



# Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the September 26, 2022, Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by the Pearce's Mill Fire Department at the Paradise Acres Catering Facility. The association thanks Chief Marley and his staff for their hospitality.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.

**Opening Prayer:** Association Chaplain Kenny Tatum provided the opening

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was conducted by President Johnson.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 7 associate members present.

### **Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: **Beaver Dam, Spring Lake**

Associate Members: **County Commissioners, County Managers Office, FPD**

**Approval of Minutes:** The August 2022 minutes were approved as presented by the Secretary.

**Guests:**

- Senator Deviere gave us his update on State projects.
- Larue Windham requested support for CC Sheriff.
- Robbie Hicks requested support for Superior Court Judge.
- Jonathan Strange requested support for District Court Judge.
- Wesley Meredith requested support for NC Senate.
- Dianne Wheatley requested support for NC House.
- Bobby Hurst and Ted Mohn, former members of the Fayetteville City Council gave a brief on the VOTE for 6 program that will be on the ballot for the November elections. This will provide COF residents to vote for 60% of their council members versus the 20% they vote for now.

**Vendors Present:** David Taylor, Code 3 Insurance gave an overview of their services. Trent Harper, Safe Industries gave an overview of their services. Representatives from RENEW Counseling Services presented assistance programs with various support programs addressing overdoses and rehab.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

### **Meeting Points of Interests:**

*Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7 pm. The Cotton FD will host the meeting at the Cotton Fire Department on Calico St.*

- *Fort Bragg Air 1 has air supply rotation service during the month of October 2022 followed by Stoney Point FD during the month of November 2022.*

## Items of Interest Handouts

- FTCC Training Opportunities
- FTCC Training Center ceremony overview
- Call stats
- Memorial Service flyer
- Caisson 1 bell donation from the Lee family
- Bethany BBQ sale on October 1, 2022, 11am
- Eastover Fireman's Fund picture opportunity

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson advised that the radios and accessories had been distributed to all agencies. Please be sure to check your inventory and ensure all items are operational. Please contact Chief Johnson if they are not. With association agencies still in the process of programming and implementation of our new code plug configuration, as well as the reprogramming of our current but older radios to the new code plug, the plan is to switch over to HIGH CAPPS on November 1, 2022. President Johnson has requested a memo of radios, model, and serial numbers that each department wishes to keep so that the SHP does not cut those radios off.
2. President Johnson advised that the State Capital Infra-Structure Fund (SCIF) Committee appointments are **Chief Keith Matthews – Chair, Chief L. Herndon Vice-Chair, Battalion Chief T. Warren, Chief R. Bradshaw, Deputy Chief H. Harris, and Chief S. Bass**. The committee with instructions will be charged with making recommendations to the association on funding projects over the next four (4) fiscal years, consisting of approximately \$125,000.00 annually, with \$50,000.00 held in reserve annually for green foam contingency should funding from the state fall through. Their kickoff meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2022, at 7pm at the FTCC training center conference room.
3. President Johnson updated the membership on the American Recovery Act Non-Profit 501-(C3) applications. It does not appear that we will qualify for this money, but it is still being looked at by the ARP Committee.
4. President Johnson again reviewed and announced that in conjunction with Session Law 2022-8 House Bill 315 Sheriff Wright and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office will assist with fingerprinting requirements. The Sheriff's Office has agreed to conduct our required finger printing between 2 and 4 pm Monday thru Friday excluding holidays. Soon fingerprints will be electronically forward to the SBI for the required records back-ground check. Because information contained within back-ground checks has privacy requirements we will use the Emergency Services Director for the safekeeping for those records. The ES Director will notify Fire Chiefs of results and allow the Fire Chief to read the background if the Chief so desires. No one else will be provided access. **President Johnson also stated that the effective date of this new law, requiring background checks and fingerprints was effective December 22, 2021. The following is an excerpt directly from the law - NC G.S. 143B-943 the fire chief SHALL obtain criminal history records check for any person who applies for a paid or volunteer position with the fire department. The criminal history record check SHALL be conducted and evaluated as provided by G.S. 143B-943. Must be obtained with fingerprints through the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and the N/C. Department of Public Safety. This law applies to both career and volunteer positions.**

5. President Johnson thanked everyone that came out and attended the FTCC training center dedication last Monday, September 19, 2022. Dr. Keen appreciated everyone's attendance. All of us should be proud of this new state of the art training center, that when fully build out with phase II will allow us to conduct three (3) live burn exercises or classes at the same time in the burn village and provide swift water certification training in the new Swift Water Complex. Also available are confined space and trench rescue props, and a 5-story rescue tower that will provide multiple training evolutions opportunities along with associated rescue certifications training.
6. President Johnson stated that our Memorial Service will be held October 8, 2022, at 1100 hours at the new memorial plaza located at the new FTCC training center. This is something that each of us needs to support. The men and woman on our memorial wall were all members of our departments. We owe it to them and their families to honor them for their ultimate sacrifice, and we do that during our annual memorial service. The new memorial will be dedicated in honor of Fire Chief Mike Middleton.
7. As soon as registration periods open in October 2022, President Johnson will manage the administrative requirements and arrange housing, and registration fees for the NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference in Concord, N.C. February 1, through February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the following departments and Chiefs (1) Bethany VFD Chief Autry, (2) Cumberland Road VFD Chief Parrish and (3) Westarea VFD Chief Bass. He will also arrange , registration and travel arrangements for (1) Vander VFD Chief Bradshaw and (2) Beaver Dam VFD Chief Brock to attend FDIC, in Indianapolis in April 2023.
8. During the month of October 2022, we will open the Arnold J. Koonce Legacy Award program on our website. The Chosen Officer and Firefighter will be recognized at our Christmas meeting on December 19, 2022, held at the Sheriff's Office. Nominations will be accepted through November 30, 2022.
9. The 2023 CC Fire District grant will also go to full automation using the members only CCFCA web page/portal. Each Chief will receive a log in and password for submitting the application process prior to the opening of the grant application submission period.
10. The NC Fire and Rescue Commission meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2022, at 10 am here in Fayetteville at the new training center. This will be a good time to attend a Fire and Rescue Commission meeting.
11. The Valor awards will be held at the Manna Church on October 18, 2022, at 7:30 am with a breakfast meal. Thanks to all the Chiefs that nominated personnel for these awards. All awardees have been notified and should receive a ticket for themselves and one for spouse or special guest that will accompany the awardee. The association will provide tickets for each association member that wants to attend the program. Please call or email President Johnson if you need a ticket
12. Amy Cannon, CC County Manager and Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson are retiring December 1, 2022. We will try to have them at our November meeting to thank them for their service.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson discussed OPIOID tracking in ER for better data needed to coordinate and replace AED pads currently being used on OD victims. An instructional memorandum on how to set up a special study category within ER has been placed in each departments packet.
2. President Johnson handed out NCDOL top 10 inspection violations. It was announced that NCDOL will be visiting some CCFD's in the coming months. President Johnson is scheduling an OSHA class for the Fire Chiefs to be held at our February meeting. More to follow as information is received. He urged all departments to look at the inspection violation list and mitigate those listed areas if your department is not in compliance.

## **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.spfd@gmail.com](mailto:cjohnson.spfd@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](mailto:klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- FM Lowther advised that they had received 600 plus smoke alarms from grant programs.

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

E-Mail: [pmfd0302@nc.rr.com](mailto:pmfd0302@nc.rr.com)

- DC Smith advised that they were updating the Boat numbering SOG to clearly identify swift water boats from still water rescue boats.

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

E-Mail: [pmfd0301@nc.rr.com](mailto:pmfd0301@nc.rr.com)

- Chief Marley advised everyone that this years' service will also include the dedication of the new memorial to Former Chief Mike Middleton who advocated for the first memorial that we currently have. Same is scheduled for October 8, 2022, at 11am at the training center.

### **TRAINING COMMITTEE** Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson

E-Mail [kmurphy1903@gmail.com](mailto:kmurphy1903@gmail.com)

- Provided training hand-outs in each stations' packet.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [spfd1302@nc.rr.com](mailto:spfd1302@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

**RESCUE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [cfd402@nc.rr.com](mailto:cfd402@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

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

- Chief Hodges advised of an upcoming meeting on October 6th.

**RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – Division Chief Brandon Hanzal (Stoney Point) Chairperson, E-Mail: [bhanzal@stoneypointfire.com](mailto:bhanzal@stoneypointfire.com)

- No report.

**HOSTILE RESPONSE / ACTIVE SHOOTER** – Assistant Chief Kevin Morgan (FFD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [kevinmorgan@fayettevillenc.gov](mailto:kevinmorgan@fayettevillenc.gov)

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE** – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson  
E-Mail: [tjackson@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:tjackson@cumberlandcountync.gov)

- No report.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** (Gene Booth, Director),  
E-Mail: [wbooth@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:wbooth@cumberlandcountync.gov)

- **Emergency Services Director Gene Booth**

- No report.

- **Emergency Management Coordinator Garry Crumpler –**

- No report.

- **Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther**

- Safety Day is October 1, 2022, at the Gander Mountain parking lot. A weather call will be made and announced by mid-week.

- **9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson**

- No report.

**EMS DIRECTOR:** David Grovdahl, EMS Chief E-Mail: [dgrovdahl@capefearvalley.com](mailto:dgrovdahl@capefearvalley.com)

- No report.

**HAZMAT:** AC David Richtmeyer - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-229-6938,  
E-Mail: [davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov](mailto:davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov)

- AC Richtmeyer advised that the HazMat Team can assist with training if needed.

**NC FORESTRY:** Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: [craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov](mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov)

- No report.

**FTCC** Steve Drew, E-Mail: [drews@faytechcc.edu](mailto:drews@faytechcc.edu)

- Mr. Drew advised the FTCC was looking for a fulltime instructor to work at the new training center.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Wright [ewright@ccsonc.org](mailto:ewright@ccsonc.org) (Sr. Sgt. Tara Whitman) Email - [twhitman@ccsonc.org](mailto:twhitman@ccsonc.org)

- Captain Morgan advised that if anything was needed to please let them know.

**FAYETTEVILLE POLICE** – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email [ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us) (

- No report.

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

E-Mail: [Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org](mailto:Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org) or First Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center

E-Mail [sean.johnson@ncshp.org](mailto:sean.johnson@ncshp.org)

- No report.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

- No report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Bethany's B-Annual BBQ plate sale is scheduled for Saturday October 1, 2022, starting at 11 am. weather decision will be made by Thursday with a make up scheduled for Saturday October 8, 2022, also starting at 11 am.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Melvin and seconded by Chief Marley. The meeting was adjourned at 2100 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 – 2.**

- 1 – September 22, 2022, attendance roster
- 2 – OSHA Top 10 Fire Department Violation List

**Enclosure # 1 – Attendance Roster**

		MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	16	19	14	17	18	16	19	19	17			
		ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)	07	09	07	09	05	6	8	7	7			
		Total Number in attendance	NA	65	51	59	42	62	59	45	60			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CC Fire Chiefs</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEPARTMENTS &amp; ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chief's Only Meeting</b></p>			24-JAN-22- Zoom	28-FEB-22-- PMFD	28-MAR-22-- FFD	25- APR-22-- Eastover	23 MAY-22--PMFD-Snacks	27-JUN-22- Fort Bragg	25-JUL-22- Vander	22-AUG-22-PMFD	26-SEP-22 - PMFD	24-OCT-22-- Cotton	28-NOV-22-- PMFD	19-DEC-22 - SHERIFF
MEMBERS			MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	A	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	A			
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P				
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	E	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P				
09	GODWIN – FALCON STA 17	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P				
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P				
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A				
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P				
16	STONEY POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P				
18	WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P				
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	A	P	P	P	E	E	A	P	A				
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	P	P	E	A	P	P	A				
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A				
05	FORESTRY	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P				
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	A	P				
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	A	P				

**Special Notes:**

**CODES:** (P) – Present (A)-Absent (E) - Excused



## Top OSHA Violations found during Fire Department Inspections

1. Conditions of employment and an environment free from hazards that could cause death or injury. — Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1910.132(d).
2. Recordkeeping (OSHA injury & illness logs). — CFR 1910.04
3. Hazard communication written program and training. — CFR 1910.1200
4. Written plan for blood borne pathogen exposure and exposure control plan. — CFR 1910.1030 (c)(1)(i)
5. Annual inspection of firefighting equipment (with some needing monthly inspection). — CFR 1910.156 (d), CFR 1910.132(b)
6. Respiratory protection program. — CFR 1910.134 (a)(2)
7. Fall protection. — CFR 1910.28
8. Rails on open floors and platforms over 4 feet. — CFR 1910.23 (c)(1)
9. Eye flush stations. — CFR 1910.151 (c)
10. Portable Fire Extinguishers. – CFR 1910.157
11. Procedure for response to hazardous substance release and training. — CFR 1910.120 (q)
12. Overhead door crush protection. — CFR 5205.0675 (2)
13. Grounding of equipment. — CFR 1910.304 (g)
14. Switchboards with exposed live parts. — CFR 1910.305 (d)(1)
15. Installation and use (electrical equipment-surge protectors). – CFR 1910(b)(2)
16. Compressed air for cleaning. — CFR 1910.242 (b)
17. Exit signs. — CFR 1910.037 (b)(2)
18. Attachment plus for flexible cords energized from an outlet. — CFR 1910.305 (g)(1)(iii)
19. Use of Equipment (extension cords) – CFR 1910.334
20. Storage of gas cylinders (O2). CFR 1910.104
21. Storage of Flammable Liquids. CFR 1910.110