened the conversation for committee members to share what they are doing in their areas for the COVID -19.

Chief Bowers informed everyone they have a lot of sick folks in their area. Some have been released from the hospital to be quarantined to their house. Camden Fire has opened another station for isolation, they do take their employees temperatures every morning. The Fire stations are on lockdown, no visitors, no volunteers, friends or family. Camden has implemented a curfew.

Chief Solomon said they have similar policies. If a staff member has a fever they are not allowed in the station and sent home. Their fire marshals are teleworking, with a limited in house working schedule. West Columbia Fire is currently responding to only echo level calls for COVID – 19. They have provided the MUSC App for all of their staff to help determine signs and symptoms. Their staff does have the N-95 mask this is front line mask with a backup of Surgical mask.

Chief Broschius mentioned they do still allow their volunteers at the Fire Stations all have N-95 mask in their vehicles. They have scaled back on medical calls and the department is enacting video conferencing for all command staff meetings.

Chief Minick mentioned they do not have any of the N-95 mask in Newberry if anyone has extra and willing to share they will gladly take some. So far Newberry has had limited exposure.

Chief Solomon also mentioned that they are not responding to alarm calls, they are allowing the occupants keyholder do the first check and if they need the fire department then they will respond.

Chief Bowers had an article on mask that he would like to share with everyone, he will be sending the link to Executive Director King to share with everyone.

Chief Solomon and others had the discussion that they have seen a decrease in medical calls.

Executive Director King mentioned if anyone has an article or document for best practices if they will please send it to him. The SCSFA is trying to push out this type of information on our social media.

Rick Cramer has a great article on HIPPA Compliance and the new limited HIPPA waiver, he will share that with everyone.

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion on the Memorial Service April 1st and then the afternoon at the State House. Executive Director and others will be monitoring, at this point we are not sure the legislature will even be in and if so if they will allow the public in. We should have more of a defined plan early next week on the activities for April 1st.

The advisory committee award recommendation selection was presented to the Executive Committee, All in favor. None Opposed.

EMS Committee Updates – Ryan Eubanks on SCDHEC 67-01 Regulation Update, your committee is working hard in the background. A suggestion of written change has to be submitted to DHEC by March 30th. Chief Eubanks and Executive Director King participated on the DHEC Conference call yesterday. We had good participation from the fire service and have taken lots of notes. We are going in jointly with the EMS Association to submit our recommendations.

Executive Director reiterated if you or someone you know has any questions, or comments please direct them to Ryan Eubanks. 67-01 is DHEC standard that provides guidance on EMR up to EMS Response in our state.

Executive Director King updated that yesterday we started our work from home. So far it has gone well. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out and share those with us.

Tommy Norris update, they did not get very favorable news yesterday. Tommy has been diagnosed with stage 4 Glioblastoma Multiforme. ED King spoke with Ms. Donna Norris and they are going to seek oncology treatment. A discussion was had at what point does the foundation need to maybe step in.

Tracy Williams wife update Lisa, she had a pre op appointment this morning for some MRI's for next week. They still have an appointment at Emory on March 30th.

Chief Minick said that Chris Sptizer has made progress.

Ashley's dad has been ill with flu like symptoms but tested negative for the flu, he is hanging in there and trying to keep him positive.

Chief Minick we will try and schedule another call for next week.

A motion was made by Tres Atkinson at 2:31 pm to adjourn; seconded by Rick Cramer. All in favor.