About the Consultant

Thad Dixon is the consultant that was contracted by Habersham County for this fire consolidation study.

Thad is the founder of SouthEastern Fire Consulting Company and co-owns it with his wife Patty. He has over 40 years of experience in the fire service and is currently active in the Merriwether Fire Department in Edgefield County, SC.

Certifications and accomplishments include…

- Georgia Certified Fire Chief
- Certified ICS Operations Section Chief
- Certified Firefighter in Georgia and South Carolina
- Certified Marine Firefighter I & II
- Certified Fire Investigator
- Certified to the level of Fire Officer IV
- Certified as Fire Instructor II
- Certified Health & Safety Officer and Incident Safety Officer
- Emergency Medical Responder

Past service includes…

- Retired Battalion Chief – Savannah Fire & Emergency Services. Served in Savannah FES from 1988 to 2017.
- Served as Chief Compliance Officer for Chatham Fire Department
- Served as Assistant Chief – Isle of Hope Volunteer Fire Department
- Past President – Georgia State Firefighters Association
- Past Parliamentarian – Chatham County Fire Chiefs Association
- Served as the Chair of the Readiness and Emergency Response Committee for the first Georgia Fire Service Improvement Plan

Thad chaired the ISO taskforce for Savannah Fire & Emergency Services which achieved an ISO Class-1 also worked in the accreditation process.

Other awards included the 40 under 40 award in 2006 by The Business and Journal Magazine in Savannah, GA and was awarded Fire Officer of the Year for the State of Georgia, which was awarded by the Insurance and Safety/Fire Commissioner, John Oxendine.

In closing, Thad has served on multiple deployments as a taskforce or unit leader in large scale declared disasters.

Colossians 3:23