

NOTICE OF **SPARTANBURG COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION AND** **PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Spartanburg County Fire Prevention and Protection Advisory Committee will hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 11th, 2021 at 10:00 am at the Westview-Fairforest Fire Department – Station 2 located at 4247 Anderson Mill Road, Moore, South Carolina. You will find the Agenda below:

AGENDA **SPARTANBURG COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ADVISORY** **COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 11th, 2021

10:00 AM

Special Meeting

Westview-Fairforest Fire Department – Station 2
4247 Anderson Mill Road, Moore, SC 29369

I. Call to Order

Chief Barry Frost, Chairman

II. New Business

- a) Engage in Strategic Planning discussions regarding consolidations and mergers of Fire Service Areas with Special Purpose Districts with representatives of ESCI
- b) Discussion and necessary action following Strategic Planning discussions with representatives of ESCI as follows:
 - 1. Communications**
 - A potential independent study of the Communications Center to include a comprehensive review of current policies and procedures and the standardization of fire department dispatch procedures as well.
 - 2. Legislation**
 - Update discussions previously conducted with the South Carolina Association of Counties as well as members of the Spartanburg County Legislative Delegation regarding assistance in supporting legislation relative to millage re-sets; training reimbursement; and coverage for Fire Department response to medical calls.
 - Update the progress of legislation requested by the Fire Chiefs Association or any other legislation which is pertinent to the delivery of fire service and can provide reports to County Council as available.
 - Identify members of the Spartanburg County Fire Service are also representatives at the State Fire Association and are serving on Committees which are actively pursuing legislation, as well.
 - 3. Medical Response**
 - Discuss the results of a study sent to all Fire Departments regarding medical response capabilities and strategize how best to proceed with a standard of care for medical response by all Fire Departments in the County.

- Discuss how to institute the standard of care for medical response by all Fire Departments in the County will then be a longer-term process given it will require training as well as the retention of Countywide Medical Control.

4. Training Workgroup

A. Minimum Training Requirements

- Outline the duties of each job position (develop a job description) with the minimum initial and ongoing training requirements which will standardize training requirements Countywide, thus improving firefighter safety.
- Prepare job positions which are non-structural firefighting positions which will allow the fire departments to better recruit and retain volunteers.
- Provide minimum training requirements focusing on Driver-Operator and Interior Structural Firefighter.

B. Annual Training Calendar

- Develop, in conjunction with Spartanburg County ESA, an annual Countywide training calendar which will encompass all positions from support up to, and including, the various levels of Fire Officers from mid-level up to Chief Officers and which will allow for the scheduling of appropriate classes which are geographically distributed throughout the County.

C. Regional Training Centers

- Determine other locations to provide necessary training which are apart from the Spartanburg County ESA which are geographically located to provide access by the greatest amount of Fire Departments. These locations would be scaled back from the County ESA facilities and would be classified as limited training facilities.
- Determine the best options for funding these locations, including obtaining grant monies and use of Fire Department resources and support.
- Determine these locations in conjunction with any potential mergers/consolidations of Fire Districts.

D. Technical Rescue

- Co-ordinate and develop technical rescue teams.

5. Code Enforcement Process

- The need for Fire Departments to receive enforcement support as a result of the lack of such enforcement authority pursuant to State law.
- Discuss issues in regards to such items as fire inspections (to include, but not necessarily be limited to, co-ordination with Fire Departments on necessary/required inspections), fire plans and violation enforcement.

III. Adjourn