

## ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSION

Mission Statement: The goal of the Rockbridge Regional Fire and Rescue Commission is to improve the provision of fire and rescue services throughout the region for the benefit of all residents.

To accomplish the Mission Statement, the Commission will advocate for fire and rescue services in relations between individual departments and/or squads and the public and/or local governments. Further, the Commission will be responsible for serving as the coordinating body to:

- 1) Develop protocol for sharing resources;
- 2) Streamline response and administrative operations;
- 3) Develop a cost-effective regional maintenance program;
- 4) Prepare a set of Standard Operating Guidelines to include 1-3;
- 5) Draft a long range detail plan for future fire and rescue efficiency to include organizational structure, operations and finances; and
- 6) Act on policy matters by taking the leadership role in developing new policies, setting agendas for dealing with issues as they occur, adopting a process for moving any such issues forward to a decision; and making timely recommendations to the appropriate entity for dealing with issues.

The authority of the Commission is to recommend policies and procedures consistent with federal and state standards and guidelines to the regions' Directors of Emergency Services, the Regional Communications Center (911) Management Board and local governing bodies.

The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members for four-year terms as follows:

Appointee by City of Buena Vista  
Appointee by City of Lexington  
Two appointees by Rockbridge County Firefighters Association (RCFA)  
Operational Medical Doctor  
Two appointees by Rockbridge Emergency Rescue Group (RERG)  
Rockbridge County Director of Emergency Services  
A citizen appointed by the other eight (8) Commissioners