



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the October 23, 2023, Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Chief Logan Herndon and the Grays Creek #18 Fire Department. The meeting was held at Paradise Acres on John McMillan Road. The association thanks Chief Herndon and his staff for their great hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:05 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Association Chaplain Kenneth Tatum provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Johnson.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent:

- Fire/EMS Departments: Bethany VFD and CFVEMS
- Associate Members: Commissioner and County Manager Office

Approval of Minutes: The September Minutes were distributed late and therefore not approved and will be presented to the membership during the November 2023 meeting.

Guests: Dr. Joleen Marsh, VP FTCC
Ms. Kathy Baxley, FTCC
Mr. Michael Bartch, Lead Rescue Instructor FTCC

Vendors Present: Mr. Dvon Soffe, Alcoholics Anonymous

Treasurer's Report: Presented quarterly during the associations Chief's only meetings conducted in February, May, August, and November annually.

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for Monday November 27, 2023, at 7:00 pm. The Chiefs only meeting will be sponsored by Emergency Services Director Gene Booth, with snacks. The meeting will be held at the Cumberland County EOC at 500 Executive Place.

Fort Liberty Air-1 has Air rotation responsibilities for the month of October, followed by Stoney Point Air-19 in November.

Items of Interest Handouts

- FTCC Training Opportunities
- September 2023 Incident Statistics
- Copy of Retired Fire Chief Mark Melvin's Honorary Lifetime Membership request email.
- 2023 NC Tier II Reporting Changes Handout

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson advised we still don't have anyone willing to tackle the wrap removal from our fire safety house. He encouraged members to think twice before placing a wrap on any of your moving assets. Although wraps are nice, it's the removal of the wrap eventually that will be extremely cumbersome and challenging.
2. President Johnson thanked all the departments that participated in the Saturday October 14, 2023, annual memorial service. Although we conducted an inclement weather service it was a great service and well attended.
3. Thanked the Chiefs and departments that participated in the Swift Water Center ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday November 13, 2023. The ceremony was well attended with swift water demonstrations after the ceremony.
4. President Johnson stated that we are continuing to work on the replacement of our 8th edition tablets and the project should come together after the first of the year. The aim is to replace and add a tablet for each fire district.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson announced that the window for submission is open through November 30, for the 2023 Arnold J. Koonce Legacy Award. There are two (2) awards, one (1) for a Cumberland County Fire Officer and one (1) for a Cumberland County Firefighter. He urged all the Chiefs to take some time and submit deserving candidates. Those selected will be recognized during our Christmas Dinner Meeting on December 18, 2023, hosted by the Sheriff's Office. Nominations are made on-line utilizing the CCFCA Chief Portal Website.
2. President Johnson also reminded the members of the association that the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) is accepting nominations for Fire Chief and Fire Officer of the Year. There are two (2) categories, Career and Volunteer for both. The submission deadline is October 31, 2023, and all nominations are made using the NCAFC website.
3. President Johnson addressed the new swift water center modest \$30.00 per day user fee for the various water certification and maintenance classes offered by FTCC. The introduction of the user fee for the swift water center is primarily and has a lot to do with the required student instructor ratio, and all the associated support costs that are required to successfully run and operate the center. It is essential for the college that the center does not operate in the red or at a loss. We couldn't operate our departments for too long in the red or at a loss. As some of you have questioned, while the college receives reimbursement from the state based on a set FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) formula, unfortunately, it does not fully cover the expenses incurred for instructors and overhead costs specific to swift water training.

As a result, he and the college are actively seeking both local and state grant funding opportunities to offset the \$30.00 user fee for our local Firefighters and rescue personnel. By exploring grant funding options, President Johnson is confident that we can find sources of financial support to alleviate the cost burden for our swift-water technicians and rescue teams. Our commitment to their training and safety should remain unwavering, and we as an association should be dedicated to ensuring their access to the vital swift water training provided by FTCC and our specialized instructors.

He asked the membership to be patient, as we work through this, in the middle of a budget year. He also stated that he appreciated the memberships understanding, and urged our members to support this initiative and support FTCC that has supported all our initiatives for decades. So, moving forward and working with FTCC we can work towards securing the necessary per student funding to maintain our swift-water skills and train new swift-water technicians, utilizing our swift-water center as a valuable and safe training resource.

President Johnson turned the meeting over to Dr. Marsh and Lead Rescue Instructor Michael Bartch. Dr. Marsh also addressed the above-mentioned concerns, while Instructor Bartch provided more detailed information and benefits to the membership and Dr. Marsh answered questions from the floor.

Chief Bass was concerned with a fee schedule for Swiftwater training and certification classes during the middle of the budget year, and was alarmed that these fees in the future would be applied to firefighting and other currently fee exempt certification courses.

4. Mr. Dvon Soffee, with Alcohol Anonymous informed the membership about the program and the help that is available to our members if needed. He will send an email with additional information later this week.

ID CARD COMMITTEE

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

Members are 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.

- President Johnson stated that with the new technology we can now replace id cards with a chest and head photo that can be taken using a cell phone and forwarding the picture to the Stoney Point administrative office along with a completed individual information sheet. They can print the ID card and it can be either picked up or delivered during the next scheduled Chiefs meeting.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE D/C Tracy Smith (Pearce's Mill FD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: pmfd0302@nc.rr.com

- No Report.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,
E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- Chief Marley thanked everyone that came out for the memorial service on Saturday October 14, 2023. Great Service.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson

E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- No Report – (See Handouts)

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

E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- Provided during Chiefs only meetings, conducted in February, May, August, and November annually.

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

E-Mail: hankharris@cottonfirerescue.org

- Deputy Chief Harris reported the committee met to discuss boat numbers and related rescue issues. More to come.

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

- No report

RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Division Chief Brandon Hanzal (Stoney Point)

Chairperson, E-Mail: bhanzal@stonepointfire.com

- No report.

HOSTILE RESPONSE / ACTIVE SHOOTER – Battalion Chief Brian Mims (FFD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: brianmims@fayettevillenc.gov

- No Report (Update MOU is in everyone's Packet – Not for public display)

RECRUITMENT / RETENTION COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson.

E-Mail: jnobles@stedmanfire.com

- *Committee In-Active*

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

E-Mail: gffd1701@nc.rr.com

The approved 5" LDH SCIF project for FY 23/24 has been ordered with a projected delivery date of May / June 2024 according to Fire Connections.

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard

Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- *Committee In-Active*

FIRE LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther Chairperson, Email klowther@cumberlandcountync.gov

- Kevin discussed various upcoming FLSE programs.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

CUMBERLAND COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE (Clarence Grier, County Manager)

- No report.

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

➤ **Emergency Services Director Gene Booth**

- Director Booth addressed our county grants and the associated invoices and documentation for reimbursements. All contracts have been drawn up and call him if you have any questions.
- He also informed the membership that Cumberland County has installed weather stations at county owned buildings, and provided information on how the data can be accessed using the Davis Weather link app.

Emergency Management Coordinator Garry Crumpler

- Garry discussed the discrepancy between the COF and the Associations 2018-002 Extreme Weather Response policy as it pertains to safe wind speeds. This could cause issues when operating in the field during severe weather. President Johnson stated that we would change the counties policy to coincide with the COF policy which is a safer policy and lower our policy by 5 MPH.
- Advised that the quarterly LEPC meeting is coming up at the EOC on Thursday October 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM. (Chief L. Herndon is the CCFCA representative)

Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther –

- See Fire Life Safety Education Committee Report

9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson

- Adam stated that his office can bring back the pre-COVID 9-1-1 training if wanted. Prior to COVID dispatchers visited the various fire stations for situational awareness as part of their training process. He wants to start that back up. He also requested that any training that we (Fire Departments) conduct that would be of value to the dispatchers to please let him know, so that they can observe or even participate in a communications role. Please let him know.

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

- Not Present

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

- Assistant Chief Richtmeyer did not have a report but echoed what Chief Marley already stated and thanked everyone from coming out to the memorial service. Although it was an inclement weather service conducted inside it was a great service and well attended – Thank You.

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

- Ranger Gottfried announced to the membership that he was glad to be back from his Louisiana deployment and provided a brief update about the deployment.
- He also mentioned that with the lack of rain, ground cover fires are already on the rise.
- He has hired a part time ranger to assist with our upcoming 2024 fire season, which appears to be an active season.

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

- Informed the membership about the Monday – Wednesday nighttime academy, with a daytime academy starting on January 8th, 2024, at the training center.
- Director Drew provided another update on Training Coordinator Calvin Bishop and asked the membership to continue to keep Calvin in our continued thoughts and prayers.

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

- Captain Morgan informed the membership that the Sheriff's Office is prepared to host the upcoming Christmas meeting on December 18, 2023, at the Detention Center.
- Arson – No Report

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

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org or First Sergeant Jamie Hinson B-1 Fayetteville

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

- No report

FIRE COMMISSIONER – Jimmy Keefe

- Not Present

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- President Johnson wished all the members, their departments, and families a joyful and safe upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday.



ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Scott McKernzie and seconded by Deputy Chief Ben Marsh. - The meeting was adjourned at 2101 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 – 6.

- 1 – October 23, 2023, attendance roster
- 2 – September 2023 Incident Response

Enclosure # 1 – Attendance Roster

MEMBERS PRESENT (19)		19	19	19	19	15	17	18	19	17	17		
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (09)		07	07	07	09	07	06	07	06	05	07		
Total Number in attendance		55	46	51	65	46	48	51	53	44	49		
CC Fire Chiefs		23-JAN-23- CRFD # 5	27-FEB-23- FTCC	27-MAR-23- BVFD # 12	24- APR-23- SPFD # 19	22 MAY-23- CCEOC	26-JUN-23- WAFD # 15	24-JUL-23- WCFD # 16	28-AUG-23-FTCC	25-SEP-23 - GFFD # 17	23-OCT-23- GCFD # 18	27-NOV-23- FTCC	18-DEC-23 - SHERIFF
DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION													
Chief's Only Meeting													
MEMBERS		MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27												
02	BETHANY STA 12											A	
03	COTTON STA 4												
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5												
05	EASTOVER STA 1												
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC					A						A	
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT												
08	FORT LIBERTY FIRE DEPT												
09	GODWIN – FALCON STA 17					A							
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18												
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24												
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21						A	A		A			
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3												
14	SPRING LAKE STA 23					A	A			A			
15	STEDMAN STA 23												
16	STONEY POINT STA 13 & 19												
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8												
18	WADE STA 16					A							
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25												
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS													
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES												
02	FIRE COMMISSIONER		A				A	A	A	A	A		
03	COUNTY MANAGERS OFC	A	A	A		A	A	A	A	A	A		
04	FORESTRY										A		
05	FTCC												
06	HAZMAT												
07	HIGHWAY PATROL												
08	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	A		A		A	A		A				
09	SHERIFFS OFFICE									A			

Special Notes:

CODES: Present Absent Excused

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Fayetteville, NC

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Inter-Agency Incident Count for September 2023

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)	19	28	28	22	21	24	16	21	15	0	0	0	194
Bethany Volunteer Fire Department	34	31	34	35	33	34	44	31	20	0	0	0	296
Cotton Volunteer Fire Department	187	146	201	162	165	138	162	169	160	0	0	0	1490
Cumberland Road Volunteer Fire Department	160	101	130	148	159	121	158	128	153	0	0	0	1258
Eastover Volunteer Fire Department	75	67	71	73	77	78	83	83	59	0	0	0	666
Godwin-Falcon Volunteer Fire Department	45	21	46	44	34	38	30	40	31	0	0	0	329
Grays Creek #18, Volunteer Fire Department	46	33	41	33	41	37	42	23	35	0	0	0	331
Grays Creek #24, Volunteer Fire Department	88	68	86	59	93	69	78	77	65	0	0	0	683
Hope Mills Fire Department	131	153	183	168	169	149	163	158	167	0	0	0	1441
Pearce's Mill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	131	110	143	131	134	145	124	119	105	0	0	0	1142
Spring Lake Fire Department (2)	112	97	112	122	106	130	125	124	139	0	0	0	1067
Stedman Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	32	41	39	40	50	48	45	47	46	0	0	0	388
Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc. (2)	136	103	154	139	152	133	156	143	151	0	0	0	1267
Vander Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (2)	110	93	116	120	118	103	114	129	125	0	0	0	1028
Wade Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	43	24	46	52	42	51	40	50	37	0	0	0	385
Westarea Volunteer Fire Department (3)	61	66	75	74	61	79	78	76	76	0	0	0	646
Total	1410	1182	1505	1422	1455	1377	1458	1418	1384	0	0	0	12611
Fayetteville (17)	2250	2082	2263	2295	2346	2333	2581	2549	2315	0	0	0	21014
Combined Totals	3660	3264	3768	3717	3801	3710	4038	3959	3699	0	0	0	33625



FFD - Number of Incidents within Districts

Incident District Number	Incident District Description	Calls within District
CC01	Eastover Fire Department	3
CC02	Vander Fire Department	11
CC03	Pearce's Mill Fire Department	11
CC04	Cotton Fire Department	1
CC05	Cumberland Road Fire Department	17
CC11	Spring Lake Fire Department	2
CC13	Stoney Point Fire Department	3
CC15	Westarea Fire Department	4
CC20	Westarea Fire Department	2
CC21	Hope Mills Fire Department	9
CC22	Spring Lake Fire Department	1
FF01	Community Risk Reduction Zone 01	197
FF02	Community Risk Reduction Zone 02	113
FF03	Community Risk Reduction Zone 03	179
FF04	Community Risk Reduction Zone 04	178
FF05	Community Risk Reduction Zone 05	226
FF06	Community Risk Reduction Zone 06	235
FF07	Community Risk Reduction Zone 07	111
FF08	Community Risk Reduction Zone 08	167
FF09	Community Risk Reduction Zone 09	136
FF10	Community Risk Reduction Zone 10	1
FF11	Community Risk Reduction Zone 11	67
FF12	Community Risk Reduction Zone 12	119
FF13	Community Risk Reduction Zone 13	11
FF14	Community Risk Reduction Zone 14	150
FF15	Community Risk Reduction Zone 15	98
FF16	Community Risk Reduction Zone 16	69
FF17	Community Risk Reduction Zone 17	132
FF19	Community Risk Reduction Zone 19	59
FFBS	Segra Stadium CRR Zone	3
Total:		2,315

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