



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the February 28, 2022, Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was held at Pearce's Mill Fire Department along with ZOOM features. 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: Chief Gary Brock provided the opening prayer.

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

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with nineteen departments and 9 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: None

Associate Members: **Sheriff's Office**

Approval of Minutes: The December 2021 and January 2022 minutes were approved

Guests: Senator Kirk Deviere
Senator Tom McInnis
House of Representatives Diane Wheatley
Chairman BOC Glenn Adams
Superior Court Judge Gale Adams – requested support for Court of Appeals
Robbie Hicks requested support for Superior Judgeship
Adam Phillips requested support for District Judgeship

Vendors Present: None.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was reported to the association by Treasurer Johnson.
The current account balance is \$276,121.01

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7 pm. The meeting will be hosted by the Fayetteville FD and will be held at the Smith Recreation Center on Slater Ave. Dinner will be served.

- *Fayetteville FD Air 1 has air supply rotation service during the month of March 2022 followed by Fort Bragg in April 2022.*
- *The Pictures taken of the Chiefs, associate members and others will be used in photos at the new FTCC Fire training Center as well as for our web-page membership update.*

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Emailed
 - Safety handouts
 - Air truck rotation Schedule
 - Bank statement
 - Training handouts
 - Bethany BBQ flyer
 - Grays Creek 18 flyer on Kevin Herndon's retirement dinner
 - Grays Creek job advertisement

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson updated the membership on our phase II portable radio purchase progress. The portable radios are in, and a roster will be given to Adam and the COF for VIPER ID and code plug information. The accessories are scheduled for delivery in late April or May due to supply issues. Motorola assigned Sherman as the project manager to correct our code plug issue. President Johnson is holding payment until our mobile and base station code plugs are corrected. He also asked each Chief to have someone check every radio to verify that your customized code plug is correct. We will be switching over within the next 4 to 6 months and when we switch over to the new Code Plug it is not time to find out your mobile or base radios code plug are not correct.
2. President Johnson advised that all the requested documents for the associations state grant have been submitted to the State, and we would begin working the foam issue once monies from the new State budget becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson announced that long time Station 18 Fire Chief Kevin Herndon retired as Fire Chief last month during the station's Board of Directors meeting. Kevin has served for over fifty years. Logan Herndon was selected as the new Fire Chief. Travis Gasque was selected as the new Assistant Chief, while Phillip Riddle was appointed Deputy Fire Chief.
2. President Johnson briefly discussed the American Recovery Act (ARP) 501-C-(3) application which were due today no later than 4:30 pm today to finance. He hoped that everyone applied.
3. President Johnson introduced Pinehurst Deputy Fire Chief and 1st VP of the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) Derrick Clouston to present a NCAFC President ring to retired Fayetteville Fire Chief Pete Piner. Retired Fire Chief Piner served as NCAFC President in 1993 and 1994, and was only one of three Presidents in the history of the NCAFC to serve two consecutive terms as President. During Chief Piner's term as President he brought the Mid-Winter Conference to Fayetteville.



4. President Johnson again asked the chiefs to look in their historical files to see if anyone has any of our historical minutes filed away. We are looking for minutes published before 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 2001, 2002, and 2003. If you have any of the before mentioned minutes, please forward a copy so that we can PDF the minutes and post them on our website.

5. President Johnson thanked everyone for all the support and compassion demonstrated during his mother's passing and funeral services.

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

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

- Looking into grants for smoke alarms and other items.

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

E-Mail: pmfd0302@nc.rr.com

- Deputy Chief Smith advised that the MAYDAY policy was being looked at.

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 advised that training schedules were in your packages.

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

E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- Deputy Chief Johnson Jr. provided the fund balance and advised that we are waiting on the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget. Once received we will schedule a finance committee meeting. Budget forms should be out shortly.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: cf402@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: kevinmorgan@fayettevillenc.gov

- 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

- No report unless there are questions. No questions asked.

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

- **Emergency Services Director Gene Booth** –
 - Gene briefed the upcoming FD grant program.
- **Emergency Management Coordinator Garry Crumpler** –
 - Garry stated that several training sessions were upcoming, the rehab trailer was moving along, and that hurricane season was right around the corner.

- **Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther**
 - Kevin talked about the state smoke alarm campaign
- **9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson**
 - No Report

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

- No report

HAZMAT: AC David Richtmeyer - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-229-6938, E-Mail: davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov

- Assistant Chief Richtmeyer is preparing the 2021 HazMat Data report and will distribute same at the next meeting.

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

- Reported that he has hired a new equipment operator, in time for our fire season.

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

- Steve Drew gave an update on the training center. He also advised that the flame kit for the memorial site was received

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 First Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail sean.johnson@ncshp.org

- No Report

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Keefe thanked everyone for their support of the training center and encouraged everyone to ensure that we fill it up with programs and classes beginning this summer. He also mentioned that the new 911 center has an expected opening this summer.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

1. President Johnson announced that Grays Creek FD # 18 is having a retirement dinner for longtime Fire Chief Kevin Herndon on March 31st at 7:00 pm and all association members are invited.
2. President Johnson reminded everyone of the Bethany FD BBQ sale on March 26th from 11 am until it is sold out.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw seconded by Chief Owen Harris, the meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

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

Mark A. Melvin

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Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 1.

1 – February 28, 2022, attendance roster



CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY - ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE
2022



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

Special Notes:

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