



Roebuck Fire District Local Board of Fire Control (LBoFC)

Regular Meeting

2639 Stone Station Road, Roebuck, SC 29376

July 1, 2025, at 5 pm

Minutes in Blue

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| • Call to Order | <u>Roebuck Board of Fire Control</u> | Gaubert | 1702 |
| | Cliff Gaubert Hal Hall Tommy Bulman | | |
| | Jamie Elam Matt Henderson | | |

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| • Invocation | Hall | 1704 |
| • Pledge of Allegiance | Gaubert | 1705 |
| • Approval of Minutes | Gaubert | 1706 |

- May 13th, 2025

A motion by Hall to accept the minutes as presented. A 2nd by Henderson. No additional discussion. All members presented voted in favor.

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| • New Business | Gaubert | 1712 |
| No new business presented | | |
| • Old Business | Gaubert | 1715 |

- Receive information and take desired action related to upcoming capital replacement plans.

Chief Eubanks discussed the need for replacement of Roebuck Squad 27 (2019 Sutphen Custom Pumper) and South Spartanburg Ladder 24 (2018 Pierce Custom 107' Quint Ladder). The district has \$1.5M in remaining GO authorization that will expire in November 2026 that should be utilized. Currently, reserve fund growth should help with offsetting the anticipated financial burden. Replacement expenses are estimated at \$1.75M +/- for the replacement engine with equipment and \$3M +/- for the replacement ladder. Chief Knight is in the early stages of discussion with apparatus manufacturers on bid specifications and pricing on the replacement apparatus. Chief Knight reports that the replacement engine specification is mostly complete in concept and pricing estimations should be return soon. Chief Knight will continue the same level of work for the replacement ladder before the end of 2025. No action required.

- Receive information and take desired action related to SC FY24/25 Appropriation Act projects.

Chief Eubanks reported that Appropriation Act projects are making progress.

- Arkwright Station: New SCBA Compressor and fill station is installed and operating; New AirVac diesel exhaust mitigation system is installed and operating; and significant improvements to parking area with new concrete.
- Croft Station: The former Chief's Car apparatus bay has been converted into an ADA compliant community space with outdoor patio. The work includes new windows, new mini-split HVAC units for climate control, addition of a foyer space, new tables and chairs, updated landscaping, and new paint. Also, included within the project is a new digital display roadway sign for messaging. The project is mostly complete. Remaining details include patio glass doors, patio and ramp railings. The station bays are also receiving a new coat of paint that matches the paint scheme for the community room.
- Roebuck Station: The training room received new carpet plus new tables and chairs to support the additional volume of the district's EMT program.
- District wide: Replacement firehose was purchased to update our cache. Three (3) shipping containers and supplies were purchased to develop an all-hazards training prop for use by district personnel. The EMT program is successfully operating with another course schedule for delivery beginning on August 1, 2025. No action required.
- Receive information and take desired action related to district impacts caused by Hurricane Helene.

Chief Eubanks reports that the district has received \$279K in funding from FEMA / SC STATE EMD for Hurricane Helene reimbursement. The district should receive an additional \$12k in administrative expense recoupment. No action required.

- **Fire Chief's Report**

Eubanks

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- Finance
 - Arthur State Bank (As of June 30th, 2025)
 - \$4,149,292.27
 - Includes \$138,676.83 in funds from SC FY24/25 Appropriation Act for special projects
 - P&L vs Actual (As of June 30th, 2025)
 - Day 365 of 365
 - 100% of the budget year
- Administration

Chief Eubanks reports three (3) vacancies. Chief Long is working on a hiring process to fill the vacancies.

- CRR Report for May/June 2025
 - Community Interactions – 10
 - Citizens impacted – 193
 - Fire & Life Safety Inspections – 50
 - Violations noted – 619
 - Grants
 - \$2,500 Synthomer Foundation -- Roth ID Car Seat Tags
 - \$5,000 Georgia Pacific -- Confined Space Rescue Equipment (10/2025)
 - \$15,000 Duke Energy -- Mobile Radio Deployment Kit
- Personnel Development

Chief Long provided a training report for May/June 2025. A total of 1507 hours of training by district personnel for the period. One member is enrolled at Spartanburg ESA recruit school. Four members are currently enrolled in an online EMT program through North America Rescue in Greenville. The district members traveled to Spartanburg ESA for training that included hose advancements, search and forcible entry under live fire evolutions. The district hosted a Fire Officer 1 course during the period through the SC Fire Academy. Three (3) members traveled to the Alabama Fire College to obtain their Fire Officer IV certification. Two members traveled to the Whitewater Center in North Carolina to obtain their Swift Water I certification. The district will begin our second in-house EMT course on August 1, 2025.

- Operations

The district's new deployment model began July 1, 2025. Daily staffing level have not changed. The district will operate a squad engine company at the Roebuck station and a quint ladder company at the Croft Station. Chief Long's office will be at Arkwright to facilitate more in-depth company training. Squad 27, Ladder 24, and Ladder 124 remain out of service. Return to service remains anticipated as within 2 to 6 weeks. The district is borrowing a Ladder truck from Poplar Springs Fire. Chief Eubanks requested the purchase of a replacement SCBA compressor and fill station for Croft Station. Chief Eubanks requested to replace the flat roof portion of Croft Station above the apparatus bays. This portion of the roof is original to the building circa 1986 and is well past due for replacement.

- A motion from Gaubert authorizing Chief Eubanks to replace the SCBA compressor and fill station at Croft Station not to exceed \$70,000 from reserve funds. A 2nd from Hall. All members present where in favor.

- **Executive Session**

Gaubert

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- As necessary and in accordance with the exceptions listed in SC Code Section 30-4-70.
 - Discussion related to a matter of employment and compensation
 - Any action related to the matter discussed in executive session will occur in open session.
- A motion from Gaubert to enter an executive session to discuss a matter of employment and/or compensation. A 2nd from Hall. No discussion. All board members present voted in favor. The executive session was closed at 1833.
 - A motion from Gaubert authorizing Chief Eubanks to increase the EMT incentive from \$2,000 to \$5,000 effective immediately. A 2nd by Hall. No additional discussion. All board members present voted in favor.

- **Adjournment**

Gaubert

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Important Date(s):

- Regular Business Meeting – September 9th, 2025, at 5:00 pm – Arkwright Community Fire Station