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Corinth-Shiloh Special Purpose Fire District

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PRESS RELEASE

Corinth-Shiloh Fire District Announces Operational Milestones and Addresses Transitional Challenges

Seneca, SC - May 28, 2026 – The Board of Commissioners for the Corinth-Shiloh Special Purpose District (SPD) Fire Department would like to provide the community with an operational update on the ongoing transition to a transparent, tax-payer accountable fire protection and rescue model.

ADVANCING COMMUNITY SAFETY

Since the establishment of the Corinth-Shiloh Special Purpose Fire District, several critical operational milestones have been achieved to professionalize, stabilize and guarantee emergency service capabilities for all residents:

- **Professional Command Leadership:** The appointment of a dedicated, experienced Fire Chief with a combination paid/volunteer staff to provide daily emergency services. The Fire Chief along with the Commission Board are tasked with long term strategic planning to meet the growing demands of our tax district.
- **Fiduciary Accountability:** The Fire Chief along with the Commission Board are tasked to ensure that all taxpayer revenues are strictly tracked and utilized for maximum community benefit.

NAVIGATING ADMINISTRATION and ASSET TRANSITIONS

While the new Fire Department is fully operational and protecting properties daily, the Commission is working to resolve several outstanding administrative and financial matters involving the 501(c)(3) volunteer organization ***that formerly provided fire services to the community***. To maintain complete transparency with district residents, the Commission wishes to clarify its position regarding these issues:

Stewardship of Community-Donated Funds

The CSVFD 501(c)(3) who formerly provided fire services retains control of approximately \$200,000 in liquid funds previously donated by local citizens and organizations specifically for community fire protection. The SPD Commission maintains that these funds were contributed with the clear intent to support local fire operations and emergency equipment. The District remains disappointed that the former private entity has declined to transfer or deploy these community-funded assets to support the operations of the new, lawful public fire department.

Real Estate, Facility and Emergency Equipment Continuity

For several months, the SPD has repeatedly sought a formal lease and transition agreement with the former volunteer CSVFD 501(c)(3) organization. This contract is a legal prerequisite for the SPD to officially assume the property's associated mortgage liabilities. The ongoing delay by the former volunteer 501(c)(3) organization to finalize this agreement introduces unnecessary operational uncertainty into the community's emergency network. The SPD remains prepared to assume full financial responsibility for the facility's mortgage immediately upon the execution of a legally valid agreement.

Our mandate from the taxpayers is clear: build a fire district that is sustainable, highly professional, and strictly compliant with federal, state and county laws. While we must navigate challenges inherited from a legacy private organization, our priority remains the safety of our citizens and to faithfully steward the public funds entrusted to us.

Board of Commissioners, Corinth-Shiloh SPD