



# Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the April 25, 2022, Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by the Eastover Fire Department and held at Salem United Methodist Church on Middle Road. The association thanks Chief McKenzie, his staff and the Salem Church 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 prayer and blessing of the food.

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

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 14 departments and 7 associate members present.

### **Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: Fort Bragg, Spring Lake

Associate Members: Fayetteville PD

**Approval of Minutes:** The March 28, 2022 minutes were approved

**Guests:** Senator Kirk Deviere requested support for re-election to the Senate  
House of Representatives Diane Wheatley requested support for re-election  
Adam Phillips requested support for District Judgeship  
Charles Smith requested support for NC House  
Clarence Goins requested support for the NC House

**Vendors Present:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Presented during Chief only meetings – May 23, 2022 – Balance sheet included in department packets.

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

***Next Chiefs' Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7 pm. The meeting will be hosted by the Pearce's Mill FD and is scheduled as a Chiefs only / election meeting. Snacks will be served.*

- *Stoney Point (Air-19) has air supply rotation service during the month of May 2022 followed by Fayetteville Air-1 during the month of June.*

### **Items of Interest Handouts**

- FTCC Training Opportunities Safety handouts
- COMS-1 Updated Deployment Log
- Department New Portable Radio Serial # Inventory Sheet

- NC Office of State Budget & Management – Contract # 30211
- SOG 2022-003 Peer Support Team – Draft
- SOG 2022-002 Training – Draft Updated
- CCFCA ER-Incident County 01/01/2022 through 03/31/2022
- Copy of Chief Kevin Herndon Proclamation – Lifetime Membership
- E-Mail Tim Bradley – Legislative Day 2022 (Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Lithium-Ion Battery Mishaps Hand-out

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson provided another update concerning our phase II portable radio purchase progress. Due to the on-going supply chain issues, we are still waiting on mobile chargers and spare batteries. Our current plan is to change over to the new Code Plugs July 1, 2022, providing all our ordered inventory is in and distributed. He also asked all Chiefs to prepare a memorandum providing serial numbers of current 2500 portable radios that still can be utilized for the next 4 years, otherwise NC VIPER will cut them off. It was also determined that the following Stations still have code plug issues with the new mobiles and base stations. Stations 1, 3, 5, 8, 17, and 26. President Johnson will follow-up with Motorola Solutions to get this corrected.
2. President Johnson advised that he is awaiting further information on the awarding of the State SCIF Grant Program. This is a cumbersome process with many steps. All requested documentations have been submitted and mandatory on-line classes on the management of the grant funds have been attended. Currently waiting on the state to approve our spending plan. Once received we will formulate our FY 22-23 budget and a finance committee meeting will be called.
3. President Johnson advised again that there have been no further notices about the American Recovery Act 501- C-3 application. Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson provided some background and process information.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson presented former Arson Investigator Stephen Hodges with the association's appreciation plaque for his many years of service as the Sheriff's Office Arson Investigator (Arson 1) and on behalf of the association thanked him for his service.
2. President Johnson stated that tonight is the second reading of the new and required training SOG 2022-002 and entertained discussion. Fire Chief Joe Marsh raised concerns with the Fire Officer certifications listed in the SOG and the relationship to volunteer officers. Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy advised the training SOG was derived with input from each departments' training officers and many of the listed training evolutions are already being conducted and the fire officer requirement was derived from ISO provisions.
4. President Johnson stated that after the new fiscal year we will update the current outdated Hazardous Material Fee Schedule to address current and comparable fees.
5. Chief Brian Pearce provided a current COVID-19 status report, stating that the hospital is currently in the single digits for COVID-19 hospitalizations.

6. Assistant Fire Chief Ricky Kennedy addressed the PEER SUPPORT TEAM SOG 2022-003 and asked the membership to please review the SOG and provide feedback to him directly prior to our May 23, 2022, meeting. President Johnson stated he supports having a PEER Support Team that will provide a support network to our members in need and assist them with their wellbeing. He doesn't want to duplicate the effort and hopes that we can jointly support one team. Chief Kennedy is committed to the process and please provide feedback to him as requested.
7. Fire Chief Mike Hill thanked everyone for assistance and help with Battalion Chief John Boahn's memorial service and funeral. He also stressed to keep your beneficiary forms updated.

## **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)

- Fire Marshal Lowther addressed the current availability of Smoke Alarms and provided an update on our current smoke alarm program.

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

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

- Vice-Chair Kevin Murphy discussed the various pending SOG's and stated that he will provide an update during the May 2022 meeting on the proposed Tanker Task Force Concept.

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

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

- No report.

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

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

- Provided 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)

- Provided a current fund balance of \$246,156.72 with several liabilities pending.
- President Johnson stated that the finance committee met prior to the meeting and discussed budget issues that will be presented during the May 23, 2022, meeting.
- The finance committee also discussed electrical utilities for the CCFCA building with funds coming from the State Capital Infra-Structure (SCIF) funds awarded to the association. Also discussed bids for the job and the attempt to gather additional bids.

**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)

- 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](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@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson addressed a question and process posed by the membership concerning receiving funding for the CC Fire Protection Service District Grant Funds earlier to avoid costly increases in prices due to the current inflation and supply issues. Vendors are not honoring expired quotes and will only quote prices for a short period.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** (Gene Booth, Director),

E-Mail: [gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- **Emergency Services Director Gene Booth –**
  - No report.
- **Emergency Management Coordinator Garry Crumpler –**
  - No report.
- **Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther**
  - Nothing further.
- **9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson**
  - Not Present.

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

- Advised that there have been no further changes to the new and proposed EMS System Plan and the meeting with our members and the EMS staff was beneficial. More information is forthcoming.

**HAZMAT:** AC David Richtmeyer - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-229-6938,

E-Mail: [davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov](mailto:davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov)

- No report.

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

- Provided Kudos for all the received assistance and help with the Cedar Creek Wildland Fire that burned out of control for 10 days in the Beaver Dam area. Both Beaver Dam, Vander fire departments, Cumberland County Emergency Management Staff along with CCFCA and State Forestry assets mitigated the wildland fire.
- President Johnson stated that both Chiefs Brock and Bradshaw reported back that COMS-1 was an excellent asset but the air conditioning in the bus were freezing up and needed to be looked at.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

President Johnson reminded the membership that Captain DeVane’s retirement ceremony is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> in the council chamber at City Hall.

**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:**

Fire Chief Logan Herndon, Grays Creek Fire Station 18 announced that the department has a good KME 1800 Gallon Tanker for Sale if anyone is interested. Please follow-up with him.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Fire Chief Gary Brock and seconded by Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, the meeting was adjourned at 2115 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 – April 25, 2022, attendance roster



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



<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b> (19)	16	19	14	17									
<b>ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)</b>	07	09	07	09									
<b>Total Number in attendance</b>	NA	65	51	59									
<b>CC Fire Chiefs</b> <b>DEPARTMENTS &amp; ORGANIZATION</b> <b>Chief's Only Meeting</b>	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 Dinner	26-SEP-22 - Cotton	24-OCT-22- CRFD	28-NOV-22- PMFD-Zoom	19-DEC-22 - SHERIFF	
<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>MEETING DATES</b>												
BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	A	P	E	P									
BETHANY STA 12	P	P	E	P									
COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P									
CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P									
EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P									
EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	P	P	P	P									
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P									
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	E	P	P	E									
GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P	E	P									
GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P									
GRAYS CREEK STA 24	A	P	P	P									
HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	A	A	P									
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P									
SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	A									
STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P									
STONEY POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P									
VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	E	P									
WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P									
WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P									
<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</b>													
CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P									
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	A	P	P	P									
COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	P	P									
FAYETTEVILLE PD	A	P	P	A									
FORESTRY	P	P	E	P									
FTCC	P	P	P	P									
HAZMAT	P	P	P	P									
HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P									
RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	A	P	A	P									
SHERIFFS OFFICE	P	A	P	P									



CCSO Sr. Sergeant Stephen Hodges – Appreciation Plaque