



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the October 25, 2021, Monthly Meeting



The monthly Chiefs' meeting was hosted by the Beaver Dam Fire Department #26. We thank Chief Brock and his staff for an excellent dinner and their hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Chief Brock provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 16 departments and 10 associate members present.
- Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: Grays Creek 24, Hope Mills, Spring Lake,

Associate Members: None.

Approval of Minutes: The September minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Representative Wheatley and Representative Szoka discussed the upcoming State budget.

Vendors Present: Andreas Hutchinson of PRIMERICA gave out information on financial advice.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Points of Interests:

*Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for **Hope Mills #21** on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 7 pm. In the Hope Mills Recreation Center next door to the Hope Mills Town Hall - Dinner will be served.*

- **Fayetteville FD Air 1** has air truck rotation during the month of November 2021 followed by **Grays Creek 2461** in December 2021.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Assorted handouts in your packets:
 - Arnold J. Koonce Legacy award information
 - Training notes
 - FTCC Training Center slides

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson provided a quick update on the new Cumberland County Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center progress.
2. President Johnson reminded the membership that radio installation is on-going and will continue until completed. Motorola is still working on the east side and is scheduled to be at Godwin-Falcon this week.
3. President Johnson thanked everyone that attended the Valor awards program on October 19, 2021, at the Manna Church.
4. President Johnson thanked everyone that attended the Memorial Service on October 9, 2021, at the FTCC site.
8. President Johnson advised the applications for the Arnold J. Koonce award is online posted on our website. Both on-line and paper applications are available for download. Please nominate an officer and a firefighter who is deserving of the award from your agency. An appointed committee will review the applications for this award. The application process closes November 22, 2021, at the conclusion of our November 22 Association meeting, with the recipients being recognized at the December CCFCA meeting.
9. President Johnson is working with County administrators to look at a longer term of re-payment for the radio grant. The current 3-year payment plan is too large for us to undertake currently. President Johnson is seeking an additional 1-2 years to be added to the proposal, to hold down annual payments, thus providing small grant opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson is working to see how we can obtain additional DEFIB PADS as departments are going thru them at a higher rate than expected. The overdose and drug usage are the cause for this dramatic increase. He will inquire if funds will be available through the ARP and or Opioid Task Force Funds. More to follow.
2. President Johnson announced that Chief Brock has researched the equipment needed to place the President on a microphone as well as placing microphones in the rear of the room so that he and the members in attendance communications is better received by those on-line or zoom. After some brief discussion, Deputy Chief Tracy Smith made a **MOTION** to purchase the needed communications system spending an amount up to \$1,000 dollars. Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The motion was unanimously **APPROVED**.
3. President Johnson announced that the Eastover FD had received a Class 3 iso rating during their last inspection from OSFM. Congratulations for a job well done. He also emphasized that Cumberland County is once again a leading county in North Carolina exhibiting ISO less than 5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD COMMITTEE

- **FYI.** Fire Chiefs are required to send a signed letter or memo with a firefighter requesting an ID Card. For any questions or an appointment contact 424-0694 or e-mail at cjohnson.spsfd@gmail.com

President Johnson again asked the members to please continue to recycle or return the clips used for our ID Cards. These clips are extremely expensive, and we need to reuse them as much as possible in order to hold down costs. Please collect clips when your members leave a department and recycle the clips. He also reminded the membership that we do not print blue tags, which are considered temporary tags only.

LIFE SAFETY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Kevin Lowther (Fire Marshal)

E-Mail: klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE D/C Tracy Smith (Pearce's Mill FD) Chairperson,

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- No report.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,

E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- No report.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson

E-Mail kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Assistant Chief Murphy discussed some training classes being held conducted and provided county-wide and a regional training schedule. He briefly discussed the new block schedule for training and its impact on volunteer firefighters.
- He also informed the membership that he has completed the county-wide training assessment and provided it to President Johnson for review. Once completed it will be shared with the association members.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson,

E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- No report.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- No Report

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD), Chairperson, E-Mail: clhodges@townofhopemills.com

- No report.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Division Chief Brandon Hanzal (Stoney Point) Chairperson, E-Mail:

- No report.

HOSTILE RESPONSE / ACTIVE SHOOTER – Assistant Chief Kevin Morgan (FFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: kmorgan@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

RECRUITMENT / RETENTION COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: jnobles@stedmanfire.com

- No report.

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- Mr. Jackson will collaborate with President Johnson on the payment issues for the radio grant.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director), E-Mail: gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

ES Director Booth – No report

Emergency Management Director Crumpler – No report

- **FM Lowther** – FM Lowther speaking for all of Emergency Services thanked everyone for the efforts on the smoke alarm campaign. He also noted that there would be some minor radio disruptions forthcoming but proper notification would be made prior to same. He also thanked everyone for their support to the organization for the loss of one of the telecommunicators.
- **Adam Johnson** – No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: David Grovdahl, EMS Chief E-Mail: dgrovdahl@capefearvalley.com

- Chief Grovdahl discussed the upcoming revised protocol meetings and the EMS System plan that will need review. He also gave a COVID update.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

FORESTRY DISTRICT Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov

- Ranger Gottfried is expecting a very dry fall. Please call if needed.

FTCC Steve Drew, E-Mail: drews@faytechcc.edu

- Steve Drew discussed the block schedule and upcoming training programs. **President Johnson** stated that the block schedule will re-surface at a future Fire and Rescue Commission (FRC) meeting. He realizes the impact the new block style is having not only on volunteer firefighters but also on instructors in terms of teaching the extended number of hours in a reasonable period.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Wright ewright@ccsonc.org (Sr. Sgt. Steven Hodges) Email - shodges@ccsonc.org

- No report.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us
(Captain Jay Devane) jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Colonel Freddy Johnson Jr. Commander NCSHP.

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center

E-Mail sean.johnson@ncshp.org

- Colonel Johnson thanked the Cumberland County delegation for their work on the State budget.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Keefe discussed the FTCC training center plans and how relationships have allowed this process to move forward.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

1. Chief Brock advised that Beaver Dam FD will be hosting their 57th Blood Drive on October 26th for anyone wishing to donate blood.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by FPD Captain Devane and seconded by Chief Bass. The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

Freddy L. Johnson Sr., CFO
Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

Mark A. Melvin, CFO
Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 1.

1 – October 25, 2021, attendance roster

2 – Roll call vote for communications accessories to be used by the CCFCA in conjunction with zoom calls.

	MEMBERS PRESENT 19	19	16	19	18	17	18	00	17	15	16		
	ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)	08	05	08	07	06	07	00	7	6	10		
	Number of total personnel in attendance	NA	30	53	74	30	52	00	28	31	47		
	CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting	25-JAN-21- PMFD-Zoom	22-FEB-21- PMFD-zoom	22-MAR-21- SUFD COVID	26- APR-21- SVFD	24-MAY-21-PMFD-Zoom	28-JUN-21- GCFD 24	26-JUL-21- Cancelled	23-AUG-21-PMFD -Zoom	27-SEP-21 - PMFD - Zoon	25-OCT-21- BDFD 26	22-NOV-21- PMFD-Zoom	20-DEC-21 - SHERIFF
	MEMBERS	MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	A	P	N/A	P	P	P		
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	E	P	P	E	P	N/A	P	P	P		
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	E	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	E	P	P	A	P	N/A	P	P	A		
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	P	A	N/A	A	P	A		
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	E	P	P	N/A	P	A	A		
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	A	E	P		
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
18	WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	E	P		
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	A	P		
	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS												
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	A	A	P	p	A	P	N/A	A	P	P		
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	P	E	P	P	N/A	P	A	P		
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	A	P	P	A	A	N/A	P	A	P		
05	FORESTRY	P	A	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	A	N/A	P	P	P		
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	A	P	P		
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	A	N/A	P	P	P		
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	A	A	P	A	A	P	N/A	A	A	P		
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	P	A	P	A	A	P	N/A	P	A	P		

N/A - Due to the 2020 COVID closures the July 2021 meeting was canceled to allow for the opportunity for Chief Officers to take time for family vacations missed in 2020.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
VOTE ROLL CALL 2021**

- 1. MOTION:** A **MOTION** was made by Deputy Chief Smith to purchase a communications system for the CCFCA up to \$1000 dollars. This will allow the President to be on microphone as he conducts the meeting.
After a general discussion, the **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Assistant Chief Murphy and **APPROVED** by a roll call vote .

MEMBERS PRESENT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (20)														17
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION * Beaver Dam Station #26														October 25, 2021
MEMBERS														
BEAVER DAM STA 26 - 27														YES
BETHANY STA 12														YES
COTTON STA 4														YES
CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5														YES
EASTOVER STA 1														YES
EMS-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES														YES
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT														YES
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT														YES
GODWIN-FALCON STA 18														YES
GRAYS CREEK 18														YES
GRAYS CREEK 24														A
HOPE MILLS STA 21														A
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3														YES
SPRING LAKE STA 22														A
STEDMAN STA 23														YES
STONE POINT STA 13 - 19														YES
VANDER STA 2 - 8														YES
WADE STA 16														YES
WESTAREA STA 15 – 20 - 25														YES
EMERGENCY SVC DIRECTOR														YES
TOTAL YES VOTES														17
TOTAL NO VOTES														0
MOTION CARRIED														YES

Special Notes:

CODES: (YES) – Voting in the Affirmative (A)-Absent (N/A)- Vote Does Not Apply to Organization
(NO) - Voting against