



# Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the 22 July 2024, Monthly Meeting



The general membership Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Fire Chief Kevin Dove of Fayetteville Fire Department. The association thanks Chief Dove and his crew for their great hospitality and offering of the Community Center accommodations for tonight's meeting. Tonight's meal was sponsored by Atlantic Emergency Solutions.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Assistant association Chaplain Brock provided the opening prayer followed by dinner.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 6 associate members present.

### **Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: Grays Creek 24, Spring Lake Fire Department

Associate Members: Fire Commissioner

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of June 24, 2024, meeting was delayed for future review. June and July will be approved at the August Meeting.

**Guests:** Ms. Robin Deaver, New County Finance Director

**Vendors Present:** Atlantic Emergency Services and meal sponsor

**Treasurer's Report:** A TRUIST fund balance sheet as of July 22, 2024, was provided.

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

- ***Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, hosted by Director Vincent Lewis of FTCC, snacks will be provided. The meeting will be held at the FTCC Training Center***
- *Fort Liberty FES, Chief Scott McGuire will host the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting*
- *Stoney Point FD Air-19 has Air rotation responsibilities for the month of August followed by FFD Air-1 in September.*

### **Items of Interest Handouts**

1. Jan – June 2024 Incident Response Stats
2. Truist daily Balance Sheet 07/22/2024
3. Adopted Funding MEMO for FY 2024-25
4. FTCC & Regional Training Opportunities

5. OSHA Letter dated July 10, 2024
6. First Due – FTCC Training Class Info
7. Draft Fire & Rescue Commission July 9, 2024, Minutes
8. CCSO-FIU – Fire Inv. Stats YTD 2024
9. 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Incident Training (RIT) Event
10. SPFD 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flyer
11. Chief Johnson Sr. Candidate for NCAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Flyer
12. CCFCA Hard Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2024
13. Globe Life – Information Card
14. Recovery together ENC Conference – Opioid – NC-Association of Rescue & EMS

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson discussed AED Issues which are being shipped within the next 30 days. Each Station is reminded to turn in 4, while multiple stations need to turn into 2 additional AEDs per additional station with current, fully charged batteries and Pads. This turn-in will need to be accomplished within the next few weeks to Station 19. *This needs to be completed as soon as possible.* The remaining AED's that you have are yours or shared with a local non-profit organization.
2. President Johnson informed the membership that the contract has been completed but has not been sent out to each department for review. (Director Booth advised that the contract will be mailed out soon). Below are the proposed changes to the contract.
  - a. Updated all applicable dates.
  - b. Updated terminology to remove Arson Task Force to Fire Investigation Unit (FIU)
  - c. Adjusted the Annual Audit requirement to align with our current audit submission.
  - d. Changed the County ISO rating from a 5 to a 6 pertaining to the minimum requirement.
  - e. Background checks were updated to reflect the new NC General Statutes GS 153-234
  - f. NIFRS was changed to NERIS.
  - g. Web EOC Quarterly Exercise participation was emphasized and maintained a trained WED EOC staff.
  - h. Minimum Rescue Qualifications for Regional Response Program will be adjusted. This change pertains to both qualified Technical Rescuers and a minimum Station Rescue Certifications and Rescue Apparatus. Rescue issue will be addressed through an addendum next year for an effective date of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
3. President Johnson addressed the membership on our First Due RMS Implementation Update, which is moving forward, with all stations receiving POC emails. *The membership should plan for the in-person Train-The-Trainer class scheduled for July 23 through 25 at one of the FTCC main campus computer labs.* Snacks and drinks will be provided. Remember this is a train the trainer program. President Johnson has also asked for a 60-day extension with ER, if *NOT APPROVED* the program will end on the *31<sup>st</sup> of July at 0000 hours.*
4. President Johnson addressed the *2024 Valor Awards & Breakfast* which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event host is Manna Church and will start at 0730. President Johnson discussed that all submitted awards were approved with a few downgrades. Make your plans now to attend to honor all our first responders within Cumberland County.

5. President Johnson provided an update on the progress made with the association's 2009 Surrey Fire Safety House. Over the past 8 months, significant improvements have been completed, including re-sealing the roof, upgrading the exterior lighting system to energy efficient LEDs, replacing the old and damaged wrap with a new and modern design, fitting new tires, replacing the manual awning with an electric/battery operated awning, and repairing minor body damages. However, there remains a need to upgrade the technology package that operates the various fire safety and severe weather props within the safety house to bring it up to the current state of the art. President Johnson proposed sending the 16-year-old Fire Safety House back to the manufacturer in Ohio for a complete technology upgrade, which would involve dismantling and aesthetically replacing walls, ceiling and fireplace to accommodate the new technology. A quote from Surrey Fire Safety revealed a total cost of \$21,760.00, including the replacement of our generator that was ultimately deemed unnecessary, bringing the final cost down to \$12,495.90, covering transportation expenses. Hopefully, there will not be any unforeseen costs associated. He suggested utilizing SCIF funds designated for fire prevention to finance the technology upgrades. Following a discussion with the membership, during which no objections were raised, President Johnson confirmed that the project will proceed. The Fire Safety House is expected to be out of service for 6 to 8 weeks during the upgrade process. President Johnson thanked the membership for their continued support of our combined public Fire Life Safety Education initiatives.
6. President Johnson informed the membership that the latest SCIF award for \$100,000 will need a "Technical Correction" prior to any funding – Representative Wheatley and Senator McGinnes have been contacted for assistance. – At issue, the funding was only for AED pads. In the process of changing, it to address critical general medical supplies or equipment to sustain and enhance our medical response and or provider mission.
7. President Johnson discussed the foam replacement process for the three county foam trailers. OSFM has been designated to spearhead the replacement project with state funds going to OSFM. Chief Chris Davis with OSFM recently verified foam on hand for accurate replacement. The state will disperse our foam but does not have the funding to replace it. Procurement will have to be secured with the SCIF fund. The team is still waiting for information on the newest Green Foam to be approved
8. President Johnson advised that a few internet bills have arrived. If you need reimbursement, please send an email outlining same. The cut-off for Internet re-imbursement for FY 23-24 is August 31, 2024. Any reimbursement requests after that date will not be considered. Reimbursement checks will be provided during the September Chiefs meeting at Fort Liberty.
9. President Johnson drew Chiefs to the minutes from the Fire Rescue Commission Meeting. At this meeting, a proposal was voted on that FIP 3030, Live Fire training moved to discontinue the under 18 years clause (16-17 yr old) following recent injuries. Must be completed before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>. Class was only approved for a class setting through Ops 9 Training.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson reminded the Chiefs about the Relief Fund Deadlines. The Treasurer's Financial Report is due October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The Chiefs are reminded that the system is open to begin submitting the report and associated bank statements on-line. – Also starting this year Fire Chiefs will submit the Certificate of Eligibility at the same time as they are doing their annual roster at year end. The submittal is integral to the roster system on-line. That report, like the

roster, is due until January 15<sup>th</sup>. Each year NCSFA staff spends the last week of October trying to contact Relief Fund Treasurers to get their reports and bank statements submitted. If they are not submitted the local relief fund will not receive a check in 2025. Please help the NCSFA by telling your Treasurers to submit the report and bank statements by the set suspense date.

**Relief Fund Information** - During the last fiscal year there were 615 requested uses of the local Relief Fund totaling \$2.9 million dollars. NCSZFA continues to see an increase in request and uses of the relief fund. The highest use is supplemental insurance followed by supplemental retirement funding requests. The increased use follows the General Assembly guidance set in 2014 that we either use it or lose it.

2. This year's dates for the SAFRE Conference are August 7-11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and will be back at the Raleigh Convention Center. They have a great lineup of classes and hands-on training for everyone this year. The keynote address for 2024 will be given by Fire Chief, international speaker, and best-selling author Frank Viscuso. Chief Viscuso wrote Step up and Lead and Common Valor, among several other bestselling books. He has also delivered keynote addresses and classes all over the world, including at FDIC. SAFRE is excited to welcome Chief Viscuso in 2024 for his keynote address, as well as a 4-hour seminar on leadership in the fire service. The SAFRE expo floor is completely sold out and will feature some exciting new exhibitors. As always it will feature the latest in apparatus, gear, fire service technology and so on. SAFRE says, whether you come every year, or this will be your first time, we encourage and challenge you to bring a friend with you to SAFRE this year so we can introduce the Conference to the next generation of firefighters. The SAFRE week is a great opportunity for fellowship, mentorship, and leadership from/with your peers in the fire service. What can you learn, what can you teach and who can you meet? Join everyone at SAFRE Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at SAFRE 2024! On Tuesday of this year's conference at 12:00 noon we will have a combined Summit of the State and Regional Boards to discuss current issues. This will include the Eastern, Western, Piedmont, NCSFA, NCAFC, and staff from OSFM. **SAFRE - Attendees we will enjoy a free exhibitor floor again this year** and the open hours have been extended Saturday's till 2pm. Free conference tee shirts will be given to all full conference registrants, and additional conference shirts will be on sale. On Thursday morning, August 8<sup>th</sup>, during the SAFRE Opening Session, SAFRE will once again be honoring those members of NCSFA who have achieved either their **25 or 50 Years** of Service by presenting them with an NCSFA Service Award pin. If you have reached one of these milestones, please join SAFRE and get your service pin. The annual banquet is being held on Saturday night, (August 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM) and our Memorial Service & candlelight memorial service will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:00 PM. If your department had a member to pass during the previous year, please make sure you submit their name so they can be recognized. – If you haven't already done so, please remember to sign up for the Saturday night banquet.

### 3. **Legislative Report**

NCSFA reported that our 2024 Legislative Day was a success with one of the biggest groups in attendance in years. It was also highly effective.

#### **Introduction**

This is the short session of the 2023/2024 biennial session, and our focus has been on getting us priorities before the session adjourns and we start over in 2025.



Again, the priorities of the joint Legislative Committee session of the NCSFA and the NCAFC's included the following priorities for 2023/2024:

- Increase in Fire and Rescue Pension Benefits. This would include a \$5 increase in benefits with a \$5 increase in premiums.
- Secure continuation funding for the Cancer Insurance Pilot Program going into the future.
- Revise the Background Check Law for the fire service allowing alternatives for applicants who have lived in NC for five years and exempting junior members. (HB 378) is now a session law.
- Continue to pursue the use of blue lights on the rear of fire apparatus.
- Oppose any legislative increase in use or sale of fireworks.
- Monitor and discuss any additional legislation introduced.
- Permanent Funding for Firefighter Cancer Benefits

*(Bill Also Includes an Increase in Fire and Rescue Workers Pension)*

- With assistance from Legislators like Senator Jim Perry, Representative John Bell, and Representative Julia Howard who all spoke at our Legislative Day, our permanent funding for Firefighter Cancer Benefits, corrections to Workers Comp funding, and an increase in our Fire and Rescue Workers Pension Benefit have passed the House and Senate and are headed to the Governor for signature. Added to an Insurance Amendment Bill, SB 319, which had passed the Senate previously, it went before the House and Senate WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE. Senate Bill 319 was signed by Governor Cooper on July 2, 2024, and became Session Law 2024-29.
- The Bill accomplished several of our Priorities for this session, in addition to some added benefits. Since the Cancer and Workers Compensation changes have an effect on Finance and GPA collection and distribution, the Budget, and require OSFM to make changes, those changes are not effective until July 1, 2025. The Pension Increase is effective July 1, 2025. PLEASE NOTE EFFECTIVE DATES BESIDE EACH BENEFIT
- - It makes the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program a permanent program within the Office of State Fire Marshal, removing the "Pilot" designation; **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**
- - It makes the initial benefit \$37,000 rather than \$25,000, effectively including the previous reimbursements for expenses of \$12,000 that required submittals. The lump sum benefit is now \$74,000 instead of \$50,000 if an individual has two instances of cancer: **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**
- - It now includes retirees, who have retired within 10 years; **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**
- - It provides a permanent funding source for the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program.
- - It continues to provide funding for the Volunteer Safety Workers Comp program to support and reduce premiums; **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**

- It increases the Fire and Rescue Workers Pension Benefits from \$170 to \$175 per month, a \$5.00 increase, and increases the premiums \$5 per month as well to keep the fund sound. The increase was also included in SB319 signed by Governor Cooper on July 2, 2024, and became Session Law 2024-42. **EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**

#### **4. Federal OSHA Revision of 1910.156 Fire Department Standards – [Our CCFCA Letter dated 7/10/2024 in your packet.](#)**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is proposing an extensive new safety and health standard, titled **“Emergency Response,”** to replace the existing **“Fire Brigades Standard” 1910.156**. This would now cover Emergency Response Organizations (ERO’s), which are fire departments. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the “Emergency Response Standard” was [published in the Federal Register](#) on February 5, with the public comment period open until September 9th. In some states public agencies are not required to meet this standard, but in NC, since we are an OSHA state, public agencies are not exempt.

N.C. being an OSHA state, all our departments will be impacted to some extent by this new proposed rule, and just the paperwork itself for applying this standard could be exhausting. Even though NC state law exempts volunteer fire departments, that is questionable, especially given the benefits and supervision they receive, as well as the impact of providing or receiving mutual aid from career departments and the issue of combination departments. We are not sure many departments in NC will be exempt.

While we 100% agree with firefighter safety and everything that can be done to improve it, we feel the financial and time-consuming changes in the standard could have negative impacts on the fire service organizations and could decrease the already struggling number of firefighters and may force many to leave the service. We also question the reliability of some of the data and theories used to produce this proposal. 22 NFPA standards are now included in the proposed OSHA standard by reference. This means that any place the NFPA standard says “shall” or “must” the fire department would be responsible for including them. There are another 14 NFPA standards that are included in part. The bottom line is these changes would have major implications for every department, Officer, and firefighter in NC.

Our state associations have also commented on the standards on behalf of their associations, and many individual departments and individual FFs have commented across the State, and our nation. We have also commented on behalf of the CCFCA, and I encourage each of you to comment on how the new standard will impact your department.

5. BCBS Cancer Grant opportunities through NCSFA. NCSFA and representatives from the North Carolina Firefighters Fund, the non-profit arm of the Association, received a \$200,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina check for an additional grant program to assist with cancer screening costs for volunteers. The grant applications have been posted and mailed. This will be the third year that Blue Cross has partnered with NCSFA and NCFF to provide funds for the NC fire service and we appreciate their generosity. Applications are on the NCSFA.com website under the Forms Tab.
6. President Johnson stated that next month during our August meeting at FTCC we will draw names for the 2025 professional development opportunities for our Chiefs officer to attend the NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference in Concord last week in January and 1<sup>st</sup> of February,

attend FDIC 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana April 7 through 12, 2025 and to attend Fire Rescue International (FRI-2025) in Orlando, Florida during the period August 13 – through 15, 2025.

**OFFICIAL ASSOCIATION / FIRE STATION ID CARDS** (Coordinated through Station 13 at 910-424-0694 Ms. Johnson or Ms. Garris)

- Nothing was shared with the group.

**STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE** Fire Chief Scott Bass (Westarea FD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [wfd2501@nc.rr.com](mailto:wfd2501@nc.rr.com)

- Nothing was shared with the group.

**COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE** Chief Steve Parrish, Cumberland Road FD, Chairperson, E-Mail: [crfd501@nc.rr.com](mailto:crfd501@nc.rr.com)

- Nothing shared for the group.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE** Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson  
E-Mail [kmurphy1903@gmail.com](mailto:kmurphy1903@gmail.com)

- July Training is in your packet.
- Rail HAZMAT Training is planned for Oct 22-24<sup>th</sup>. Speak with Chief Autry for more details.

**RESCUE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [hankharris@cottonfirerescue.org](mailto:hankharris@cottonfirerescue.org)

- Refresher Swift Water Training is scheduled for Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. Please submit names.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** Fire Chief Ronnie Marley (Pierces Mill FD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [ronniemarley0301@gmail.com](mailto:ronniemarley0301@gmail.com) **or** Deputy Fire Chief David Richtmeyer (*Memorial Service Co-ordinator*)  
E-Mail: [davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov](mailto:davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov)

- Planning for this year's event is about to start. An update of the LODD roster is forth coming.

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

- Information is in your packet for review. Full report during the Chiefs only meeting next month at FTCC on August 26, 2024.

**FIRE LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther Chairperson,  
Email [klowther@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:klowther@cumberlandcountync.gov)

- There are no afterhours Fire Marshalls unless there is an emergency. Inspections will need to wait till the next business day. Residential properties will not get an inspection. Commercial properties can have an inspection on a case-by-case basis.

**SCIF PROJECT COMMITTEE** - Fire Chief Keith Matthews (GFFD # 17) Chairperson.

E-Mail: [gffd1701@nc.rr.com](mailto:gffd1701@nc.rr.com)

- Next meeting is planned before the next Chiefs meeting at FTCC
- Everyone is encouraged to think about upcoming projects and submit recommendations to Chief Matthews (1701) Committee Chair.

**LEPC UPDATE Fire** Chief Logan Herndon (Grays Creek # 18 & Fayetteville FD) Representative

- Meeting planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> of July.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY MANAGERS' OFFICE** (Clarence Grier, County Manager)

- Not Present.

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

E-Mail: [wbooth@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:wbooth@cumberlandcountync.gov)

**Emergency Services**

- Grant applications should be returned with the fire protection contract.
- RMS issues are being worked as they arrive. More to follow on this issue.

**Emergency Management: (Gary Crumpler,**

- EOC exercise is planned for the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. 78 people are scheduled to participate at this point.
- Taiwanese delegation visit planned for Nov.

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

- Nothing to report for the group

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

- Nothing to report to the group

**HAZMAT:** AC Michael Autry, E-Mail: [michaelautry@fayettevillenc.gov](mailto:michaelautry@fayettevillenc.gov) (910) 433-1738

- Nothing to report to the group that has not already been mentioned

**NC FORESTRY:** Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: [craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov](mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov) (910) 483-1535

- A new employee was brought on board. (Forestry 6) William Stone

**FTCC:** Vincent Lewis, E-Mail: [lewisv@faytechcc.edu](mailto:lewisv@faytechcc.edu) – (910) 486-7472

- Phase two of construction is going to start soon once permitting issues are reconciled
- Check on Facebook and websites on scheduled classes
- If you have any training needs, please let us know



- TR standards are being changed effective Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.
- If you are in the TR pipeline, finish those quickly.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Wright [ewright@ccsonc.org](mailto:ewright@ccsonc.org) (Sr. Sgt. Tara Whitman) Email - [twhitman@ccsonc.org](mailto:twhitman@ccsonc.org) (910) 323-1500 ext. Arson

- Nothing was shared with the group.

**FAYETTEVILLE POLICE** – Police Kimberlee Braden, Email – [kemberlebraden@fayettevillenc.gov](mailto:kemberlebraden@fayettevillenc.gov)

- Nothing for the group

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

E-Mail: [Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org](mailto:Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org) or First Sergeant Jamie Hinson B-1 Fayetteville

Mail: [james.hinson@ncshp.org](mailto:james.hinson@ncshp.org), or S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center, E-Mail [sean.johnson@ncshp.org](mailto:sean.johnson@ncshp.org)

- ISAC emails are received daily for potential threats. An upcoming meeting is forthcoming for information sharing with the fire service personnel. ISIS is putting out a threat for impact on large scale sporting events.
- Best looking cruiser in the US. Vote for NC which is currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Please vote for our state.

### **FIRE COMMISSIONER – Keefe**

- Not Present.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Scott McGuire and seconded by Chief Justin Nobles.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Freddy L. Johnson Sr.*

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

*Joshua Hopkins*

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Assistant Fire Chief / Secretary

### **Enclosures – 12**

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- Draft Fire & Rescue Commission Meeting Minutes July 2024
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**For the Good of the Organization**

- The Honor Guard is looking for representation. The tasking great but the workers are few. They need help.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Stoney Point will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from 1-4. All are invited to participate. Band *River Mist* will be playing.
- Aug 8-9 Voting will be opened for the position of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for State Fire Chiefs Association. President Johnson is in the running. Please try to vote on your choice. Make sure your email is correct for registration to be able to vote.
- Chief Marley shared thanks to the Chiefs Association for the use of the Caisson.

**Enclosure # 1 – 2024 Attendance Roster**

<b>MEMBERS' PRESENT (19)</b>		19	18	19	17	17	18	17					
<b>ASSOCIATES PRESENT (07)</b>		4	6	4	6	6	5	6					
<b>Total Number in attendance</b>		49	38	37	41	46	58	53					
<b>CC Fire Chiefs</b> <b>DEPARTMENTS &amp; ORGANIZATION</b> <b>Chief's Only Meeting</b>		22-JAN-24- HMFD # 21	26-FEB-24- FTCC	25-MAR-24- SLFD # 22	22-APR-24- SVFD # 23	20 MAY-24- CCEOC	24-JUN-24- GCFD # 24	22-JUL-24- BDFD # 26	28-AUG-24-FTCC	23-SEP-24 - FFD - # TBD	28-OCT-24- FLFD # TBD	25-NOV-24- CCEOC	16-DEC-24 - SHERIFF
		<b>MEMBERS</b>											
		<b>MEETING DATES</b>											
		01 BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27											
		02 BETHANY STA 12											
		03 COTTON STA 4											
		04 CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5											
		05 EASTOVER STA 1											
		06 EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC											
		07 FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT											
		08 FORT LIBERTY FIRE DEPT											
		09 GODWIN – FALCON STA 17											
		10 GRAYS CREEK STA 18											
		11 GRAYS CREEK STA 24											
		12 HOPE MILLS STA 21											
		13 PEARCE'S MILL STA 3											
		14 SPRING LAKE STA 11 & 22											
		15 STEDMAN STA 23											
		16 STONEY POINT STA 13 & 19											
		17 VANDER STA 2 & 8											
		18 WADE STA 16											
		19 WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25											
		<b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS</b>											
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES												
02	FIRE COMMISSIONER												
03	FORESTRY												
04	FTCC												
05	HAZMAT												
06	HIGHWAY PATROL												
07	SHERIFFS OFFICE												

**Special Notes:**

**CODES:** – Present – Absent      Excused





# CCFCA Meeting - July 22, 2024

Fayetteville, NC

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Inter-Agency Incident Count for June 2024

POC: Freddy Johnson Sr., President

FDID - Department Name	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Beaver Dam Volunteer Fire Department (2)	23	10	22	19	21	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
Bethany Volunteer Fire Department	53	33	27	28	32	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	199
Cotton Volunteer Fire Department	172	164	192	144	184	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	1035
Cumberland Road Volunteer Fire Department	153	152	150	136	138	166	0	0	0	0	0	0	895
Eastover Volunteer Fire Department	82	58	71	78	73	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	425
Godwin-Falcon Volunteer Fire Department	38	28	43	38	38	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	235
Grays Creek #18, Volunteer Fire Department	49	35	36	31	38	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	227
Grays Creek #24, Volunteer Fire Department	94	74	81	56	62	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	459
Hope Mills Fire Department	176	163	165	137	153	192	0	0	0	0	0	0	986
Pearce's Mill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	149	130	137	114	132	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	784
Spring Lake Fire Department (2)	132	119	125	152	144	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	766
Stedman Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	62	41	37	43	31	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	249
Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc. (2)	169	156	176	167	175	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	1031
Vander Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (2)	118	125	123	127	116	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	714
Wade Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	49	42	52	54	46	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	287
Westarea Volunteer Fire Department (3)	95	79	78	86	84	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	505
Total	1614	1409	1515	1410	1467	1501	0	0	0	0	0	0	8916
Fayetteville (17)	2459	2153	2356	2382	2478	1983	0	0	0	0	0	0	13811
Combined Totals	4073	3562	3871	3792	3945	3484	0	0	0	0	0	0	22727

Only REVIEWED incidents included.

Also known as Incidents by FDID Cross-tab.



## FFD - Number of Incidents within Districts

Incident District Number	Incident District Description	Calls within District
CC01	Eastover Fire Department	11
CC02	Vander Fire Department	17
CC03	Pearce's Mill Fire Department	10
CC04	Cotton Fire Department	5
CC05	Cumberland Road Fire Department	12
CC08	Cedar Creek Fire Department	3
CC11	Spring Lake Fire Department	1
CC13	Stoney Point Fire Department	4
CC15	Westarea Fire Department	1
CC19	Stoney Point Fire Department	1
CC20	Westarea Fire Department	2
CC21	Hope Mills Fire Department	4
CC22	Spring Lake Fire Department	7
FF01	Community Risk Reduction Zone 01	163
FF02	Community Risk Reduction Zone 02	93
FF03	Community Risk Reduction Zone 03	144
FF04	Community Risk Reduction Zone 04	190
FF05	Community Risk Reduction Zone 05	211
FF06	Community Risk Reduction Zone 06	158
FF07	Community Risk Reduction Zone 07	117
FF08	Community Risk Reduction Zone 08	109
FF09	Community Risk Reduction Zone 09	134
FF10	Community Risk Reduction Zone 10	1
FF11	Community Risk Reduction Zone 11	54
FF12	Community Risk Reduction Zone 12	79
FF13	Community Risk Reduction Zone 13	6
FF14	Community Risk Reduction Zone 14	138
FF15	Community Risk Reduction Zone 15	73
FF16	Community Risk Reduction Zone 16	63
FF17	Community Risk Reduction Zone 17	120
FF19	Community Risk Reduction Zone 19	50
FFBS	Segra Stadium CRR Zone	2
MUA	Mutual Aid Outside of County	0
		<b>Total: 1,983</b>

### Report Filters

Basic Incident Alarm Date Time (Fd1.26): is equal to 'Last Month'

### Report Criteria

Incident District Number: Is Not Blank

Basic Exposure (Fd1.6): Is Equal To 0

### Description

Number of Incidents within Districts

**Fire Rescue Commission Meeting  
Kernersville Fire department, Kernersville, NC**

**July 9, 2024**

<b>Members in Attendance:</b>	Harley Cook	Vernon Massengill	Freddy Johnson, Sr.
Ryan Cole	Andy Thomas	Robert Poe	Walter Gardner
Gary Whitman	Tim Henshaw	Scott Mullins	Steve Roberson

**Others present:** Brian Wade, Paul Ward, David Morris, Chris Decker, Greg Palmer, Katherine Burton, Monna Gillespie, Michele Thomas, Bradley Dick

**Welcome and Call to Order** – Harley Cook 10:00am

**Invocation** – Tim Bradley

**Ethics Statement** – Harley Cook

Approval of agenda – Walter Gardner moved to approve the agenda. Ryan Cole seconded the motion. Approved.

Approval of April 9, 2024, minutes – Ryan Cole and Harley had 2 corrections. Freddy Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024, meeting with corrections. Ryan Cole seconded. Approved.

**Elections**

Greg Palmer ran the elections for the following positions on the Commission Board:

Chair – Freddy Johnson moved to reappoint Harley Cook to the Chair position. Robert Poe seconded the motion. Walter Gardner moved to close nominations. Ryan Cole seconded the motion. Approved. Harley Cook reappointed.

Vice-Chair – Ryan Cole moved to reappoint Freddy Johnson to the Vice-Chair position. Andy Thomas seconded the motion. Approved.

**Appointments**

**CFI Board:**

Freddy Johnson moved to Andy Thomas to the CFI Board as the representative for the NC IAAI Chapter. Steven Roberson seconded the motion. Approved.

**F&R Commission Board:**

Robert Poe has been reappointed to the F&R Commission Board.

**CFI Board:**

Andy Thomas moved to reappoint Freddy Johnson to the CFI Board. Robert Poe seconded the motion. Approved.

**Board Reports**

**Certification Board – Derrick Clouston.**

TR is on track. TR re-qualifications started July 2024. Online testing committee has met once. Nothing has been finalized. Live fire updated was given by Anthony Killough at the Cert. Board meeting. More accessible now. A second alternative course was discussed.

FIP 3030 – Under 18 years of age = Cert Board voted to remove the under 18 years of age with a sunset date of December 31, 2024. Request for Commission approval of change.

The Cert Board had a hybrid request.

The Live Fire investigation in Sampson was tabled.

The Cert Board recommendations for action on the Iredell investigation was presented to the board for approval. Discussion. Freddy Johnson moved to approve the Cert Board recommendations and to work with OSFM Staff and lawyers on consent agreements and bring back to the Commission Board. Walter Gardner seconded the motion. Approved.

Robert Poe requested that OSFM look at 1-2 re-qualification classes be held on the weekend to allow volunteers more opportunity to attend.

**Volunteer Safety Worker's Compensation Board – Not given.**

**Certified Fire Investigator Board – Freddy Johnson**

2024 June Application – Total 12 Applicants – 10 Approved and 2 Denied. Total for 2024 – 27 Applicants- 22 Approved and 5 Denied.



## **New Business**

### **NFIRS report – Monna Gillespie**

As of 7-8-2024, NC had 1,162,333 incidents reported to the state. We have had no high dollar Loss (10 million or higher) and no large fire service casualty (Injuries – 10 or more or fatalities – 5 or more). We had 1 incident of Large Civilian Fire Casualty (Injury or death – 5 or more). Michele and Monna have divided importing responsibilities for the 2 systems. Monna into Elite and Michel into FEMA system. We are going to be notifying departments that are missing months or not reported to us at all via email and then calls in an effort to ensure that all have met the state mandate. Adam Blythe is currently working to get our Interactive Graph back on our website starting with 2023 data.

NERIS update – see attachment.

Discussion

## **Agency Reports**

**NC Department of Insurance** – Brian Wade. NFA Weekend registration is open. The high school firefighter Academy was a huge success. The training center is now on the website. Smoke Alarm Saturday had over 2300 smoke alarms distributed. OSHA Comment period still open. We are still waiting on the budget to be approved. Cancer legislation was in place and fully funded. Gave a thanks to all that supported that endeavor. Asked that the Gordon family be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. Discussion on OSHA.

**NC State Firefighters' Association** – Tim Bradley. Report attached.

**NC Association of Rescue and EMS, Inc.** – Joel Faircloth. Convention – Sept 5-7 2024. High Angle to be held at Mt. Jefferson State Park Sept. 13-15, 2024. Request to keep rosters updated. Next meeting April 2024 @ Greensboro.

**NC Association of Chiefs** – Ryan Cole. New Executive Director is Scott Burnette and he started July 1, 2024. Recruitment and retention grant workshops continuing. NC License plates update. SAFRE coming up in August. Elections for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Chair is open. Mid-Winter Chief's Conference has been scheduled for January 29-31, 2025.

**NC Community Colleges System** – Kenny Weatherington. Condolences to Kevin Gordon and family. Michael Caviness joined the Community College staff on June 3, 2024. Michael will handle Fire and EMS items. Tonya Clark – EMS. Jennifer Fisher – Criminal Justice. Propel NC is waiting on the budget to be approved. Thank Commission board for letter of support. TR – they are staying in touch with OSFM Staff and are creating drafts at this time.

**NC Division of Emergency Management – Not in attendance.**

**NC Society of Fire/Rescue Instructors – Ben Hess.** They have 3 new members. New benefits available at SAFRE.

**Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of NC – Scott Mullins.** Proud that the Cancer legislation was approved. He believes that the OSHA is a great opportunity for the fire service. There is a hearing in November that he encouraged all to attend.

**NC Department of Labor – Not in attendance.**

**NC Office of Emergency Medical Services – Not in attendance.**

**NC Division of Forestry – Not in attendance.**

**NC Department of Justice – Nothing in attendance.**

Gary Whitman asked about FIP 3030 – under 18 years of age that was presented to them via the Cert Board report. Discussion. Gary Whitman moved to discontinue the under 18 years clause with a sunset date of 12-31-2024. Andy Thomas seconded the motion. Approved.

Ryan Cole brought the new owl recording device in the room and the capabilities to broadcast meetings opportunities and possible remote options. He also discussed the F&R Commission have planning meetings to discuss the goals and future directions for the board and fire service. Possibly the day before the F&R Commission Board meeting in October. Discussion.

Next meeting – October 8, 2024.

Scott Mullins moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Monna Gillespie



Freddy Johnson <spfd1301@gmail.com>

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Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 4:54 AM



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**Heather Skeens**  
Assistant County Manager

Office of the County Manager

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

**FROM: CLARENCE G. GRIER, COUNTY MANAGER** *Ugg*

**DATE: JULY 1, 2023**

**SUBJECT: ADOPTED FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Your funding level for Fiscal Year 2024 as adopted by the County Manager is stated below:

Service District Tax .5 cent allocation: \$ 277,122

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Cherry in the Finance Office, at (910) 678-7763 or [echerry@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:echerry@cumberlandcountync.gov).



## FTCC

**Daytime FF Academy**  
Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm  
FTCC Fire Training Complex

TR MECH ADVAN & ANCHORS	7/25/2024 – 7/26/2024	9A-5P
TR FIXED ROPES	8/1/2024 – 8/2/2024	9A-5P
TR LOWER & RAISES	8/5/2024 – 8/6/2024	9A-5P
D/O AERIALS	8/5/2024 – 8/15/2024	9A-5P
TR HORZ SYSTEMS	8/13/2024 – 8/14/2024	9A-5P
TR VICTIM MGMT	8/21/2024 – 8/22/2024	9A-5P
TR VEHICLE OPERATIONS	8/26/2024	8A-6P*
TR VEHICLE ANATOMY	8/28/2024	8A-6P*
TR VEHICLE STABILIZATION	9/3/2024 – 9/4/2024	9A-5P
TR VR LARGE VEHICLE RESCUE	9/5/2024	9A-5P
TR VR VICTIM MGMT	9/6/2024 – 9/9/2024	9A-5P
TR RESCUE OPS	9/10/2024 – 9/11/2024	9A-5P
TR EQUIPMENT	9/19/2024	9A-5P
TR PPE	10/3/2024	8A-6P*

TR HELICOPTER	10/10/2024	9A-5P
TR BASIC ROPES	10/16/2024 – 10/17/2024	9A-5P
TR MECH ADVAN & ANCHORS	10/28/2024 – 10/30/2024	9A-5P
TR FIXED ROPES	11/12/2024 – 11/13/2024	9A-5P
TR LOWER & RAISES	11/25/2024 – 11/26/2024	9A-5P
TR HORZ SYSTEMS	12/3/2024 – 12/5/2024	9A-5P
TR VICTIM MGMT	12/9/2024 – 12/10/2024	9A-5P
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TR VEHICLE ANATOMY	12/13/2024	8A-6P*
TR VEHICLE STABILIZATION	12/16/2024 – 12/17/2024	9A-5P
TR VR LARGE VEHICLE RESCUE	12/18/2024	9A-5P
TR VR VICTIM MGMT	12/19/2024 – 12/20/2024	9A-5P

COURSE	DATES	
TR FIXED ROPES	8/1/2024 – 8/2/2024	9A-5P
TR MACHINE & AG	8/3   8/10   8/17   8/24   8/31/2024	8A-5P
TR LOWER & RAISES	8/5/2024 – 8/6/2024	9A-5P

COURSE	DATES	
D/O AERIALS	8/5   8/6   8/8   8/12   8/13   8/14   8/15/2024	9A-5P
FF FLSI	8/5   8/7   8/12   8/14   8/19   8/21   8/26/2024	630P-1030P
TR HORZ SYSTEMS	8/13/2024 – 8/14/2024	9A-5P
TR VICTIM MGMT	8/21/2024 – 8/22/2024	9A-5P
TR VEHICLE OPERATIONS	8/26/2024	8A-6P*
TR VEHICLE ANATOMY	8/28/2024	8A-6P*
D/O PUMPS INTRO	8/29   8/30   9/5   9/6   9/10/2024	9A-5P
TR VEHICLE STABILIZATION	9/3/2024 – 9/4/2024	9A-5P
TR VR LARGE VEHICLE RESCUE	9/5/2024	9A-5P
TR VR VICTIM MGMT	9/6/2024 – 9/9/2024	9A-5P
TR RESCUE OPS	9/10/2024 – 9/11/2024	9A-5P
D/O HYDRAULICS	9/16/   9/19   9/23   9/24   9/26/2024	9A-5P
TR EQUIPMENT	9/19/2024	9A-5P
HAZMAT OPS	9/22   9/29   10/6   10/13   10/20/2024	8A-5P
D/O MAINTENANCE	9/30/2024   10/2   10/3   10/4 2024	9A-5P

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**Daytime Fire Academy** Regional Training Facility May 28 (Start Date). Please pre-register so the staff can get a headcount.

**\*\*Pre Registration required\*\***

Contact 910 486 7470 to reserve your seat.

# Robeson Community College Fire Training

<u>FIP</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b>3048</b>	Fireground Ops 8	28	July 29 (1300-1700), July 30, 31, Aug 1 (0800-1700)
<b>6413</b>	Safety/Survival and Mayday	28	Aug 5, 6, 7 (0800-1700) Aug 8 (0800-1200)
<b>3050</b>	Fireground Rescue Ops 1	28	Aug 8 (1300-1700) Aug 12, 13, 14 (0800-1700)

Academy is based on the NFPA 1001 2019 All classes will be held at the training center. Firefighter Edition RCC ESTC, 5825 South Roberts Avenue, Lumberton, NC

## **2024 FALL EVENING FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY**

**5556 Hazmat Ops** 36 hrs Aug. 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, Sept. 3, 5, 10, 12

## **Sandhills Community College**

Countywide Training at HCHS

May 20th @ 1900

## **D/O PUMPS SERIES - AT HILLCREST FD**

**Sprinklers, Standpipes, Maintenance & Testing** August 6, 8, 11\*, 13, 15, 20, 22

WEEKDAY classes are 1830-2230, WEEKENDS\* 0830-1730

## CLASS INFORMATION

### Firefighter Certification Block Classes

1. FF General and Communications
2. FF Fireground Ops 1
3. FF Fireground Ops 7
4. FF Fireground Ops 8
5. FF Rescue Ops 1
6. Traffic Incident Management

### Driver/Operator Certification Classes

7. D/O: Emergency Vehicle Driver
8. D/O: Pumps: Pumps Intro/Basic Ops
9. D/O: Pumps: Hydraulics/Water Supply
10. D/O: Pumps: Sprinklers & Standpipes

### Hazardous Materials Certification Classes

11. HazMat Ops (Chapters 4/5/6.2/6.6)

### Technical Rescuer Certification Classes

12. TR Rescue Equipment
13. TR Anchors & MAS
14. TR Lowers & Raises
15. TR VR Stabilization Extrication

### Officer/Leadership Certification Classes

16. Fire Officer I
17. Fire Officer II
18. Fire Instructor I
19. Fire Instructor II
20. Chief 101

### National Fire Academy Classes

21. NFA Incident Safety Officer (ISO)

### Operational & Tactical Skills

22. Basic Firefighting
23. Stretch, Flow, Go: The Deep Dive into Engine Operations
24. Scene Size-Up
25. Flashover 2.0
26. The Dirty Operations of the Engine Company
27. Water Can Confidence

### Fire & Life Safety/Code Enforcement

28. Fire Prevention Inspection I
29. Fire Prevention Inspection II
30. Fire Life Safety Educator I

### Specialty Classes

31. The Training Officer: The Bricklayer of a Firefighters Foundation - NEW!
32. Intro to Peer Support/Firefighter Mental Health
33. Explosives, Bombings, & Terrorism

### Everyone Goes Home

34. Courage to be Safe (CTBS)
35. Leadership, Accountability, Culture, and Knowledge (LACK)
36. Attributes of Leading (AOL)

**Anyone participating in Sections 25, 26, and/or 27 must have a Live Fire Course Competency Form completed along with the Registration Form. The Competency Form can be found after the Registration Form in this brochure.**

*National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions*

4.3.1\* Prior to being permitted to participate in live fire training evolutions, the student shall have received training to meet the minimum job performance requirements for Fire Fighter I in NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, related to the following subjects: (1) Safety (2) Fire behavior (3) Portable extinguishers (4) Personal protective equipment (5) Ladders (6) Fire hose, appliances, and streams (7) Overhaul (8) Water supply (9) Ventilation (10) Forcible entry and (11) Building construction

In accordance to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 & NFPA 1500, it is the policy of Cape Fear Community College that Students participating in live fire training may not have any facial hair, jewelry, or other impediment that will impede the seal area of an SCBA mask. Any student violating this policy will not be allowed to participate.

All turnout gear must be compliant with NFPA 1971 students will not be allowed to participate if the Instructor(s) find that the gear is not NFPA compliant or otherwise poses a hazard.



## EMS CONED DATES

**County Fire 13:** Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

**County Fire 18:** Aug 27, Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 26 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)

**County Fire 21: (3 days month on shift days A, B, C shifts)**

Aug 6th, 9th, 23rd

Sept 3rd, 6th, 13th

Oct 1st, 4th, 25th

Nov 5th, 8th, 29th

## **Webcasts**

[Leading with Intent: Essential Traits of Servant Leaders](https://info.lexipol.com/webinar-essential-traits-of-servant-leaders)

<https://info.lexipol.com/webinar-essential-traits-of-servant-leaders>

Thursday, July 25 | 1 pm Eastern

Presented by: Battalion Chief (Ret.) Bruce Bjorge and Chief (Ret.) Dave Funkhouser

Webinar

## **Violence Against Fire & EMS: Understanding and Mitigating Risks**

**Monday, July 29, 2024 | 1 pm Eastern [60 minutes]**

<https://info.lexipol.com/webinar-mitigating-violence-against-fire-and-ems>



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Fire Chiefs' Association**  
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Chaplain

July 10, 2024

The Honorable Douglas L. Parker  
Secretary, US Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20210

RE: Proposed Rule Modification to OSHA 1910.156 "Emergency Response Standard"  
Docket No. OSHA-2007-0073

Dear Secretary Parker:

Our greatest responsibility is the safety of our members and serving our community. Just like OSHA, the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association (CCFCA) representing 18 partner agencies are focused on the health and safety of our members and the public we serve. We are the first responders to most emergencies that occur in our community. It is our duty to safely carry out our life safety mission that prompts us to write this letter of great concern.

If the proposed 29 CFR 1910.155 and 156 standards were properly funded to support the staffing and resources needed to implement and address the ongoing cost of the proposed amendments, the CCFCA would warmly embrace and assist in educating and promoting these proposed new rules. Unfunded, the CCFCA is compelled to write to you to express strong opposition, as the intended expansion of safety rules will have the unintended impact of diverting our staff and resources from our high-priority primary function of emergency response. If the proposed standards are approved, the financial impact to our citizens would be significant as the unfunded mandate costs would have to be shouldered by our taxpayers.

Currently, our fire protection agencies are struggling to make ends meet and that is especially true for our fifteen (15) volunteer/combination fire agencies, which are extremely underfunded. We know our budget and what the future funding currently looks like for our agencies; these unfunded rules will compromise our responsibility to our community's emergency needs by reducing and/or diverting our already over-stretched resources—both human and financial—to lower-level risks.

There are three specific areas of the proposed rules that cannot be met with our current funding. In fact, these three proposed rules would be impossible to meet with our partner agencies without additional funding. The three proposed rules that would be insurmountable are: *section (d) ESO*

Establishment of ERP and Emergency Services Capability, section (g) Medical and Physical Requirements, and section (l) Vehicle Preparedness and operation. Please understand we would welcome all three proposed rules if there was a **permanent funding mechanism**- there is not.

The CCFCA makes the safety of our firefighters our highest priority. If these proposed unattainable rules go into effect, it will cripple our already struggling fire service, but especially our volunteer and combination departments.

In closing, we totally oppose the change to OSHA 1910.156 and ask that you and your staff provide due deliberation to accommodate these most critical trepidations.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Freddy L. Johnson Sr.", written over the printed name.

FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR.

President / Fire Chief

CCFCA

CF: 1 Each Partner Agency  
1 Each Partner Associate Members



Freddy Johnson &lt;spfd1301@gmail.com&gt;

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**Upcoming First Due Training @ftcc**

1 message

**Brandon Hanzal** <bhanzal@stonepointfirerescue.com>

Thu, Jul 18, 2024 at 1:32 PM

To: 1301 &lt;fjohnsonsr@stonepointfirerescue.com&gt;

Sir attached is the outline for in person training next week July 23-25 starting at 0800hrs.

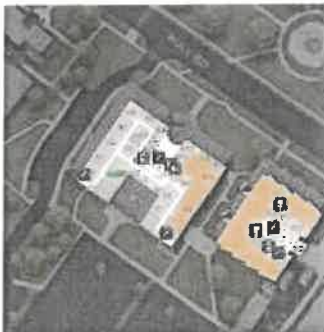
I have included a couple maps that show the classroom where training will happen (VCC219), as well as the parking areas (noted by the blue X), and the building (circled in red), that we will be in. I also included the training outline for the three days. Note that Wednesday July 24, the afternoon session will be for our Fire Marshalls as they will cover all the inspections and permitting. Please send this out to the other departments. Let me know if you need any other information.

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Brandon P. Hanzal  
Asst. Chief  
Stoney Point Fire Department  
910-263-8900 Work  
910-987-9068 Cell



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**3 attachments**

**ftcc room219.png**  
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## **On-site Training Schedule – July 23-25, 2024**

### **Tuesday – July 23, 2024 – 0800 – 1700 hours**

Welcome and Introductions

Personnel & Scheduling (Admin/Setup Review & End user)

NFIRS (Admin/Setup & End user)

Lunch Break

NFIRS EMS Module (Admin/Setup & End user)

Preplanning

Mobile Responder

### **Wednesday – July 24, 2024 – 0800 – 1700 hours**

Follow-up from Day 1

Assets, Inventory & Vendor Directory (Admin/Setup & End User)

Lunch Break

Inspections (Admin/Setup & End user)

Permits & Invoicing

### **Thursday – July 25, 2024 – 0800 – 1600 hours**

Follow-up from Days 1 & 2

Hydrants

Activities

Training

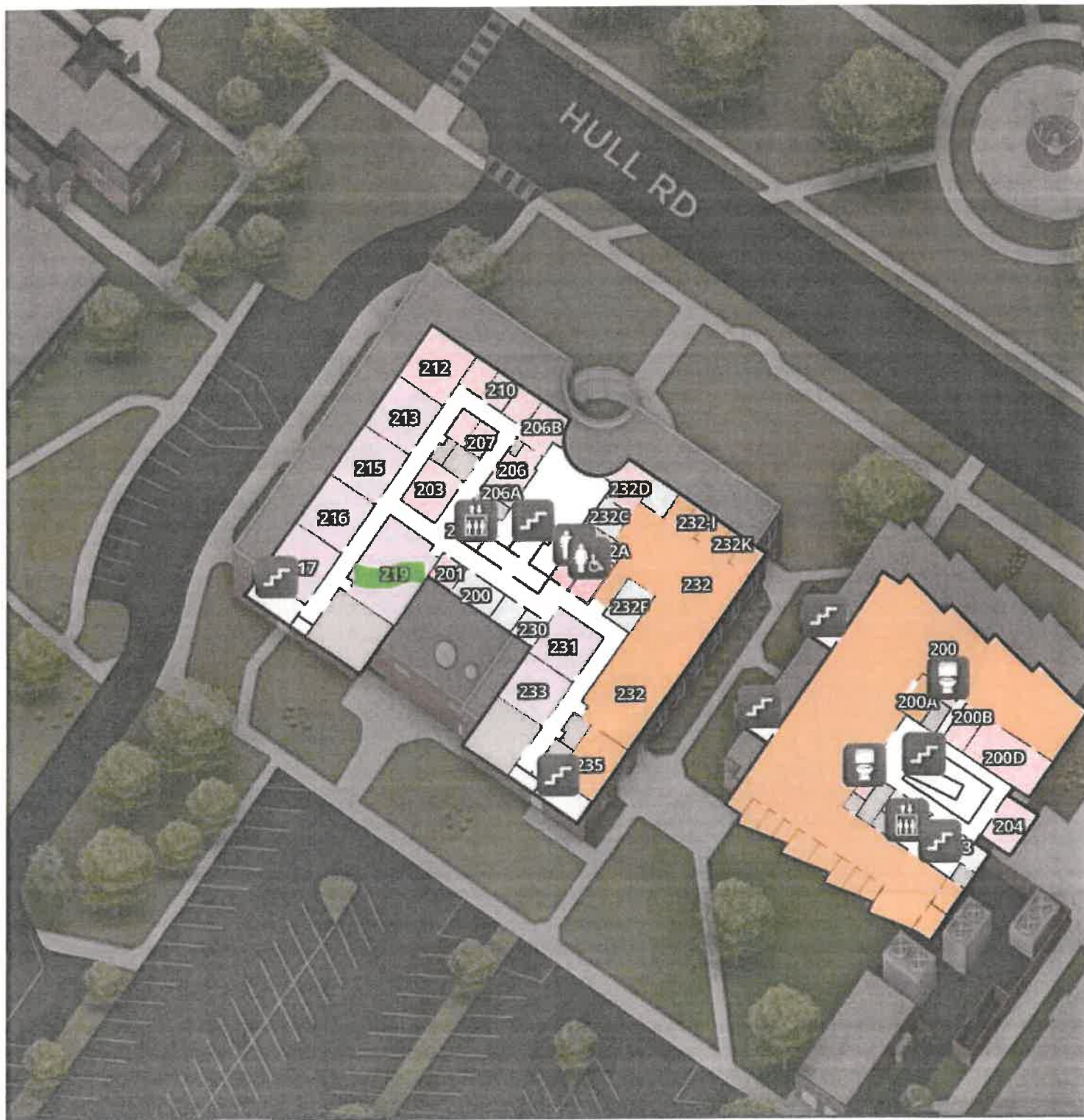
Lunch Break

Reports (Canned & Ad Hoc)

Workshop/follow-ups & Q/A Session









# 2024 Year-to-Date CCSO Fire Investigations

#	Date	Time	Location	Fire District	Nature	Cause	Investigator	OCA	Disposition
1	3-Jan-24	8:31 AM	4801 Murphy Rd	Eastover	Fatal Fire	Accidental	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-00031	Unfounded
2	13-Jan-24	2:26 AM	3069 Smith Rd	Cumberland Road	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-00277	Leads Exhausted
3	19-Jan-24	7:25 PM	2763 Lake Upchurch Dr	Stoney Point	Structure Fire	Undetermined	SSgt. Whitman	2024-00454	Leads Exhausted
4	21-Jan-24	12:41 PM	231 Kipper Ct	Westarea	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Det. Ward	2024-00481	Juvenile Offender
5	10-Feb-24	1:18 PM	578 Participle Ct	Cotton	Outside Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-01046	Unfounded
6	19-Feb-24	4:52 AM	2511 John Smith Rd	Cumberland Road	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2024-01251	Active Investigation
7	19-Feb-24	11:00 AM	1928 Evans Dairy Rd	Vander	Structure Fire	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2024-01259	Cleared By Arrest
8	20-Feb-24	12:02 AM	2525 Dasher Ln	Cumberland Road	Fatal Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	2024-01272	Unfounded
9	14-Feb-24	4:34 PM	8476 Ramsey St	Westarea	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Det. Simmons	2024-01154	Leads Exhausted
10	26-Feb-24	10:14 AM	2271 Carbine St	Cumberland Road	Outside Fire	Accidental	Det. Simmons	2024-01356	Unfounded
11	26-Feb-24	2:05 PM	2260 Unicorn Dr	Grays Creek	Fatal Fire	Undetermined	SSgt. Whitman	2024-01428	Unfounded
12	11-Mar-24	12:50 AM	2455 Downing Rd	Vander	Structure Fire	Accidental	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-01770	Unfounded
13	14-Mar-24	1:09 AM	8212 Godwin Falcon Rd	Godwin-Falcon	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-01859	Leads Exhausted
14	19-Mar-24	6:30 PM	5890 Jesse Dr	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Accidental	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-02028	Unfounded
15	20-Mar-24	9:00 AM	433 McCormick Rd	Spring Lake	Other	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2024-02039	Victim Refused to Cooperate
16	21-Mar-24	4:33 PM	2735 John Smith Rd	Cumberland Road	Outside Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	N/A	Unfounded
17	27-Mar-24	8:04 AM	7300 Block Sisk Culbreth Rd	Godwin-Falcon	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-02208	Leads Exhausted
18	28-Mar-24	12:21 AM	1567 Tony Dr	Pearces Mill	Outside Fire	N/A	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-02247	Victim Refused to Cooperate
19	28-Mar-24	7:10 PM	727 Orchard St	Cotton	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-02286	Unfounded
20	28-Mar-24	8:35 PM	2700 Cumberland Rd	Fayetteville FD	Outside Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-02288	Prosecution Declined
21	29-Mar-24	6:43 PM	1696 Wade Stedman Rd	Bethany	Structure Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	2024-02308	Unfounded
22	30-Mar-24	3:45 AM	4100 Elk Rd	Cotton	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2024-02318	Leads Exhausted
23	10-Apr-24	6:15 AM	1200 Block Capstan Dr	Pearces Mill	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-02562	Leads Exhausted
24	10-Apr-24	6:12 PM	6662 Turnbull Rd	Beaver Dam	Structure Fire	N/A	Cpl. Tyndall	N/A	Cancelled
25	12-Apr-24	4:10 AM	3200 Block Baywood Rd	Eastover	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-02625	Active Investigation
26	14-Apr-24	1:13 AM	1419 Chedington Rd	Grays Creek	Structure Fire	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2024-02674	Active Investigation
27	17-Apr-24	4:31 AM	223 Kipper Ct	Westarea	Structure Fire	Accidental	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-02750	Unfounded
28	18-Apr-24	10:27 PM	296 Dusty Ln	Westarea	Structure Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	N/A	Unfounded
29	28-Apr-24	10:29 PM	5608 Loop Rd	Westarea	Structure Fire	N/A	SSgt. Whitman	2024-03053	Active Investigation
30	28-Apr-24	4:05 AM	1900 Block Fields Rd	Fayetteville FD	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2024-03056	Unfounded

# 2024 Year-to-Date CCSO Fire Investigations

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# Responder Incident Training (RIT) Event



**October 22-24, 2024**

918 North Street,  
Fayetteville, North Carolina, 28301

POC: **Blaise MacDonald**  
CSX Manager of Hazardous Materials  
540-259-2394  
[Blaise\\_MacDonald@csx.com](mailto:Blaise_MacDonald@csx.com)

Multiple sessions available:  
0900-1200 & 1300-1700

RAILROAD & HAZMAT SAFETY

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT  
& INITIAL RESPONSE

TANK CARS  
& PROTECTIVE HOUSINGS

HANDS-ON TRAINING

HAZMAT TRANSPORTED BY RAIL



Scan the QR code or follow the link below  
to register for the event.

[CSX Responder Incident Training: Emergency  
Response to Railroad Incidents | TRANSCAER](#)

**Recommended PPE:**

Safety glasses, High-visibility vest, Pants, Lace-up steel  
toe boots, & Work gloves.

# Responder Incident Training (RIT) Event



## Required Online Training

Prior to the event, please watch the online CSX Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents training video using either the QR code or link below.



Link:

[CSX Transportation - Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents \(ERRI\) | TRANSCAER](#)



RAILROAD GENERAL SAFETY

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AVAILABLE RESOURCES  
FOR RAIL RESPONSE

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REFERENCE MATERIALS  
& TRAIN DOCUMENTS

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IDENTIFYING RAILROAD EQUIPMENT

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CSX STANDARD OF CARE







Freddy Johnson &lt;spfd1301@gmail.com&gt;

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**Recovery Together ENC Conference**

1 message

**NCAREMS Announcements** <info@ncarems.org>

Fri, Jul 19, 2024 at 11:13 AM

To: Joyner Gordon &lt;ncarems@ncarems.org&gt;

Please share with your members and those interested is this opportunity.

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The Recovery Together ENC Coalition in partnership with the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is hosting a Recovery Together ENC Conference on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Lenoir Community College. Jan Rader, who was the first female fire chief in Huntington, West Virginia and the star of the Netflix Docuseries Hero(ine) ; will be one of our main speakers about her battle in that field with the opioid epidemic. Overdoses are becoming more and more prevalent throughout our local communities and we are hoping to spread awareness and provide an educational opportunity to those working with those suffering in addiction.

Below I have linked the website to register and the Recovery Together ENC Events page for more details on our speakers.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recovery-together-enc-conference-2024-tickets-925865979067?aff=oddtcreator#:~:text=Welcome%20to%20the%20Recovery%20Together,recovery%20in%20Eastern%20North%20Carolina.>

Recovery Together Events Webpage: <https://www.recoverytogetherenc.com/events>

Thank you for your consideration,

Katie



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# CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



**Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1964 and proudly serves not only our community, but also the City of Fayetteville, town of Hope Mills, and surrounding counties. We are a full-service provider, and deliver emergency medical, rescue and fire protection services.**

**Join us in celebrating  
Stoney Point Fire Department's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Saturday, July 27, 1 PM – 4 PM**

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

**STATION TOURS, TRUCKS & DISPLAYS, FIRE SAFETY  
EDUCATION HOUSE, FOOD, MUSIC,  
GIVEAWAYS, & PRIZES**



**7221 Stoney Point Road, Fayetteville, NC 28306**

**910-424-0694**



# FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR, CFO



CANDIDATE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT

NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Fire Chief, Freddy L. Johnson Sr., a retired Army Sergeant Major and native from Germany began his fire service career at 22 years old in 1975 while serving in the United States Army at Fort Bragg. In April 1976, Chief Johnson joined the Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter.

In less than four years, working his way through the various volunteer ranks, Chief Johnson was appointed the fire district's 5th Fire Chief on March 1st, 1980. Under his leadership, Stoney Point continued expanding to meet the growing community needs and currently is only one of two volunteer fire departments Internationally Accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE).

Chief Johnson and his wife Clarkie have three grown children, and five grandchildren. He continually works to improve public service initiatives on a County-wide basis as President of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, a position he has held since 2000. Chief Johnson is also President and a member of the North Carolina Fire & Rescue Commission. He was instrumental in the construction and implementation of the Cumberland County Fire & Rescue Center, the country's largest indoor swift water training facility. He was able to accomplish this through partnerships with Fayetteville Technical Community College, as well as various local and national fire service organizations.

**As a candidate for 2nd Vice President of the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC), I bring over 40 years of diverse public safety experience in the North Carolina fire service, Emergency Management, and Law Enforcement, with a strong background in volunteer and combination fire departments.**

My leadership track record includes achieving accreditation status for the Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department (SPFD) with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) in 2012, making SPFD the only accredited volunteer Fire Department in North Carolina. Through a commitment to continuous quality improvement, I have successfully maintained this accreditation over the years. Additionally, our department has attained an ISO Class 2, further demonstrating our dedication to excellence in fire protection services.

With my 13-year membership in the NCAFC, I am a resolute advocate for the North Carolina fire service, particularly championing the needs of volunteer and combination departments facing challenges at local and national levels. Having served as President of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association (CCFCA) for 24 years, I have demonstrated my ability to collaborate, communicate effectively, and build strong relationships with partner agencies for the benefit of our communities. My involvement in the North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission, where I currently serve as Vice Chair, exemplifies my dedication to influencing decisions that have a profound effect on the fire and rescue services across our state. I am fully committed to supporting essential structural enhancements to our training and



## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science Degree

Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia  
January 1996, Major: Education (BS)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Stoney Point Fire Department**

April 1976 – Present

Fire Chief

7221 Stoney Point Road, Fayetteville,  
North Carolina 28306-8005

### **Hoke County Sheriff's Office & Emergency Management**

July 2001 - January 2018

Emergency Services Director

Operations Major, Assist. Chief of Det.

429 East Central Avenue, Raeford, North  
Carolina 28376

### **Cumberland County Sheriff's Office**

December 1981 - June 2001

Assist. Chief of Detectives

Commander, Arson Task Force

131 Dick Street, Fayetteville, North  
Carolina 28301

### **U.S. Army – Department of Defense**

July 1973 - June 1996

Senior Rank-Sergeant Major

U.S. Special Operations Command

82nd Airborne Division

## AFFILIATIONS

President- Cumberland Co. Fire Chief's  
Assoc. x 24 years

NC Fire & Rescue Commission

Chairman, NC Fire & Rescue Commission  
Certified Fire Investigators Board (CFIB)

NC Association of Fire Chief's

NC State Firefighters Association

NC Association of Rescue & EMS

NC Firemen's & Rescue Squad Pension  
Fund

NC Emergency Management Assoc.

International Assoc. of Fire Chief's (IAFC)

Southeastern Division of IAFC

National Fire Protection Assoc. (NFPA)

International Assoc. of Arson Inv.

NC Chapter IAAI (NCIAAI)

## HONORS & AWARDS

NC Recipient of the Long Leaf Pine – 1996

Young Deputy Sheriff of the Year 1987

NC Governor's Award for Outstanding  
Volunteer Service - Making Difference

J. Edgar Hoover Gold Medal Award- 2009

NCAFC Vol. Fire Chief of the Year - 2012

SE IAFC Vol. Fire Chief of the Year – 2012

IAFC Vol. Fire Chief of the Year - 2013

CPSE Vol. Fire Chief of the Year - 2013

NVFC Lifetime Achievement Award - 2017

Fay/Cumberland Human Relations  
Commission - Patriot Award – 2020

Valor Award Special Recognition 2020

Valor Award - Inaugural Freddy L.  
Johnson Sr. Leadership Award 2022

Numerous Military Awards & Decorations

certification programs, ensuring that these improvements make training more accessible and achievable for all our fire and rescue departments.

Drawing from 23 years of military service and holding the highest enlisted rank of Sergeant Major, I possess a wealth of leadership experience that informs my approach to public safety and organizational management. When elected as 2nd Vice President, I commit to working closely with other state associations to prioritize the safety, health, and well-being of all North Carolina firefighters. I am committed to supporting volunteer fire departments (VFDs) as they transition and expand their services by hiring more paid staff. I understand the various requirements related to part-time and full-time employees, human resources, insurance, retirement benefits, and more. I will work with the NCAFC to develop resources to assist VFD's in navigating challenges such as mergers, contracting, and creating sustainable funding plans with local governments. I will, by providing the necessary support and guidance, can ensure that VFDs have the tools and resources they need to continue serving our communities effectively and efficiently.

I am also committed to leveraging my relationships with members of the North Carolina General Assembly, our federal representatives, as well as related state and fire associations, to continue to advocate for career members working for VFDs towards becoming members of the Local Government Retirement System (LGRS). With economic challenges such as high inflation affecting organizations nationwide, I will be a responsible steward of the association's financial resources, ensuring that NCAFC remains a strong advocate for the fire service in North Carolina.

I humbly seek your support to bring my experience, dedication, and vision to the role of 2nd Vice President of the NCAFC, and together, we can work towards advancing the interests of our firefighters and communities across the state. Thank you for your consideration.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

### North Carolina Fire & Rescue Commission / IFSAC

- Fire Officer IV, Fire Life Safety Educator III, Fire Service Instructor Level II, Technical Rescuer, Ropes, Water, Machinery & Agricultural, NC Certified (CFI), NC NFPA 1033 (FIT), Driver Operator Certifications Pumps & Aerial

### North Carolina Department of Public Safety

- NC Emergency Management – Executive Level Certification

### North Carolina Department of Justice / Sheriff's Association

- Advanced Law Enforcement Certifications

### Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)

- Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Designation

### United States Army

- Sergeant Majors Academy, Fort Bliss Texas 1993
- Advanced Non-Commissioned Officers Course, 1983
- Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course, 1977