



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the 26 February 2024, Monthly Meeting



The quarterly Chiefs' only meeting was hosted by Director Steve Drew at the FTCC Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center. The association thanks Dr. Sorrells and the training center staff for their great hospitality. Snacks were provided by the association.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Association Chaplain Kenneth Tatum provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 19 departments and 6 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: **Stedman Sta 23**, **Fire Commissioner**, Hazmat Representation

Approval of Minutes: The January 2024 association minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Dr. Mark Sorrells – President FTCC
Mr. Kevin Paul – Associate VP – Facilities
Kirk Deviere – Candidate for CC Commissioner

Vendors Present: None Present

Treasurer's Report: See Committee Reports

Meeting Points of Interests:

- Dr. Sorrells presented an overview on Full Time Equivalent (FTE) and the quest by the Community College System to increase the priority and FTE fees associated with public safety and other programs. He briefly updated the association members on the Phase II construction segment for the Burn Village and additional parking. Announced the retirement of Director Steve Drew and congratulated Steve on his upcoming retirement. Introduced Kevin Paul, Associate VP for Facilities. Mr. Paul also highlighted the on-going FRTF construction and left engineer drawings for the phase II project for association members to review.
- Kirk Deviere discussed his quest to represent the Chiefs Association on the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners and asked for the membership's support.
- **Next Chiefs' Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday March 25th, 2024, at Spring Lake Fire Department Station 11, located at 2355 Lillington Highway, Spring Lake, North Carolina 28390** with dinner.
- **Fort Liberty Air-1** has Air rotation responsibilities for the month of March, followed by **FFD Air-1 in April.**

- Announced the passing of retired Lafayette Village and Cumberland Road FF George Hall – also a Deputy and School Security Chief. The Cumberland Road Fire Department utilized Caisson-1 for retired FF. Halls' services.

Items of Interest Handouts

1. Caisson Deployment Log
2. Financial Audit and SCIF Audit Roll Call Approval Vote
3. Protect Yourself with proper PPE Wear and Care.
4. Disinfect to keep illness from spreading.
5. Communications – Signal 1 Policy Wording
6. Crime Stoppers BBQ Plate Sale
7. Truist – Balance & Profit & Loss Statement
8. Communications Committee Meeting Minutes dated.
9. CC Assoc. Rescue & EMS – Certs
10. SCIF Audit Engagement Letter – CCFCA
11. CCFCA – SCIF Audit
12. CCFCA Letter – NC Community College
13. CCFCA Letter – Dr. Green, Public Health
14. Hoke County – SAREX Flyer
15. Retirement Flyer – Chief Melvin
16. January 2024 – Call Volume Information
17. FFD EM – Open Burning Guide
18. February 2024 – Available Training Guide
19. 2024 – CCSO FIU Fire Inv. Stats

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 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 is the lead project manager, and we are waiting for OSFM to move the project forward soon.
2. President Johnson discussed the Fire Safety House which is at Specialty Graphics in Angier for the wrap project. The team is currently working on potential copyright issues with Sparky graphics. The current manual awning is dry-rotted and will be replaced with an electric awning at HGR's when the safety house is returned from the graphics shop within the next several weeks.



CCFCA Fire Safety House with wrap removed.

3. President



Johnson discussed the details of the Mid-Winter Conference in Concord, NC beginning on the 30th of January. Assistant Chief Parks from Stedman FD #23, Fire Chief Ben Marsh from Grays Creek #24 and Assistant Chief Kenneth Tatum from Vander FD #2 attended the conference. One of the highlights of the conference was the recognition of two (2) association members during the annual NCAFC Awards Banquet. Retired Fayetteville Fire Department Fire Chief Mike Hill was recognized as the 2024 Career Chief of the Year, while Stoney Point Assistant Fire Chief Sean Johnson was recognized as the 2024 Volunteer Fire Officer of the Year. The association congratulates both for their most prestigious recognition.



SPFD Asst. Chief Sean Johnson & FFD Fire Chief (Ret) Mike Hill



Cumberland County NCAFC- MWC Awards Banquet Delegation

4. With on-going systemic battery issues, along with the constant price increase of SMART AED pads President Johnson announced that it is time for us to replace our current AEDs with an AED utilized by Cape Fear Valley EMS that will allow us to exchange PADS on the fly directly from the Ambulance crew. With the correct AED PAD, the PADS can be unplugged, and the EMS Paramedics can simply plug back in and issue a new PAD to the Fire Department. There is a letter in everyone's packet to Dr. Green, Director of the Cumberland County Health Department, to assist us with transferring the special funds appropriated by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners for the use of AED Pads and related equipment to the CCFCA.
5. The North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission (FRC) Meeting is planned for April 9th at the FTCC Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center. Also, on the 9th of April starting at 10:00 AM there will be official association members' photo make up. This will only take a few minutes. The photo is a waist up class "A" photo for our website. Please pass this on to your chiefs who are currently missing their official photo.
6. RMS Committee- Committee Resources are listed in your packet. Looking for reports and recommendations to association in April or May time frame.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson congratulated Kevin Murphy and Logan Herndon who have both been Designated by the Commission on Professional Credentialing as Chief Fire Officers (CFO's)
2. Cumberland County Service District Grant Opens on Monday April 1st and will remain open until midnight Sunday April 28. A grant review committee will convene thereafter to review grants and forward their findings to the Emergency Services Director to forward Finance for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget. We are still waiting for information on the availability of funds.
3. The COF has completed their Fire Chief assessment center and City Manager Doug Hewitt will announce the new Fire Chief within the next week or so.

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

- Nothing shared for the group.

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

- Nothing shared for the group.

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

- Discussed issues with the Freedom App
- Report addressed from the tram minutes.
- Work toward better communication without tying up radio channels.

- A discussion on the use of technology versus talking on the radio followed. President Johnson asked all Chiefs to please start using our tablets and technology especially for all support units and open the radio channel to the primary station. All support units assisting another department can utilize the tablets or MCT's only. This will reduce radio traffic, assist our dispatchers, and help all of us.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson

E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Nothing shared for the group.

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

E-Mail: hankharris@cottonfirerescue.org

- Nothing shared for the group.

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

E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- Provided the current fund balance as of today, along with fiscal year-to-date transactions and detailed loss and profit report. Addressed in detail the FY-23-24 SCIF Audit and that our minutes needed to reflect approval of both our local as well as the SCIF Audits. With no further discussions, A **MOTION** was introduced by Fire Chief Steven Parrish to **APPROVE** both FY June 30, 2023, Association Audit completed by Haigh, Byrd & Lambert, LLP as well as the State Capital Infra-Structure Fund (SCIF) Yellow Book Audits completed by Hollingsworth, Arent Averre & Purvis PA. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Murphy and **APPROVED** by all members present via roll-call vote. (See Enclosures)

FIRE LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther Chairperson,

Email: klowther@cumberlandcountync.gov

- If you need a smoke detector blitz, we are here to help.

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

E-Mail: gffd1701@nc.rr.com

- Inactive until the first quarter FY 24-25

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

- Fire Chief Logan Herndon announced that he was selected as the LEPC Vice Chair and brought the members up to date on LEPC matters.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

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

E-Mail: wbooth@cumberlandcountync.gov

- **Emergency Services Director Gene Booth**

- Discussed upcoming Grant Process.

- Vicki Evans, Finance Director Retirement
- Ivonne Mendez, Deputy Finance Director, moved to Wake County Government.
- Brian Haney, Assistant County Manager, is the interim Finance Director.

Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther – Not present.

9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson

- Law Enforcement will not be dispatched automatically, a request for LEO must be made by the IC and depending on the circumstances.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Garry Crumpler

- Introducing new EM planner Chini Gault to the association.
- Talked about the importance of making sure departments have access to Tier II reporting through E-Plan. Garry asked departments to find out if they have any questions or need access to the system.
- Training for WebEOC is on hold due to new system upgrades. Please contact Emergency Management if you Department would like training after the upgrade.

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

- No report-Not present

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

- No report provided.

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

- The county is dry and ripe for fire prone conditions.
- The country is now limited to one ranger to support active burns.
- Please be patient during multiple calls, whereas there will be a slight delay in response due to current ranger shortages.

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

- Note the enclosure on available training in the coming months. Michael Bartch will assume interim POC responsibilities for Training moving forward due to the retirement of Steve Drew

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

- Sheriff's Captain Morgan addressed the issue by calling for a Sheriff's Deputy when a forced entry is made into a home in conjunction with official fire or EMS duties. There is no need to call for a deputy.
- President Johnson followed up and informed the association members that their RMS Fire or Incident Report is an official report for the purposes of what transpired at a fire or incident scene. A forced entry into a home for EMS purposes can be documented in your RMS report. He also provided clarification

concerning a property owner burning in his/her yard and the fire escapes causing property damage to a neighbor's property can all be documented in your official Fire Department Incident Report, and you do not have to call the Sheriff's Office or Police. You **DO** need to call the Sheriff's Office or Police if that burning is **WILLFULLY** committed. (With Criminal Intent). With criminal and malicious intent and depending on the circumstances both misdemeanor and felony charges apply. He also provided an overview of the existing open burning law and the safety requirements for conducting open burning. An informative open burning overview hand-out produced by FFD was distributed to all partner agencies.

- Sheriff's Major Roberto Reyes was in the area and stopped by and announced his support for our association.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Kemberle Braden, Email – kemberlebraden@fayettevillenc.gov

- Not Present.

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

- Colonel Johnson informed the members of recent vandalism to VIPER Antenna sites in North Carolina. Provided information on how the system is designed if a single antenna site goes down and the corrective action taken by NCSHP to restore communications. With recent updates this will be an automatic process, when the system detects an issue. He asked the members to keep an eye on our VIPER radar sites.

FIRE COMMISSIONER –

- Not present

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- President Johnson reminded the members that we are currently in our primary election cycle with early voting sites open and Tuesday March 5th election day coming up fast. He stressed it is important for us to participate in the democratic process and we are permitted to support candidates who share our values and priorities, including those who support our vital public safety initiatives. When we support and vote for candidates who prioritize public safety and support our essential programs, we are contributing to the betterment of our local, state and even our federal public safety priorities. There is a saying that every vote counts and can make a difference, this is true, and we need to do our part to ensure that our votes count by participating. Depending on your party affiliation, vote for the candidate that supports our public safety goals and initiatives. We only had a few candidates stop by and sincerely request our votes. During the general election in November, it is our choice to vote for candidates of your choice no matter of party affiliation. It is important for all of you to talk with your family, your neighbors, and friends about what we do and how important it is to vote for candidates that support their local fire department. We are our local communities' lifelines and our communities as a whole support their local fire department. We do have one candidate here tonight who is running for one of the three seats on the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. Former Senator Kirk deViere is asking for our support, and with the loss of Fire Commissioner Keefe, we need to support his candidacy. He has a proven track record of support for our association and fire service mission.
- Former Senator Kirk deViere addressed the group and challenged the association members to vote along with the recommitment to continue to push for FD support across the county.

- Fire Chief Jason Autry announced that his department will hold one of their semi-annual BBQ Plate Sales at the Bethany Fire Department on Saturday March 23, 2024, from 11 AM until 6 PM. A flyer will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn, was introduced by Chief Parish and seconded by Assistant Chief Sean Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

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

Joshua Hopkins

Joshua Hopkins
Assistant Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 20

- FY-22-23 Local and SCIF Audit - Vote Roll Call
- SCIF Audit Engagement Letter – CCFCA
- CCFCA – SCIF Audit
- Truist – Balance & Profit & Loss Statement
- Communications Committee Mtg Minutes
- Communications – Signal 1 Policy Wording
- CCFCA Letter – Dr. Green, Public Health
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- Caisson Deployment Log
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- 2024 – CCSO FIU Fire Inv. Stats
- Protect Yourself with proper PPE wear and Care.
- Disinfect to keep illness from spreading.
- Retirement Flyer – Chief Melvin
- Bethany Fire Department – BBQ Plate Sale Flyer
- Crime Stoppers BBQ Plate Sale
- Hoke County – SAREX Flyer

Enclosure # 1 – Attendance Roster

MEMBERS' PRESENT (19)		19	18										
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (07)		06	05										
Total Number in attendance		49	38										
CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting		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- BDFD # 26	22-JUL-24- FFD # TBD	26-AUG-24-FTCC	23-SEP-24 - FLFD # TBD	28-OCT-24- EFD # 01	25-NOV-24- CCEOC	16-DEC-24 - SHERIFF
	MEMBERS	MEETING DATES											
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 23												
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												
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS													
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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

June 30, 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.
Cumberland County, North Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards

Opinion

We have audited the schedule of expenditures of State awards for the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes (the schedule).

In our opinion, the accompanying schedule of expenditures of State awards presents fairly, in all material respects, the expenditures of State awards for the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of State Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for State Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule section of our report. We are required to be independent of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Schedule

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedule

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the schedule.

Certified Public Accountant

John A. McPherson, CPA
Cumberland County, North Carolina
01-13-2024
1100 E. 10th St.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the schedule, whether due to fraud, or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the schedule.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the schedule.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Hollingsworth Arent Auerre & Purvis, PA

Raleigh, NC

January 18, 2024

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>State Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Total State Expenditures</u>
<u>North Carolina Office of State Budget And Management</u>			
Direct Awards:			
State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF)	N/A	N/A	\$ 185,761

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The schedule of expenditures of State awards (the Schedule) includes the State award activity of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. under programs of the North Carolina state government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of State Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for State Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. , it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 – INDIRECT COST RATE

Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR STATE PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE; WITH OMB UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT
IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.
Cumberland County, North Carolina

Report on Compliance for Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *Audit Manual for Governmental Auditors in North Carolina*, issued by the *Local Government Commission*, that could have a direct and material effect on its major State program for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s major State program is the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF).

In our opinion, Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF)

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of State Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for State Award* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF). Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to State Capital and Infrastructure Fund (SCIF).

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards,

Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of the State program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a State program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a State program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a State program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Hollingsworth Avenet Avenue & Purvis, PA

Raleigh, NC

January 18, 2024



January 18, 2024

To the Board of Directors
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.

We have audited the schedule of expenditures of State awards for the State Construction and Infrastructure Fund Grant of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 18, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated August 15, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. are described in Note 2 to the schedule of expenditures of State awards. The application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the schedule of expenditures of State awards in the proper period.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 15, 2024.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's schedule of expenditures of State awards or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on the schedule of expenditures of State awards, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Accounting Public Accountant

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Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Hollingsworth Arent Auerre & Purvis, PA

Raleigh, North Carolina

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January 18, 2024

Hollingsworth Avent Averre & Purvis, PA
300 W. Millbrook Road
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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the schedule of expenditures of State awards (schedule) of Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.'s State Construction and Infrastructure Fund Grant for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the schedule is presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of January 18, 2024, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated August 15, 2023, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2) The schedule referred to above is fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the schedule that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the schedule or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- 6) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 7) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the organization is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

- 8) We have provided you with:
 - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the schedule, such as records (including information obtained from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), documentation, and other matters and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
 - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the organization from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d) Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 9) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the schedule.
- 10) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the schedule may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 11) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the organization and involves—
 - a) Management,
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the schedule.
- 12) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the organization's schedule communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 13) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, waste or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing the schedule.
- 14) We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the schedule in accordance with *FASB Accounting Standards Codification 450, Contingencies*, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.
- 15) We have disclosed to you the names of the organization's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions, including any side agreements.
- 16) We have made available to you all financial records and related data relative to the program and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
- 17) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices relative to the program.
- 18) We have identified to you any financial audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the objectives of the audit and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 19) We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.
- 20) The organization has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
- 21) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us.
- 22) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified and suspected fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the schedule.
- 23) There are no violations or possible violations of laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the schedule, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.

24) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the schedule of expenditures of State awards and related notes. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for the schedule.


25) The organization has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.

26) With respect to State Construction and Infrastructure Fund Grant:

- a) We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of State Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for State Awards* (Uniform Guidance), including requirements relating to preparation of the schedule of expenditures of State awards.
- b) We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance compliance audit, and have identified and included in the schedule, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by State agencies in the form of State awards, State cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
- c) We acknowledge our responsibility for preparing and presenting the schedule of expenditures of State awards and related disclosures in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and we believe the schedule, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement and presentation of the schedule have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the schedule.
- d) We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of State statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the State award and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of State statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the State award that are considered to have a direct and material effect on the program.
- e) We are responsible for establishing, designing, implementing, and maintaining, and have established, designed, implemented, and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for the program that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing the program in compliance with State statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the State award that could have a material effect on the program. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended.
- f) We have made available to you all State awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with State agencies or pass-through entities relevant to the program and related activities.
- g) We have complied with the direct and material compliance requirements (except for noncompliance disclosed to you), including when applicable, those set forth in the *OMB Compliance Supplement*, relating to the program and [have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and all known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of the program OR confirm that there were no amounts questioned and no known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of State awards].
- h) We have disclosed any communications from State awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- i) We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the audit to the date of the auditor's report.
- j) Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB's Uniform Guidance (2 CFR part 200, subpart E).

- k) We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- l) We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with the direct material compliance requirements, including information related to the program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- m) We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.
- n) There are no such known instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.
- o) No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.
- p) The program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the schedule of expenditures of State awards has been prepared.
- q) The copies of program financial reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective State agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- r) We have monitored subrecipients, as necessary, to determine that they have expended subawards in compliance with State statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward and have met the other pass-through entity requirements of the Uniform Guidance. [Omit this item if there are no subrecipients.]
- s) We have issued management decisions for audit findings that relate to State awards made to subrecipients and such management decisions have been issued within six months of acceptance of the audit report by the State Audit Clearinghouse. Additionally, we have followed up ensuring that the subrecipient has taken timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies detected through audits, on-site reviews, and other means that pertain to the State award provided to the subrecipient.
- t) We have charged costs to State awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- u) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance, and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by State awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- v) We are responsible for and have ensured the reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.
- w) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance.
- x) We are responsible for taking corrective action on each audit finding of the compliance audit and have developed a corrective action plan that meets the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.

Signature: _____


Freddy L. Johnson Sr.,

Title: President

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Invoice: 486066

Date: 1/25/24

ID: 12595

For professional services rendered as follows:

In connection with performing the Program Specific Audit for year ended June 30, 2023.

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Invoice Total: \$5,000.00

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Account: Ending in 6099
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Accrual Basis

Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association

Profit & Loss

July 1, 2023 through February 26, 2024

	Jul 1, '23 - Feb 26, 24
Income	
Cumberland County	271,174.89
Eastover	2,309.59
Grays Creek FD # 18	453.20
Other Inc	154.51
Stoney Point FD	2,266.00
Total Income	276,358.19
Expense	
Accounting & Legal Fees	3,750.00
Air Systems	
Air-1-Fayetteville	1,197.59
Air-19-Stoney Point	4,355.83
Total Air Systems	5,553.42
Bills & Utilities	
Credit Card Payment	1,383.82
Internet	
IAM Responding	13,705.00
Total Internet	13,705.00
Total Bills & Utilities	15,088.82
CAD - MCTs - Tablets	
OSSI - CAD Interface	11,536.57
CAD - MCTs - Tablets - Other	7,539.24
Total CAD - MCTs - Tablets	19,075.81
CCFCA-SCIF Grant	
Projects & Goods	131,806.38
Svc & Contract Expenses	5,469.75
Total CCFCA-SCIF Grant	137,276.13
CCFCA Fleet - Trailers & Bus	
CCFCA Reserve Engine	560.62
Decon Trailer # 2-Stedman #23	78.96
Decon Trailer # 3 -Spring Lake	48.89
Total CCFCA Fleet - Trailers & Bus	688.47
Dues & Subscription	
NFPA Subscription Svc	175.00
Total Dues & Subscription	175.00
Education & Training	3,023.00
ER & FH Software	35,415.00
Fire Life Safety Education	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	
Association Plaques	1,408.42
Flowers	681.59
Honor Guard	19.26
ID Cards & Supplies	3,140.26
Memorial Site & Service	3,078.73
Total Miscellaneous Expense	8,328.26
Miscellaneous Other	11,474.15
Office Supplies	0.00

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Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association

Profit & Loss

02/24/24

July 1, 2023 through February 26, 2024

Accrual Basis

	Jul 1, '23 - Feb 26, 24
OSHA - NFPA 1582	
Station 02 - 08 - Vander	1,195.00
Station 04 - Cotton	1,660.00
Station 05 - CRFD	2,550.00
Station 12 - Bethany	1,615.00
Station 15 - 20 - 25 - WVFD	3,400.00
Station 24 - GCDF	45.00
Total OSHA - NFPA 1582	10,465.00
Time Warner Cable	13,303.80
Total Expense	265,116.86
Net Income	11,241.33

Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association Communications Committee meeting minutes.

The Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association Communication Committee met on February 13th., 2024, at the Cumberland County Emergency Services office.

In attendance were Chief Steven Parrish (Station 5), Assistance Chief Brandon Hanzal (Station 13), Chief Jason Autry (Station 12), Deputy Chief Phillip Riddle (Station 18), Chief Gary Brock (Station 26), Captain Jeremy Johnson (FFD), Adam Johnson (Communication Manager), and Director Gene Booth (Emergency Services).

The committee reviewed the current Communications-Call Processing and Dispatch Standard Operating Guidelines. The main topic of discussion was discrepancies between the association's guidelines and fire dispatch guidelines, specifically announcements repeating "Scene Size Ups". The most recent association guidelines (July 2021) removed these announcements. However, the fire dispatch guidelines were not updated. The committee unanimously agreed to keep the association's guidelines the same and update the fire dispatch guidelines to mirror the association's guidelines.

The committee also discussed and agreed that it's the responsibility of the Incident Commander to transmit pertinent information to responding units using the assigned OPS channel and not rely on the dispatcher. (i.e. staging, downgrading response, canceling units, etc.)

The above does not affect any emergency announcements such as evacuations, a plow entering the woods etc. If you need information broadcasted you can request that it be broadcast.

The committee agreed there is some confusion when responding units switch to or use the OPS channels when dispatch transmits the term "use OPS (#) on arrival". The committee suggested removing "on arrival" and transmitting the assigned OPS channel.

Chief Scott Bass requested more information be provided on IAR incident notifications. Adam Johnson advised he was in the process of working to accomplish this task.

Chief Autry inquired about a common channel to communicate with SO during joint incidents. Captain Johnson brought up the need to address/clean up outdated premise alerts. These concerns will be addressed during the upcoming combined Dispatch Steering Committee Meeting.

Director Booth provided a brief update on "Automated Dispatch", advising the project was moving forward and was ahead of schedule.

The committee agreed, to meet at least twice a year unless needed before the next scheduled meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Parrish

Committee Chair



This is our Signal 1 Policy Wording

6.15.3

Signal 1

“Signal 1” is the emergency code words used by fire units when immediate assistance is needed, and the unit is unable to speak freely to the Fire Dispatcher. This is to be used in a manner so the subjects around the responders do not become suspicious that the unit has requested help. The Fire Dispatcher should immediately and calmly acknowledge the call for “Signal 1,” and immediately spawn a call for emergency response from law enforcement. The request should be notated in CAD, and the Communications shift supervisor and fire Incident Command should be notified.

If a unit calling “Signal 1” is not on a call, the added steps of accurately locating the units, and a putting them on a call will be necessary.

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February 11, 2024

Dr. Jennifer Green, Director
Department of Public Health
1235 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28301

Reference: Special Department of Public Health and Cumberland County Fire Chiefs'
Association AED Supply Funds.

Dear Doctor Green,

As a result of a joint meeting with Ms. Tamara Morris, MPH, Local Public Health Administrator, Fayetteville Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief Adam Ferguson and myself on January 26, 2024, I am writing to solicit your assistance to jointly approach the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners and propose the transfer of our remaining special AED funds from the Department of Public Health to the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association (CCFCA) beginning with the new 2024-25 Fiscal Year or earlier. The current process of utilizing the funds through Public Health has proven to be cumbersome and time-consuming. By moving the remaining funds to the CCFCA, we can streamline the process and improve efficiency while maintaining accountability.

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners initially appropriated \$500,000.00 to the Department of Public Health for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and beyond. This allocation was specifically intended to support the purchases of AED smart pads and related supplies associated with cardiac arrests contributed to the high number of overdoses throughout Cumberland County. However, utilizing Public Health as an intermediary in this process has proven to be a hindrance for both Public Health and the CCFCA.

Currently Public Health is responsible for managing the payment of bills for AED supplies. This requires considerable time and effort from your staff members to place orders, track deliveries, and execute Memorandum of Agreements (MOU) when a single bill exceeds \$10,000.00. This unnecessarily complicates the process and diverts resources away from other important public health initiatives.

To alleviate these challenges, we propose moving the remaining funds to the CCFCA and placing them into a restricted line item. This would ensure that the funds are solely used for their intended purpose – the purchase of AED and related supplies. Additionally, the CCFCA, like Public Health,


is accountable for the funds it receives and requires submitting an annual financial audit accounting for the use of those funds.

By transferring the funds to the organization responsible for their use, we can streamline the entire process and eliminate the burden placed on Public Health. This would allow for quicker decision-making and a more efficient allocation of resources. Furthermore, maintaining accountability through financial audits ensures that the funds are used judiciously and in accordance with the original appropriations.

I kindly request your consideration and support of this proposal. By moving the special AED funds to the CCFCA, we can further enhance the effectiveness of our efforts to combat overdoses at the first responder level here in Cumberland County. If approved, we will collaborate closely with your staff to ensure a seamless transition and adherence to financial protocols.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,



FREDDY L. JOHNSONS SR.
President / Fire Chief

CF:

- 1 – Assistant Fire Chief Adam Ferguson, FFD, AED Resource Coordinator
- 1 – Ms. Tamara Morris, Local Public Health Administrator
- 1 – CCFCA Executive Committee
- 1 – Each CCFCA Director
- 1 – CCFCA File

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January 22, 2024

Dr. Jeff A. Cox
President
NC Community College System
200 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear President Cox,

As the President of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association, I am writing to lend our full support to the PROPEL NC funding model for North Carolina's community colleges. The PROPEL NC proposal is not only timely but also crucial, given the critical need for fire and emergency rescue personnel in our state and local community. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (2021), North Carolina experienced a higher rate of fire casualties and fire-related injuries when compared to the national average. These troubling statistics may be indicative of a variety of underlying issues, including staffing shortages, skill gaps, resource limitations, and equipment constraints. In Fayetteville and Cumberland County, our fire and emergency response teams are the first line of defense against natural disasters, accidents, residential/structural fires, and other crises. These brave individuals provide an array of specialized services, such as life support, emergency transport, technical rescues such as vehicle extraction, fire investigation, fire life safety education and emergency medical services essential to the safety and well-being of our residents.

The PROPEL NC model is an insightful and strategic response to providing the funding necessary to invest in the high cost of equipment and quality training needed to ensure our first responders are prepared to respond effectively in emergency situations. By increasing the supply of highly skilled emergency response personnel, PROPEL NC will assist us in keeping pace with rapid advancements in fire protection technology and emergency response practices. Simultaneously, we will be better prepared to alleviate the high levels of burnout and job turnover prevalent in the field. By investing in the training and preparedness of these local heroes, we not only enhance their ability to serve but also demonstrate our gratitude for their dedication and sacrifices.

As a result of channeling resources into training in fire protection and emergency services, PROPEL NC serves not only as an investment in students, but also as an essential step towards ensuring the prosperity and well-being of our community. The Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association wholeheartedly endorses the PROPEL NC model and we look forward to contributing to the continued success of North Carolina's community colleges.

Sincerely,


Freddy L. Johnson, Sr., President
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association

Cc: Mr. Tom Looney, Chair, State Board of Community Colleges



CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

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DEPLOYMENT LOG

Officially placed in Service – January 1, 2020

Updated February 26, 2024



##	DATE	DEPARTMENT	DRIVER	MISSION	REMARKS
01	November 22, 2019	Fort Bragg FD	Kevin Durham	AC. (Ret) David Dunn Sr.	No Graphics- Radiator- Shocks
02	February 03, 2020	Spring Lake FD	Jonathon Faircloth	FF. Corbin Roger (LOD)	Stabilize Rear Wall - Refueled
03	May 20, 2020	Lafayette Village VFD	Patrick Lanley	FC. (Ret) Mike Middleton	No Issues - Refueled
04	June 05, 2020	Hope Mills FD	Wayne Dutterer	FC. (Ret) Junior McLean	No Issues – Refueled
05	December 13, 2021	Fort Bragg FD	Talon Bullock	FF. Hall	No Issues – Refueled
06	April 18/19, 2022	Fayetteville FD	C Shift	BN Chief John Bowen (LOD)	Steering / Trans Leak - RF
07	August 6, 2022	Fayetteville FD / Wade	Chief D. Hill	FC (Ret) Jackie Lee	No Issues / NF
08	October 12, 2022	Vander FD	Chief Bradshaw	Capt. (Ret) Al Rozier	No Issues / Refueled
09	February 17, 2024	Lafayette Vil. / Cumberland Rd.	Chief Parrish	FF. (Ret) George Hall	Brake Lights / Lafayette Vil. / RF
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CUMBERLAND COUNTY RESCUE RESOURCES AS OF 02/26/2024

FIRE DEPARTMENT	LIGHT RESCUE	MEDIUM RESCUE	HEAVY RESCUE	MEDICAL RESPONDER	AMBULANCE EMS PROVIDER	HIGH ANGLE RESCUE	AGRICULTURAL RESCUE	CONFINED SPACE RESCUE	TRENCH RESCUE	STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE	SURFACE WATER RESCUE	SWIFT WATER RESCUE	WILDERNESS LAND SEARCH & RESCUE
Beaver Dam (1)	X												
Bethany													
Cape Fear EMS					X								
Cotton (5)			X	X		X					X	X	
Cumberland Rd (2)		X		X									
Eastover (3)			X			X					X		
Fayetteville (9)			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Fort Liberty (2)			X	X									
Godwin-Falcon (2)		X		X									
Grays Creek 18													
Grays Creek 24													
Hope Mills													
Pearce's Mill (2)	X			X									
Spring Lake (5)			X	X		X					X	X	
Stedman													
Stoney Point (7)			X	X		X	X				X	X	X
Vander (1)			X										
Wade (5)			X	X		X	X				X		
Westarea (1)					X								

Resources

Closed squads are excluded

Area Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail		
04 026	BEAVER DAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY		(910)531-4171	st26@intrstar.net		
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	BROCK, GARY G.	gary2606@intrstar.net, kf4hbd@intrstar.net	910 964-5754			
107 - Light Rescue Provider						

Area Cnty	Name	Comm/ Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail		
04 026	COTTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.	910 483-5467	910 425-9385	HANKHARRIS@COTTONFIRERESCUE.COM		
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	HARRIS II., OWEN HANK	hankharris@cottonfirerescue.com	910 309-1233		910 423-4854	910 425-9385
Chief	HARRIS, OWEN H.	hankharris@cottonfirerescue.com				
105 - Medical Responder Unit			117 - Water Rescue - Swiftwater Rescue			
109 - Heavy Rescue Provider			131 - Water Rescue - Surface Water Rescue			
113 - High Angle Rescue						

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	CUMBERLAND COUNTY E. M. S.	910 483-5467	910 609-5600		
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	PEARCE, CHRISTOPHER BRIAN	bpearce@capefearvalley.com	910 633-1857			910 609-5618
106 - Ambulance EMS Provider						

Area Cnty		Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail		
04	026	CUMBERLAND ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT	910 483-5467	910 425-3119	CRFD501@NC.RR.COM		
Title	Name		E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	PARRISH, STEVEN WAYNE		crfd501@nc.rr.com	910 850-6730		910 424-7376	910 425-3119
105 - Medical Responder Unit				108 - Medium Rescue Provider			

Resources

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	EASTOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC	910 483-5467	910 483-3770		
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	MacKENZIE, SCOTT A.	scottpsychnp@gmail.com			910 486-8124	910 483-3770
109 - Heavy Rescue Provider			131 - Water Rescue - Surface Water Rescue			
113 - High Angle Rescue						

Area Cnty		Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail		
04	026	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT	910 433-1911	910 433-1725	BBETHEA@CI.FAY.NC.US		
Title	Name		E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	ALVAREZ, MOISBIELL MIGUEL		malvarez@ci.fay.nc.us				
Chief	HILL, MICHAEL LYNN		mhill@ci.fay.nc.us	910 818-3793	910 818-3793	910 980-9961	910 433-1428
105 - Medical Responder Unit				115 - Trench Rescue			
109 - Heavy Rescue Provider				117 - Water Rescue - Swiftwater Rescue			
111 - Structural Collapse Rescue				120 - Agricultural Rescue			
113 - High Angle Rescue				131 - Water Rescue - Surface Water Rescue			
114 - Confined Space Rescue							

Area Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail		
04 026	FORT LIBERTY FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES	910 907-4813	910 396-9248	ALAN.BAKER16.CIV@ARMY.MIL		
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	MELVIN, MARK ANTHONY	mmelvinfbfd@gmail.com	910 489-4940			910 396-8121
Secretary	ORTIZ, DEANNA N	deanna.n.ortiz.civ@mail.mil	910 709-9137			910 396-8121
105 - Medical Responder Unit			109 - Heavy Rescue Provider			

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	GODWIN-FALCON FIRE DEPARTMENT	910 483-5467	910 980-1066	gffd17@nc.rr.com	
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	MATTHEWS, JOEL KEITH					
105 - Medical Responder Unit			108 - Medium Rescue Provider			

Resources

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	LIFELINK CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT	910 615-8090	910 615-7225		
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
106 - Ambulance EMS Provider						

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	PEARCES MILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC	910 483-5467	910 425-5881	PMFD.PREVENTION@GMAIL.COM	
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	MARLEY, RONNIE ADDISON		910 624-8114			910 425-5881
105 - Medical Responder Unit			107 - Light Rescue Provider			

Area Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail		
04 026	SPRING LAKE FIRE & RESCUE	910 483-5467	910 436-0337	CSHAFER@TOWNOFSPRINGLAKE.COM		
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	WILLIAMS, JASON WADE	slff2251@aol.com				
Secretary	SHAFFER, CAROL MARIE	cshafer@townofspringlake.com	805 503-9643			910 436-0337
Secretary	ARMAGOST, DANIEL FRANCIS	armagost7@wmconnect.com			910 436-0337	910 436-0337
105 - Medical Responder Unit			117 - Water Rescue - Swiftwater Rescue			
109 - Heavy Rescue Provider			131 - Water Rescue - Surface Water Rescue			
113 - High Angle Rescue						

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	STONEY POINT FIRE DEPT.	910 483-5467	910 624-2202	CJOHNSON.SPFD@GMAIL.COM	
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	JOHNSON SR., FREDDY LUDWIG	fjohnsonsr@stonepointfire.com	910 476-1301		910 424-4279	910 476-1301
Secretary	JOHNSON, CLARKIE A.	cjohnson.spfd@gmail.com	910 624-2202		910 424-4279	910 424-0694
105 - Medical Responder Unit			117 - Water Rescue - Swiftwater Rescue			
109 - Heavy Rescue Provider			120 - Agricultural Rescue			
113 - High Angle Rescue			131 - Water Rescue - Surface Water Rescue			
116 - Wilderness Land Search and Rescue						

Resources

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	VANDER FIRE & RESCUE	910 483-2204	910 483-5042	rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com	
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	BRADSHAW, RICHARD K.	rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com	910 237-3525			910 483-5042
109 - Heavy Rescue Provider						

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	WADE COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC	910 483-5467	910 483-2353		
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	HILL, DANIEL P.					
105 - Medical Responder Unit			120 - Agricultural Rescue			
109 - Heavy Rescue Provider			131 - Water Rescue - Surface Water Rescue			
113 - High Angle Rescue						

Area	Cnty	Name	Comm/Center Phn	Base Phone	E-mail	
04	026	WESTAREA FIRE DEPT., INC.	910 483-5467	910 822-0901	westareafd@nc.rr.com	
Title	Name	E-mail address	Mobile	Pager	Residence	Business
Chief	BASS, LONEL S.	wfd2501@nc.rr.com				
106 - Ambulance EMS Provider						

End of results: 2024-02-19

CCFCA Meeting - February 26, 2024

Fayetteville, NC

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Inter-Agency Incident Count for January 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Bethany Volunteer Fire Department	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Cotton Volunteer Fire Department	172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172
Cumberland Road Volunteer Fire Department	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	153
Eastover Volunteer Fire Department	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Godwin-Falcon Volunteer Fire Department	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Grays Creek #18, Volunteer Fire Department	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Grays Creek #24, Volunteer Fire Department	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
Hope Mills Fire Department	176	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	176
Pearce's Mill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
Spring Lake Fire Department (2)	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132
Stedman Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc. (2)	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169
Vander Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (2)	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
Wade Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Westarea Volunteer Fire Department (3)	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Total	1592	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1592
Fayetteville (17)	2459	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2459
Combined Totals	4051	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4051



FFD - Number of Incidents within Districts

Incident District Number	Incident District Description	Calls within District
CC01	Eastover Fire Department	6
CC02	Vander Fire Department	25
CC03	Pearce's Mill Fire Department	10
CC05	Cumberland Road Fire Department	22
CC08	Cedar Creek Fire Department	1
CC13	Stoney Point Fire Department	4
CC15	Westarea Fire Department	4
CC16	Wade Community Fire Department	1
CC19	Stoney Point Fire Department	1
CC20	Westarea Fire Department	1
CC21	Hope Mills Fire Department	13
CC22	Spring Lake Fire Department	3
CC23	Stedman Fire Department	2
CC24	Grays Creek Fire Department	1
FF01	Community Risk Reduction Zone 01	181
FF02	Community Risk Reduction Zone 02	94
FF03	Community Risk Reduction Zone 03	197
FF04	Community Risk Reduction Zone 04	204
FF05	Community Risk Reduction Zone 05	230
FF06	Community Risk Reduction Zone 06	204
FF07	Community Risk Reduction Zone 07	125
FF08	Community Risk Reduction Zone 08	168
FF09	Community Risk Reduction Zone 09	161
FF10	Community Risk Reduction Zone 10	4
FF11	Community Risk Reduction Zone 11	78
FF12	Community Risk Reduction Zone 12	87
FF13	Community Risk Reduction Zone 13	9
FF14	Community Risk Reduction Zone 14	194
FF15	Community Risk Reduction Zone 15	133
FF16	Community Risk Reduction Zone 16	73
FF17	Community Risk Reduction Zone 17	154
FF19	Community Risk Reduction Zone 19	69
		Total: 2,459

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

Fayetteville Fire and Emergency Management Department

A Quick Reference Guide to Open Burning

Can a homeowner burn yard/landscaping debris?

No. Since the City provides curbside pick-up of all yard and landscape debris, State law prohibits occupants and owners from burning the debris on their property.

Does the burning of non-vegetative material such as household trash constitute an illegal burn?

Yes. The burning of any non-vegetative debris is considered an illegal burn and is subject to penalties issued by the N.C. Division of Air Quality as well as the City of Fayetteville. Please note that the burning of yard/landscaping debris is also prohibited within the City's limit (see question above).

What can a person legally burn within the City of Fayetteville?

The following are some examples of legal applications of outdoor fires as allowed by City of Fayetteville Ordinance Section 11-11 and the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code:

- Recreational Fires: Recreational fires are defined by the North Carolina Fire Prevention Codes as fires 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes. Recreational fires are NOT considered open burning and do NOT require a fire code permit.
 - Should be at least 25' away from structures of combustible materials.
 - Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25' of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
 - Shall not be used to burn rubbish, yard waste, or burn material in an incinerator.
- Portable Outdoor Fireplaces/Fire Pits: Portable outdoor fireplaces/fire pits are defined by the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code as a portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay, or other non-combustible materials. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney opening in the top. Portable outdoor fireplaces do NOT require a fire code permit.

- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Portable outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated within 15 feet of a commercial structure or combustible material. This distance does not apply to single family dwellings.
- Shall not be used to burn rubbish or yard waste.
- Stationary Outdoor Fireplaces: Stationary outdoor fireplaces are constructed on-site, permanent in nature, solid-fuel-burning, and may be constructed of stone, brick, concrete, clay, or other non-combustible material. A stationary outdoor fireplace will normally have a hearth, fire box, and chimney/stack. Stationary outdoor fireplaces are NOT considered open burning and do NOT require a fire code permit.
 - Shall not be used to burn rubbish or yard waste.
- Stationary Outdoor Fire Pits: Stationary outdoor fire pits are constructed on-site, permanent in nature, solid-fuel-burning and may be constructed of stone, brick, concrete, metal, or other non-combustible material. The stationary outdoor fire pit may be dug in the ground or above the ground and is designed to contain a fire and prevent it from spreading. Stationary outdoor fire pits are NOT considered open burning and do NOT require a fire code permit.
 - Stationary outdoor fire pits must be at least 5' from property lines and shall be 15' from structures to include decks.
 - Shall not be used to burn rubbish or yard waste.
- Bonfires: Bonfires are defined by the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code as an outdoor fire used for ceremonial purposes. These are typically large fires in conjunction with a planned event such as a school prep rally or holiday event. These fires are often recreational fires that exceed the 3' diameter and 2' height limitations. Bonfires ARE considered open burning and ARE required to have a fire code permit.
 - A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material and conditions, which could cause the fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
 - Shall not be used to burn rubbish or yard waste.
 - A fire engine usually will be requested to stand-by these events.
- Open Burning: Any other large fires not listed within this guide (land clearing, etc) is noted as open burning and IS required to have a fire code permit issued before ignition occurs.

How should the fire department respond to neighborhood complaints?

Unless the fire constitutes a direct threat to property and the smoke produced from the fire is entering nearby homes, the fire department has very little authority when it comes to extinguishing fires if they comply with the requirements above. Just because the fire might be a nuisance to a neighbor, it does not give us the legal authority to enter someone's private property and extinguish the fire at the 9-1-1 caller's request.

What if the property owner is burning illegal materials (to include yard waste) in an outdoor fireplace or fire pit?

Property owners/occupants may try to circumvent the rules by continuously burning yard debris in an otherwise approved fire. Again, it's all about the intent. If you arrive on scene and there is a big pile of leaves and branches adjacent to a fire pit, you have the authority to advise the property owner they cannot burn that specific material. Please document the circumstances of the call very well if you do have to extinguish the fire.

How does a property owner obtain a fire code permit?

Have the owner contact the Fire Prevention Office at 910-433-1730 to discuss the issuance of all fire code permits.

What can we do if we respond to a property multiple times for the same open burning issues?

Please contact the Fire Prevention Office at 910-433-1730. Also, please email the Fire Marshal the circumstances surrounding the responses. Ensure to educate the occupants/owners of the rules and regulations of burning. If the occupant becomes belligerent or demands you to leave the property, please contact PD.

Can cooking grills be utilized on apartment/condo balconies?

Let's first discuss the code difference between apartments and condominiums. Apartments are dwelling units that are rented or leased by the occupants. A condo is a dwelling unit that is actually owned and deeded to the resident. While the ownership of the individual dwelling units may differ, the collective building as a whole is still considered a "multi-family dwelling" and is treated the same in terms of the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.

As a general rule, charcoal burners and other open flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction (sides of buildings, etc). An exception to balcony rule is if the building (including balconies) is protected

with an automatic sprinkler system. Please refer these items to the Fire Prevention Office for Code Enforcement.

What if we are dispatched to an outdoor fire that is found to be a heating/cooking fire utilized by the homeless?

- City Property to Include Parks: The City of Fayetteville Code of Ordinances does not allow for open flames on city-owned property other than in “regularly constructed fireplaces” or grills. If they are utilizing the grills or fireplaces for warmth or heat and are burning natural vegetation, there is no issue.
- Department of Transportation Right of Ways and Bridges: North Carolina General Statutes state that there shall not be any open fires to occur within the right of ways of all DOT roads. This also includes under bridges. A representative from DOT advised that they are actively putting up signs indicating that no burning shall occur in these areas.
- Private Property: The rules above concerning the applications of legal burning apply. Please note that the persons performing the burning may be trespassing, but the enforcement of this is beyond the legal authority of the FFD.

FTCC

Daytime FF Academy

Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm

FTCC Fire Training Complex

Fire Life Safety Initiatives

TIMS

FF Ops 8

Emergency Med Care

MAYDAY / Self Survival

FF Ops 9

Haz Mat

February 26 27 28 29

March 1

March 4 5 6

March 7 8

March 11 12 13 14

March 15 18 19 20 21 22

March 25 26 27 28 29

220070-HAZMAT LEVEL I OPS 03/25/2024 03/29/2024 M-F 9A-5P FRTF 117

220069-FF FIREGROUND OPS 9 03/15/2024 03/22/2024 F,M-F 9A-5P FRTF 117

220068-MAYDAY/SELF SURVIVAL 03/11/2024 03/14/2024 M-TH 9A-5P FRTF 117

220067-EMERGENCY MED CARE 03/07/2024 03/08/2024 TH-F 9A-5P FRTF 117

220066-FF FIREGROUND OPS 8 03/04/2024 03/06/2024 M-W 9A-5P FRTF 117

220065-TIMS 03/01/2024 03/01/2024 F 9A-1P FRTC 119-120

221757-FIRE INVESTIGATION TECHNICIAN 03/18/2024 – 04/05/2024

M-F,M-F 8A-5P

221969-TR FIXED ROPES 03/22/2024 – 03/25/2024 M,F 9A-5P FRTC 117

220070-HAZMAT LEVEL I OPS 03/25/2024 – 03/29/2024 M-F 9A-5P FRTF 117

221979-TR HORIZONTAL SYSTEMS 03/26/2024 – 03/27/2024 T,W 9A-5P FRTC 117

221980-TR LOWERS AND RAISES 03/28/2024 – 03/29/2024 TH,F 9A-5P FRTC 117

221754-D/O PUMPS INTRO AND BASIC OPS 04/01/2024 – 04/10/2024

M,T,W,F,T 9A-5P FRTC 117

221981-TR VICTIM MGMT 04/02/2024 – 04/04/2024 T,TH 9A-5P FRTC 117

Fire Officer II (36 hours) Regional Fire Training Center

March 4, 6, 8, 11 09 - 1800

March 13 09-1300

Fire and Rescue Instructor I (31 hours) Regional Fire Training Center
April 2, 3 & 4 09-1700
April 5 09-1600

Fire and Rescue Instructor II (46 hours) Regional Fire Training Center
April 8 through 12 09-1700
April 15 09-1500

Class: NIMS ICS 400
Dates: Feb 27 – Feb 28, 2024
Class Times: Feb 27 & 28 9am – 5pm
Location: FTCC Fire Training Ctr

****Pre Registration required****
Contact 910 486 7470 to reserve your seat.

Robeson Community College

EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER 2023 FALL DAYTIME FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY

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 28358

2023 FALL EVENING FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY

3047 **Block 8 Fireground Ops** 7 24 hrs March 6, 8, 12, 14, 18, 21
3048 **Block 9 Fireground Ops** 8 24 hrs March 26, 27, April 2, 4, 8, 11
3050 **Block 12 Fire and Life Safety Initiatives** 28 hrs April 15, 17, 23, 25, 30, May 2, 7
3051 **Block 11 Rescue Ops** 28 hrs May 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 29, 30
6413 **Block 13 Mayday & Safety and Survival** 24 hrs June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19
7000 **TIMS** 4 hrs June 25
7001 **Emergency Medical Care** 12 hrs June 27, July 2, 9
3049 **Fireground Ops 9 Fire Control** 40 hrs July 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 29, 31, Aug. 5, 7, 12
5556 **Hazmat Ops** 36 hrs Aug. 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, Sept. 3, 5, 10, 12

Firefighter Ops 5 (FIP3045/certification) Pine Terrace Fire Department March 19, 21, April 2, 4, 16, 18, 30, May 7, 9, 2024. Class starts at 1800 hrs. each evening.

Firefighter Ops 8 (FIP3048/certification) Britt's Fire Department March 5, 7, 12, 14, 26, 28, 2024. Class starts at 1800 hrs. each evening.

Firefighter Ops 6 (FIP3048/certification) Whitehouse Fire Department April 8, 9, 11, 22, 23, 25, 29, 2024. Class starts at 1800 hrs. each evening.

Firefighter Ops 2 (FIP3042/certification) Fairmont Rural Fire Department May 2, 13, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 2024. Class starts at 1800 hrs. each evening.

National Fire Academy Courses In North Carolina

NFA0647 NFA Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking 04/09/2024
04/10/2024 Davidson County Thomasville 04/10/2024

NFA0648 NFA Leadership in Supervision: Framework to Success 04/11/2024
04/12/2024 Davidson County Thomasville 04/12/2024

NFA0647 NFA Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking
02/28/2024 02/29/2024 Guilford County Greensboro 02/29/2024

NFA0646 NFA Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth 04/07/2024 - 04/08/2024 Davidson County Thomasville
04/08/2024

WEBCASTS

Firehouse

<https://www.firehouse.com/webcasts>

2023 Year-to-Date CCSO Fire Investigations								
Date	Time	Location	Fire District	Nature	Cause	Investigator	OCA	Disposition
16-May-23	11:10 PM	Rock Hill Rd / Rocky River Rd	Vander	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-03599	Leads Exhausted
19-May-23	12:51 PM	1083 Tower Dr	Grays Creek	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-03687	Victim Refused to Cooperate
26-May-23	6:15 AM	3686 Black & Decker Rd	Pearces Mill	Outside Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	2023-03869	Unfounded
26-May-23	10:45 AM	1738 Kenbrian St	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	2023-03891	Unfounded
4-Jun-23	10:15 PM	5270 Parkton Rd	Cotton	Other	Undetermined	SSgt. Whitman	2023-04081	Leads Exhausted
9-Jun-23	1:50 AM	6715 Muscat Rd	Cotton	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-04198	Leads Exhausted
10-Jun-23	7:47 PM	Maxwell Rd / Murphy Rd	Bethany	Outside Fire	Undetermined	Det. Ward	2023-04237	Leads Exhausted
21-Jun-23	11:13 AM	3201 Bogle Island Rd	Vander	Vehicle Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-04501	Leads Exhausted
28-Jun-23	5:30 PM	2606 Geneva Ct	Pearces Mill	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2023-04675	Cleared By Arrest
3-Jul-23	1:55 PM	644 Woodburn Dr	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Accidental	Det. Simmons	2023-04788	Unfounded
4-Jul-23	4:45 AM	3265 Cumberland Rd	Cumberland Road	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2023-04800	Cleared By Arrest
15-Jul-23	7:49 PM	153 Wading Creek Ln	Cotton	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-05044	Cleared By Arrest
20-Jul-23	11:30 PM	2028 Crystal Springs Rd	Cumberland Road	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-05179	Leads Exhausted
4-Aug-23	12:40 PM	2901 River Rd	Eastover	Vehicle Fire	Undetermined	SSgt. Whitman	2023-05518	Leads Exhausted
4-Aug-23	5:15 PM	1545 Colonial Park Dr	Fayetteville FD	Vehicle Fire	Undetermined	SSgt. Whitman	2023-05529	Leads Exhausted
25-Aug-23	1:45 AM	3686 Owen Dr	Fayetteville FD	Outside Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	2023-05967	Unfounded
8-Sep-23	6:27 AM	7548 Laura Ray Rd	Westara	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-06304	Leads Exhausted
22-Sep-23	4:48 PM	1420 Jacob St	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	2023-06722	Unfounded
25-Sep-23	3:44 PM	3720 Queen Anne Loop	Stoney Point	Structure Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	2023-06776	Unfounded
30-Sep-23	5:45 AM	308 Mammoth Dr	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Undetermined	SSgt. Whitman	2023-06918	Leads Exhausted
19-Nov-23	9:15 AM	3524 Chagford Ln	Stoney Point	Structure Fire	Accidental	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-08250	Unfounded
24-Nov-23	10:38 AM	2412 W Brinkley Dr	Spring Lake	Structure Fire	Accidental	SSgt. Whitman	2023-08351	Unfounded
30-Nov-23	1:05 PM	2912-F Dwelle Dr	Pearces Mill	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Det. Simmons	2023-08505	Leads Exhausted
2-Dec-23	8:16 AM	5010 Starbeam Dr	Cumberland Road	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-08555	Leads Exhausted
6-Dec-23	2:57 AM	2049 John B Carter Rd	Vander	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2023-08645	Victim Refused to Cooperate
9-Dec-23	4:50 AM	1149 Alco Cir	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-08736	Victim Refused to Cooperate
14-Dec-23	2:34 PM	National Ave & Snow Hill Rd	Pearces Mill	Outside Fire	Incendiary	SSgt. Whitman	2023-08859	Cleared By Arrest
19-Dec-23	12:00 AM	8050 Concord Church Rd	Stedman	Vehicle Fire	Undetermined	Det. Simmons	2023-08963	Leads Exhausted
26-Dec-23	2:07 PM	3350 Butler Nursery Rd	Grays Creek	Other	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-09085	Cleared By Arrest

2023 Year-to-Date CCSO Fire Investigations

Date	Time	Location	Fire District	Nature	Cause	Investigator	OCA	Disposition
2-Jan-23	11:38 AM	3905 Camden Rd	Pearces Mill	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-00035	Cleared By Arrest
4-Jan-23	10:54 AM	3385 Stanworth Dr	Vander	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-00075	Victim Refused to Cooperate
6-Jan-23	1:23 PM	2339 Carbine St	Cumberland Road	Outside Fire	Incendiary	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-00135	Cleared By Arrest
12-Jan-23	10:33 AM	730 Weaver St.	Spring Lake	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-00260	Victim Refused to Cooperate
18-Jan-23	1:31 AM	927 W Mountain Dr	Cumberland Road	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-00393	Arrest Pending
19-Jan-23	4:35 AM	3533 Cumberland Rd	Cumberland Road	Structure Fire	Accidental	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-00433	Unfounded
20-Jan-23	2:00 PM	6642 Julliard Dr	Fayetteville FD	Other	N/A	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-00503	Unfounded
2-Feb-23	9:01 AM	3704 Clinton Rd	Vander	Structure Fire	N/A	Cpl. Tyndall	N/A	Cancelled
4-Feb-23	3:22 AM	3106 Huntley St.	Spring Lake	Structure Fire	Accidental	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-00900	Unfounded
4-Feb-23	3:33 PM	2632 Warhorse St	Cumberland Road	Structure Fire	N/A	Ssgt. Whitman	N/A	Cancelled
22-Feb-23	7:53 AM	3600-blk Butler Island	Beaver Dam	Vehicle Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-02819	Leads Exhausted
23-Feb-23	2:52 AM	1086 Tammy St	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-01337	Leads Exhausted
23-Feb-23	6:19 AM	612 Thornbrooke Dr	Cotton	Structure Fire	Accidental	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-01338	Unfounded
24-Feb-23	5:25 PM	1811 Double J Dr	Vander	Other	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-01397	Juvenile Offender
26-Feb-23	10:04 PM	1405 Chedington Rd	Hope Mills	Other	Incendiary	Ssgt. Hodges	2023-01438	Juvenile Offender
1-Mar-23	3:26 PM	3104 Cricket Rd	Stoney Point	Outside Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-01522	Juvenile Offender
4-Mar-23	3:16 PM	2511 Custer Ave	Eastover	Structure Fire	Accidental	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-01601	Unfounded
4-Mar-23	5:31 PM	5847 Holland St	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-01602	Leads Exhausted
12-Mar-23	9:23 PM	6308 Church St	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-01803	Leads Exhausted
16-Mar-23	11:37 PM	1223 Grubb Ln	Spring Lake	Other	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-01903	Cleared By Arrest
27-Mar-23	1:19 PM	6570 Bend of River Rd	Godwin-Falcon	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-02181	Unfounded
30-Mar-23	1:54 AM	1730 Kenbrian St	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-02278	Cleared By Arrest
30-Mar-23	3:42 PM	1119 Charlie Dr	Fayetteville FD	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-02310	Active Investigation
4-Apr-23	4:25 AM	6566 Bend of River Rd	Godwin-Falcon	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-02404	Leads Exhausted
8-Apr-23	12:09 PM	3511 Victor Hall Rd	Cumberland Road	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-02533	Cleared By Arrest
19-Apr-23	1:16 PM	738 Raincloud Rd	Pearces Mill	Structure Fire	Accidental	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-02816	Unfounded
22-Apr-23	2:39 PM	4358 Beaver Dam Church Rd	Beaver Dam	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-02898	Unfounded
8-May-23	9:46 PM	5156 Hummingbird PJ	Vander	Structure Fire	Undetermined	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-03346	Victim Refused to Cooperate
10-May-23	10:53 AM	911 Alexwood Dr	Pearces Mill	Outside Fire	Accidental	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-03389	Unfounded
12-May-23	4:55 PM	4544 Cumberland Rd	Cumberland Road	Structure Fire	Incendiary	Ssgt. Whitman	2023-03477	Leads Exhausted
16-May-23	4:14 PM	9475 Hillsboro St	Westarea	Vehicle Fire	Incendiary	Cpl. Tyndall	2023-03586	Leads Exhausted



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Protect Yourself Through Proper PPE Wear & Care

2 messages

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Wed, Feb 21, 2024 at 11:10 AM

Reply-To: donotreply@nvfc.org

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**Protect Yourself Through Proper
PPE Wear and Care***Volunteer Firefighters: Take Action To Reduce Cancer Contamination Risks*

We've all heard it, if not said it. "It's hot." "It's heavy." "It's not comfortable." All of these complaints about PPE may be true, but these excuses do not justify inadequate safety practices. We have PPE for a reason, and it's to protect us against the dangers we face in firefighting, including the carcinogens that can give us cancer if we don't properly wear our PPE. If you think PPE is uncomfortable, imagine what cancer is like.

Gone are the days when having smoke residue on your face or gear caked in years of soot was considered "cool." Today's firefighter needs to understand the real threat of fires – the toxins and carcinogens that can be absorbed through your mouth, nose, and skin if you don't protect yourself.

Be an example for others by showing recruits what is actually "cool" in the fire service – a fully prepared, protected, and professional volunteer firefighter. Button your buttons, snap your snaps, secure your collar, close your Velcro. Keep your SCBA facepiece connected until you are fully out of the hot zone. Follow the best practices for wearing, caring for, and storing your PPE. And if you see someone doing it wrong, say something for their own safety and that of your crew.

Find More Information in the Lavender Ribbon Report

*This message was brought to you by the **National Volunteer Fire Council** and **International Association of Fire Chiefs' Volunteer and Combination Officers Section** during National Cancer Prevention Month.*

Disinfect that toilet to keep illness from spreading, experts say.



Closing the toilet lid before flushing isn't enough to stop the spread of infectious diseases at home, researchers say.

The researchers analyzed the spread of viral particles induced by flushing a household toilet with its lid open and then closed. They found no statistical difference in the amount of virus collected from surfaces on the toilet or the nearby floor whether the toilet lid was up or down during flushing.

In other words, lowering the lid only redirects the aerosol plume and can still result in the spread of illness.

So, if someone in your home is sick – particularly with [gastroenteritis symptoms](#) such as diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea and/or vomiting – the best way to contain the spread of infection, the researchers say, is by using a disinfectant during cleaning or before flushing.

How effective was disinfecting the toilet before flushing? It reduced viral contamination on the toilet itself by more than 99.9% and on the brush by 97.6%.

“This study helps establish a clearer understanding of how pathogens spread and the measures we can take to break those chains of transmission,” said Tania Bubb, president of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. “It also underscores the importance of regular disinfection of surfaces.”

The study was [published online](#) in the *American Journal of Infection Control*.

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March 5th, 2024

FIRE CHIEF
MARK MELVIN

Retirement Luncheon
March 20th, 2024

11:00-14:00
Awards 12:30
Smith Lake Rec Center
5144 Smith Lake Rd.
Bldg. Q-2922
Fort Liberty, NC 28310

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Friday, April 26th • 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Highland Centre (In front of Harris Teeter on Raeford Rd.)

Plate includes: BBQ Pork, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and a Dinner Roll

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HOKE SAREX 2024



APRIL 5-7, 2024



The Hoke SAREX 2024 Exercise will simulate search and rescue operations in a wilderness environment. Hoke SAREX 2024 will begin on Friday, April 5th and will conclude on Sunday, April 7th.

Hoke SAREX 2024 will be divided into 4 operational periods and be managed using the National Incident Management System.

Ground SAR, K9 Teams, UAS Teams and Incident Management Teams are encouraged to participate.

Functional Skill Station will Include:

Land Navigation - SARTopo Training - K9 Scent Operations - UAS Drone Sar Ops

Please Complete Both Registrations Below for HOKE SAREX 2024



**Functional Position
Local Registration**



**NC EM TERMS
State Registration**

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