



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the 24th of March 2025, Monthly Meeting



The general membership Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw of Vander VFD at the Cedar Creek Baptist Church. The association thanks Chief Bradshaw and his staff for their great hospitality, wonderful dinner and offering of the accommodations for tonight's meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain 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 7 Associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: None

Associate Members: None

Approval of Minutes: The February 24, 2025, minutes were approved as presented

Guests: Jessie L. Garner of Public Health spoke on upcoming Narcan Training and the Department of Health's desire to reach out to all county departments and offer this valuable training. To schedule training, Mr. Garner can be reached at (910) 437-1923 or emailed at jgarner@cumberlandcountync.gov.

Chairman Kirk deViere spoke at the end of the meeting.

Henry Tyson, the County Commissioner spoke at the end of the meeting.

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: The daily fund balance for 3/24/2025 was included in each Chiefs' meeting packet.

Meeting Points of Interests:

- ***Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for April 28th, 2025, hosted by Fire Chief Tracy Smith of PMFD and will be held at Paradise Acres. There will also be a special presentation made.***
- *Fort Liberty Air-1 has Air rotation responsibilities for the month of April followed by Stoney Point Air-19 in May.*

Items of Interest Handouts

1. Feb 2025 Incident Response Stats
2. Truist daily account Balance Sheet 3/23/2025
3. FTCC & Regional Training Opportunities
4. Eastern EM Branch Training Week Flyer
5. Town of Wade Founders Day Flyer
6. Cumberland County Emergency Services WEB EOC Training Scheduled and Training Requests
7. Fire Chief (Ret) Ronnie Marley – Thank you note
8. Crime Stopper BBQ Benefit Plate Sale Flyer
9. Bethany VFD – BBQ Plate Sale Flyer
10. Free Railroad Incident Response Flyer
11. Recruitment of Wildland FF for State Study on Respiratory Protection
12. Communications SOG – 2009-003 Call Processing
13. US Fire Admin - NERIS Info
14. NC OSFM – NERIS Concern Letter
15. Forestry – Black Grove Complex Fires in Polk County
16. Polk County Fires – OSFM Rostering
17. FTCC & Jersey Mikes Subs – Day of Giving
18. FFD New Hazmat Program Manager & RRT-3 Team Member – AC Patrick McArdle
19. PSAP Public Safety Agencies Working Group Letter
20. Beaver Dam – ISO 4/9 Rating Congratulations!

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson expressed a special thank you to everyone that came out for Battalion Chief Retired and FTCC Training Coordinator Calvin Bishops memorial Service on Sunday March 16, 2025, at the training center. With Standing room only, it was a well-attended service and an honor for Calvin and his family.
2. President Johnson discussed the foam replacement process. Chief Chris Davis from OSFM advised that we are 60-90 days out for pick-up of our current PFAS foam. The disposal process is still being worked through a contractor in Charlotte for the removal of old foam. President Johnson reminded all Chiefs that if you still have not communicated your on-hand quantities, you should do so as soon as possible. The state will dispose of our foam but does not have the funding to replace it. Procurement will have to be secured with the SCIF fund. The newest Green PFAS Free Foam has been identified.
3. President Johnson spoke on the \$100,000 EMS Grant that was awarded on October 17th of 2024. We have until June 30th of 2026 to exhaust those funds. Plans are in place to start the requisition process at the beginning of FY2025-2026 for needed EMS supplies or EMS equipment.
4. President Johnson addressed the budget forms that should have gone out a few weeks ago. However, the decision was made to use last year's budgetary numbers for planning. The County

Manager discussed the upcoming process with President Johnson that will include instructions on how to create your budget. Currently there is no further information on the available funding for our FY 2024 -2025 Cumberland County Fire Service District Grant Funding. Hopefully, we can open the process in April, conduct our grant review process and submit back to the county in late May for inclusion in the FY 2025-2026 Budget. As a reminder, we are talking about last year's money as our Association Budget process runs a year behind. A fund balance has been requested to obtain a fund availability and what has been used in regard to low-wealth Manchester District funding. Continue to think about your current priority needs, obtain 3 quotes and submit your grant by the listed deadline in April. Our on-line application period will be open for 14 days and should open NLT Monday April 7, 2025.

5. President Johnson spoke on the Vice-Chair vacancy, vacated by Chief Marley following his retirement. The ideal candidate is one that has the time to fill in, in the President's absence. Both Chief Brock and Chief Herndon have expressed interest. The process will be addressed during new business.
6. President Johnson informed the Association that Digital dispatch is moving along. Director Gene Booth is working hard on the process with the city. More to follow as this information becomes available.
7. President Johnson reminded all Chiefs that 2024 NFIRS information must be submitted to OSFM no later than March 31, 2025, through the NFIRS portal. As has been previously discussed, this can be set up to automatically in the 1st Due RMS system each quarter as long as all calls have been authorized to do so. This is a contractual requirement for all volunteer fire departments. In your packet is also a detailed outline of the new National Emergency Incident Reporting System that is projected to take the place of NFIRS. NERIS platform will go in effect in November of 2025. Stand by for more information as we work through the transition process between the two reporting systems
8. President Johnson reminded all departments that have not applied for the Community Impact Grant should do so immediately. The maximum requested amount cannot exceed \$50,000. The deadline for the online submission is 1 April 2025. Funds may also be used for part-time assistance if needed within your organization.
9. FDIC is coming up in two weeks. Most are already scheduled to fly out on the 8th of April and return on the 12th. Eastover FD, Stoney Point FD, and Godwin-Falcon were this year's lottery draw winners. Godwin-Falcon declined due to not being able to attend, however the selection will count as their turn. No replacement was selected.



2024 Cumberland County Attendee's

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson presented a retirement plaque to FFD Deputy Fire Chief Miguel Alvarez. Chief Alvarez retired from FFD with 30 year of service. Miguel started out as a volunteer with the former Lake Rim Volunteer Fire Department before joining the Fayetteville Fire Department. The association thanks Chief Alvarez for all of his past support from our great association and wishes him well in his retirement and all future endeavors.



2. President Johnson also recognized Stoney Point Fire Department Captain Sean Austin and Captain Joseph Belcher for their exceptional service to community while teaching advanced SCBA techniques as part of the departments recruit training program for the past 10 years. Great job guys!



3. President Johnson polled the audience for any past attenders to the Legislative Day event. He reminded all that the 2025 date is right around the corner on Wednesday, 30 April. Those interested in attending should plan on meeting at the NCSFS Building to walk together to the General Assembly Building. Both breakfast and lunch are provided. Consider marking your calendars and attending this especially important event.
4. President Johnson drew attention to the upcoming changes for the Chief 101 class. The program is transitioning to an online only format no later than August 2025. The only classroom option available is the initial 8-hour class. All recertifications must be completed online after August. It is only a 2-hour online class and will be required for ISO certification.
5. President Johnson discussed the need to update all MCTs/tablets to bring everyone in the county to current platforms. This will streamline the need for all secondary responding units to use digital media to sign enroute or clear a call. The primary unit can remain the primary throughout the call and not be delayed in reporting pertinent information. Please use the Freedom App or

Command Module in First Due. We transition from communicating like we are in the 1980's and use the technology provided.

6. Coupled with the previous topic, President Johnson drew members attention to a letter in each Chief's packet outlining the desire of the County Commissioners to explore the feasibility of combining all 911 call centers across Cumberland County. President Johnson expressed his option about this being a good thing to streamline efficient communication chains in all aspects of the process.
7. President Johnson addressed the Vice-President position left vacant with the Retirement of Fire Chief Ronnie Marley who held the position since 2002. He further advised that both Fire Chief Gary Brock and Chief Logan Herndon had expressed interest in the position. President Johnson stated that he had talked with both Chiefs concerning the requirements and responsibilities of the position but will leave it up to the membership. With that he entertained a motion for nominations. At the time Vander Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw introduced a **MOTION** to nominate Beaver Dam Fire Chief Gary Brock for the position of Association Vice President. The **MOTION** and NOMINATION was **SECONDED** by Spring Lake Fire Chief Jason Williams. With no additional **MOTIONS** or NOMINATION, Beaver Dam Fire Chief Gary Brock was selected for the position of Vice-President by unanimous acclamation.

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

- Nothing for the group.

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

- Nothing for the group.

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

- Nothing for the group.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson
E-Mail kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- The updated flyer is in your packet for the next month
- The team had a meeting with Lee Kennedy in regard to ISO Training for a multi-unit drill that included a fire suppression activity.
- Multi-Company Drills are going to be conducted at the FTCC Training Center County Wide.
- County Wide Prayer breakfast scheduled for the 31st of May @ 0900, Station 19, Stoney Point.
- Please let them know who is attending.
- April 22nd, Lee Kenedy will be coming to assist in ISO Training @ 0630 at Eastover FD

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

- Nothing for the group

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Deputy Fire Chief David Richtmeyer, Chairperson,
E-Mail: davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov

- 6 Benches were purchased and will be installed before the Fall Memorial Service
- A new SOP has been started to outline the Inclusion Criteria.
- Bricks can be ordered throughout the year but due to the associated costs will only be installed once per year and prior to our annual memorial service.
- Name plaque is also being cleaned and replaced before the next service.

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

- Current Truist balance is in your packet with \$100,000 of the listed balance is committed to our EMS grant

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

- Congratulations to the Cumberland County Emergency Services for another successful grant being awarded for smoke alarms from South River EMC. Grant total was \$4,9995.00.
- QR link seems to be working great from those that have provided responses.
- The GIS link is also highly effective in the field for providing a smoke alarm.

SCIF PROJECT COMMITTEE - Fire Chief Keith Matthews (GFFD # 17) Chairperson.
E-Mail: gffd1701@nc.rr.com

- Nothing for the group

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

- Nothing new for the group

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

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

- Nothing for the group

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

Emergency Services

- Congratulations to Beaver Dam VFD for receiving a new ISO rating of 4/9. Great job to Chief Brock and his team for this great accomplishment.
- Electrical vehicle training is upcoming.

- Special thanks to those that have been participating
- Those that are rostering to assist Polk County, please let the EM office know.
- Response plans are in your packet, please review the automatic process to make sure it meets your needs.

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Langston, Interim EMS Chief E-Mail: dblangston@capefearvalley.com

- David Grovdahl is no longer serving as the EMS Chief. Brian Langston is serving as chief in the interim until the position can be filled.

HAZMAT: A/C McArdle, E-Mail: PMcArdle@fayettevillenc.gov (910) 624-5042

- Introduction of new leader of the HAZMAT Program
- Please remind folks to use the dispatch center to execute a response and not personal communication

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

- We were able to hire additional personnel.
- Thank you for your patience while we have been working through the shortages.

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

- Training flyer is in your packet
- Nighttime fire academy program is on-going on nights and weekends
- Water Rescue programs are up and running with the new addition of a house that can be placed in the water.
- Technical rescue bridge program is available for those interested.
- Phase 2 of the new construction is drawing to a close around Aug 2025

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Wright ewright@ccsonc.org (Lt. Tara Whitman) Email - twhitman@ccsonc.org (910) 323-1500 ext. Arson

- Lieutenant Whitman introduced Detective James Morge, who has been assigned to the Fire Investigation Unit (FIT) as a full-time Detective. Detective Morge is a certified North Carolina Fire Arson Investigator.
- With the assignment of Detective Morge, the FIT section is once again full staffed with 3 full time detectives and one part-time detective. She advised it is her goal to re-establish FIT as a similar team to the previous Arson Task Force (ATF) comprised of full-time detectives supplemented by volunteers from the various VFDs.
- She also informed the Chiefs that FIT is there to support the Fire Departments.

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

- Nothing for the group

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

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org or First Sergeant B-1 Fayetteville Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center, E-Mail sean.johnson@ncshp.org

Mail:, or S.

- 1st SGT Xavier District B-1 Fayetteville was introduced to the membership and invited to all our

- meetings. - We have new troopers on the road so have patience with our troopers.

FIRE COMMISSIONER: Henry Tyson

- Special thanks to DEP Chief Richtmeyer for his service to the LEPC Committee
- Community Impact Grant due on Apr 1st.
- Meeting held with city about digital snag but has been worked out with Gene Booth
- May 10, @ 1300 Paradise Acres is hosting an event to honor our first responders and raise money for the FF Memorial

CUMBERLAND COMMISSIONER CHAIR: Kirk deViere

- Good to have Commissioner Tyson and doing great work
- Bill to support annexation of Volunteer departments to protect your areas
- Direct focus at the board to support public safety across the county

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2042 hours with a **Motion** by Chief Richard Bradshaw and a **Seconded** by Chief Jason Williams.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

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

Joshua Hopkins

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Assistant Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 9

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For the Good of the Organization

- Special welcome given to Retired Fire Chiefs
- Bethany BBQ Plate Sale at Station 12 on Saturday, April 5th starting at 11 am until sold out.
- Sean Johnson drew attention to Motor Carrier class to assist departments with vehicle maintenance. That is scheduled for our August 2025 meeting at the Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center.

Enclosure # 1 – Attendance Roster

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| MEMBERS PRESENT (18) | | 16 | 17 | 19 | | | | | | | | | |
| ASSOCIATES PRESENT (07) | | 05 | 06 | 07 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Number in attendance | | 48 | 42 | 65 | | | | | | | | | |
| CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting | | 27-JAN-25- EFD # 01 | 24-FEB-25- FTCC | 24-MAR-25- VFD #2 & 8 | 28- APR-25- PMFD # 3 | 19 MAY-25-CCEOC | 23-JUN-25- CFD # 4 | 28-JUL-24- CRFD # 5 | 25-AUG-25-FTCC | 22-SEP-25 - SPFD #19 | 27-OCT-25- BFD # 12 | 24-NOV-25-- CCEOC | 15-DEC-25 - 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 | Ex | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 08 | FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 09 | GODWIN – FALCON STA 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | GRAYS CREEK STA 18 & 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | HOPE MILLS STA 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | PEARCE'S MILL STA 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | SPRING LAKE STA 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | STEDMAN STA 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | STONE POINT STA 13 & 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | VANDER STA 2 & 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | WADE STA 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ASSOCIATE MEMBERS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 01 | CC EMERGENCY SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 02 | FIRE COMMISSIONER | Ex | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 03 | FORESTRY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 04 | FTCC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 05 | HAZMAT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 06 | HIGHWAY PATROL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 07 | SHERIFFS OFFICE | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Special Notes:

CODES: Present -Absent Excused

CCFCA Meeting - March 24, 2025

Fayetteville, NC

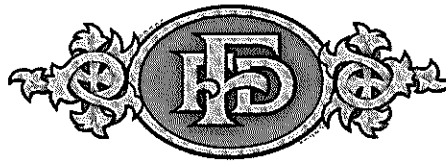
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Inter-Agency Incident Count for YTD & February 2025

POC: Freddy Johnson Sr., President

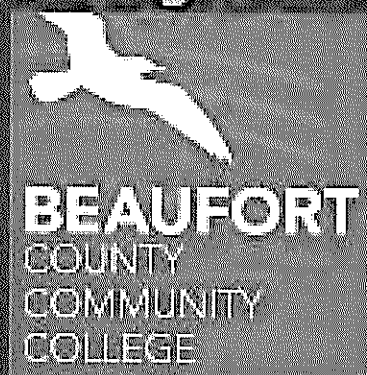
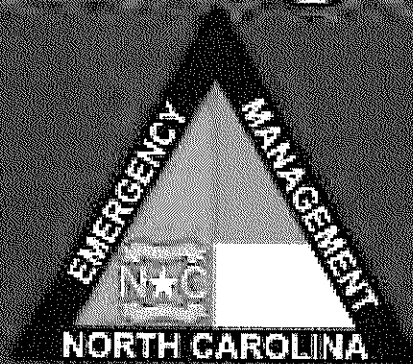
| FDID - Department Name | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | TOTAL |
|---|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Beaver Dam Volunteer Fire Department (2) | 24 | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | 54 |
| Bethany Volunteer Fire Department | 47 | 45 | | | | | | | | | | | 92 |
| Cotton Volunteer Fire Department | 153 | 150 | | | | | | | | | | | 303 |
| Cumberland Road Volunteer Fire Department | 168 | 149 | | | | | | | | | | | 317 |
| Eastover Volunteer Fire Department | 67 | 83 | | | | | | | | | | | 150 |
| Godwin-Falcon Volunteer Fire Department | 35 | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | 64 |
| Grays Creek #18 & 24 Volunteer Fire Department | 107 | 155 | | | | | | | | | | | 262 |
| Hope Mills Fire Department | 204 | 159 | | | | | | | | | | | 363 |
| Pearce's Mill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 148 | 137 | | | | | | | | | | | 285 |
| Spring Lake Fire Department | 134 | 108 | | | | | | | | | | | 242 |
| Stedman Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 50 | 48 | | | | | | | | | | | 98 |
| Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc. (2) | 205 | 175 | | | | | | | | | | | 380 |
| Vander Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (2) | 132 | 127 | | | | | | | | | | | 259 |
| Wade Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 38 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | 69 |
| Westarea Volunteer Fire Department (3) + Manchester | 107 | 104 | | | | | | | | | | | 211 |
| Manchester Fire District | 20 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | 40 |
| Total | 1639 | 1550 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3189 |
| Fayetteville (17) | 2604 | 2254 | | | | | | | | | | | 4858 |
| Combined Totals | 4243 | 3804 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8047 |



FFD - Volume of Calls by District

| Zone | Zone Description | Volume |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Month: 02 - February | | |
| | | 1 |
| 11 | Station 11 - Change to FF11 | 1 |
| CC01 | Eastover Fire Department | 6 |
| CC02 | Vander Fire Department | 30 |
| CC03 | Pearce's Mill Fire Department | 10 |
| CC04 | Cotton Fire Department | 1 |
| CC05 | Cumberland Road Fire Department | 20 |
| CC08 | Cedar Creek Fire Department | 5 |
| CC12 | Bethany Fire Department | 1 |
| CC13 | Stoney Point Fire Department | 4 |
| CC15 | Westarea Fire Department | 1 |
| CC16 | Wade Community Fire Department | 1 |
| CC18 | Grays Creek Fire Department | 11 |
| CC20 | Westarea Fire Department | 4 |
| CC21 | Hope Mills Fire Department | 13 |
| CC22 | Spring Lake Fire Department | 3 |
| CC23 | Stedman Fire Department | 2 |
| CC24 | Grays Creek Fire Department | 9 |
| CC26 | Beaver Dam Fire Department | 1 |
| FF01 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 01 | 192 |
| FF02 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 02 | 90 |
| FF03 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 03 | 176 |
| FF04 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 04 | 178 |
| FF05 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 05 | 236 |
| FF06 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 06 | 189 |
| FF07 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 07 | 107 |
| FF08 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 08 | 132 |
| FF09 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 09 | 160 |
| FF10 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 10 | 2 |
| FF11 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 11 | 53 |
| FF12 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 12 | 104 |
| FF13 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 13 | 6 |
| FF14 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 14 | 149 |
| FF15 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 15 | 106 |
| FF16 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 16 | 54 |
| FF17 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 17 | 137 |
| FF19 | Community Risk Reduction Zone 19 | 52 |
| FFBS | Segra Stadium CRR Zone | 1 |
| Hoke | Hoke County | 5 |
| MUA | Mutual Aid Outside of County | 1 |
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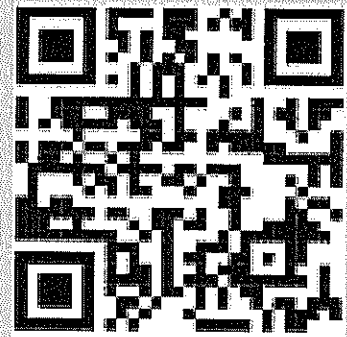
Eastern Branch Training Week 2024 NC Emergency Management Washington, NC May 13-17



CLASS OFFERINGS

- SARTopo and SAR Theory
 - All Hazards Resource Unit Leader
 - All Hazards Task Force/Strike Team Leader
 - Foundations of EM
 - Managing Inland Search
 - Land Search Field Team Member
 - Associate and Executive Level Exams
- and many more coming

Register on NC TERMS



**Questions Please Contact
ncemtraining@ncdps.gov**



Freddy Johnson <spfd1301@gmail.com>

Upcoming Engagement Opportunity - Town of Wade Founder's Day

2 messages

Joshua Villagomez <jvillagomez@cumberlandcountync.gov>

Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 11:37 AM

To: Tamra Morris <tmorris@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Jennifer Green <jgreen@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Traci Cardenas <tcardenas@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Kohnee Harmon <kharmon@cumberlandcountync.gov>, "Burgos, Maritza (ss4)" <maritzaburgos@ccdssnc.com>, Lisa Childers - NCSU <lisa_childers@ncsu.edu>, David Kilpatrick <dkilpatrick@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Amanda Turnmire <aturnmire@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Elaine Smith <ebsmith@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Timothy Middleton <tmiddleton@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Patricia Cimaglia <pcimaglia@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Eric Redrick <eredrick@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Alvin Chestnut <achestnut@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Bria Farmer <bfarmer@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Gene Booth <wbooth@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Chini Gault <cgault@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Amanda Scheck <ascheck@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Garry Crumpler <gcrumpler@cumberlandcountync.gov>, Patrice Bogerty <pbogerty@ccsonc.org>, "Locklear, Mickey" <mlocklear@ccsonc.org>, "Freddy Johnson (SPF)" <fjohnsonsr@stoneypointfire.com>

Cc: Sade' Wilson <swilson@cumberlandcountync.gov>, "Diane B. Rice" <dbrice@cumberlandcountync.gov>

Hello everyone,

We have another awesome opportunity for the County to get out and interact with residents. The Town of Wade is hosting their Founder's Day event. This one is a little ways out there, but it could be a great way to get out and interact with residents that wouldn't normally come to events in Fayetteville. Event details are below.

Event Details

Event Name: Town of Wade Founder's Day

Date: June 7, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Set up Time: 6:30 – 9 a.m.

Location: Wade Community Park

Expected Attendance: 2,000

Event Features and Activities: Parade, cake bake contest, arts and crafts vendors, stage performances, classic car show, antique tractor show, games, food vendors

Vendor space is on a first come, first served basis. So, if your department is interested, please let us know by April 1. If there are still spaces available after April 1, we will let everyone know. Thank you all so much. Have a safe and happy Monday!

v/r

Joshua M. Villagomez

Communications and Outreach Coordinator



Plates
\$10 ea.
Donation

Friday, April 25th
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

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

For Tickets Call or email Retired Major Joe Parisi jparisi67@gmail.com (910)978-9165

— CRIME STOPPERS —

Working together to make safer communities.



**Proceeds from this event will benefit
Fayetteville/Cumberland County Crimestoppers, a non profit organization**

**Call the TIPS line 910-483-TIPS (8477) or visit fay-nccrimestoppers.org
Download the P3 App or visit P3Tips.com to submit anonymous tips.**

**Crimestoppers pays cash rewards of up to \$2,000 for information received
that leads to an arrest The best part is that you remain anonymous!**

BBQ PLATE SALE

*and
Bake Sale Fundraiser*



BETHANY FIRE DEPARTMENT

2140 Wade Stedman Rd

Stedman NC 28391

\$10.00 per plate or pound

**Great food, wonderful baked
goods, fire prevention material
and much more!**



Saturday
April 5th
11 am - 5 pm

Use caution with outdoor burning!



Freddy Johnson <spfd1301@gmail.com>

Free Railroad Incident Response Training - Charlotte Norfolk Southern Safety Train 4/8-10

1 message

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LEPC Members and Partners,

Norfolk Southern Railway is hosting free training for First Responders on railroad incident response utilizing the NS Safety Train on April 8th-10th. The event will be hosted at the NS Charlotte Yard located at 303 E. 16th St. in Charlotte, NC (see attached map for details).

- The Railroad 101 course is an awareness/operations level training for any first responder that could respond a rail incident. This three-hour course will be offered twice a day on Tuesday 4/8 and Thursday 4/10 (morning and afternoon sessions). See the attached flyer for more details.
- The Responding to Railroad Emergencies course is a technician and officer/leadership course that will cover the RR101 content then move into more advanced topics like offensive tactics and incident management. This seven-hour course will be offered on Wednesday 4/9. See attached flyer for more information. (Please do not register for the RR101 course if you plan to attend the Responding to Railroad Emergencies course.)

Those planning to attend should register online to reserve their slot in the course they want to attend. Group registrations are also available. Please go to this site to register as a individual or group: TRANSCAER Training Events.

If you have any additional questions regarding this training opportunity, please reach out to:

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Basics: Overview and Transition

Why is USFA developing the NERIS platform?

The need for a new system like NERIS has become increasingly evident as we seek to enhance national fire data and prioritize the safety of firefighters and the public. The existing system, NFIRS, does not fulfill modern data analysis and decision support requirements of fire and emergency responders and is technologically antiquated. NERIS is being designed and developed to address the following challenges and for fire and emergency services:

1. **Enhanced Data Quality:** The quality and reliability of data in NFIRS can vary based on the training of data entry personnel and the resources of the reporting agency. NERIS will place a heightened emphasis on consistent and reliable data entries.
2. **Prompt Data Availability:** With NFIRS, there is often a significant delay in data extraction, hindering its availability to various stakeholders, including research institutions and other crucial fire and emergency service entities. NERIS intends to provide timelier data access, reducing the lag between reporting and analysis.
3. **Comprehensive Data Coverage:** NFIRS does not enjoy universal participation from all fire departments or emergency services agencies, leading to data inconsistencies. NERIS will aim to fill these gaps, ensuring a more representative and comprehensive database.
4. **Efficiency in Resources:** NFIRS is resource-intensive, demanding substantial personnel and technological resources. This can strain smaller fire departments. NERIS aims to streamline this process, reducing the burden on these entities.
5. **Maximized Utilization:** NFIRS is underutilized by many local agencies due to its structural limitations and data input challenges. This means that many organizations lack the tools necessary for informed decision-making. NERIS will address these shortcomings, offering more effective data analysis tools.

What is the vision for NERIS?

NERIS will be the leading resource for comprehensive information and advanced analysis on fire-related issues in the United States. It will support state, local, territorial, and tribal fire services by offering information that helps them effectively, efficiently, and safely address fire problems. By

collecting, combining, and analyzing data, the NERIS platform will offer up-to-date information on fire and emergency situations across the U.S. It will also provide timely insights into significant or noteworthy events related to fires, hostile actions, or disasters. *NERIS is Enabling Effective Emergency Response.*

What is the timeline for the rollout of the new system?

NERIS Version 1.0 will launch in Fall 2024. It will include an extensive rollout campaign for onboarding fire departments. Updated versions of NERIS will be released periodically in 2025 and beyond based on user feedback and new technology developments.

What will happen with the existing NFIRS system and historical data?

The new NERIS platform will replace the legacy data system known as the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). The legacy NFIRS will remain operational throughout the transition process, so all fire and emergency services departments should continue to use the current NFIRS data system and maintain status quo until migrated to the new platform.

After NERIS is fully developed and available for use by fire departments nationwide, USFA's legacy NFIRS system will be decommissioned. In the decommissioning process, historical NFIRS data will be archived in a data library that will be made publicly available. Note: Historical NFIRS data is openly available today for the years 1982 through 2021 for use by researchers and data analysts.

How will this new NERIS platform improve measurable outcomes from incidents?

NERIS will offer several significant improvements over its predecessor, NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System), in terms of enhancing measurable outcomes from incidents. These include:

- 1. Streamlined & Enhanced Incident Data Model and Schemas:** NERIS will be developed based on a new, streamlined incident data schemas that prioritize and standardize data captured by local fire departments, and aligns with data interoperability and exchange standards.
- 2. Integration:** NERIS is being developed to allow for relevant data to come from existing 3rd party systems - such as computer-aided dispatch (CAD), records management systems (RMS), and GIS - through data services via application programming interfaces (APIs) from the most authoritative source. This approach is intended to minimize duplicative data entry and reduce data entry burdens on first responders. Moreover, NERIS will integrate the best available, publicly available data to derive valuable insights.
- 3. Faster Analysis:** NERIS will offer more current information and actionable analytic products, enabling emergency services to better understand incident trends in their community, their department's capabilities, needs, and make data-informed decisions on resource allocation and planning.
- 4. Comprehensive Scope:** Instead of primarily focusing on detailed fire-related incidents like NFIRS, NERIS will encompass all hazards, offering a holistic view of future emergency needs and

resource allocation.

5. **Advanced Analytics:** NERIS's sophisticated data analysis tools will help emergency services identify trends, risk factors, and resource requirements in the future, facilitating more informed decision-making and improved outcomes.
6. **User-Friendly Interface:** Designed with first responders in mind, NERIS will offer an intuitive experience, streamlining data input, and information retrieval processes.
7. **Timely Insights:** NERIS will ensure up-to-date information on significant events, fostering quicker and more precise responses, and minimizing the potential impact of future incidents.
8. **Efficient Resource Allocation:** Applying more accurate data, NERIS will enable leaders to optimize resource deployment, ensuring that the right assistance is available and reaches the right places promptly.
9. **Mitigating Emerging Risks:** NERIS will also help identify rising threats from new technologies and highlight successful mitigation strategies, ensuring that emergency services stay ahead of evolving challenges.

By improving these various facets of emergency response, NERIS can contribute to more effective, efficient, and safer outcomes.

What sets the new technology of NERIS apart from previous platforms like NFIRS?

The key difference is that NERIS employs modern technology to provide a more flexible, responsive, scalable, and secure architecture. Unlike NFIRS, which was initially designed in 1976, NERIS is built to evolve and improve over time and keep pace with technology innovation. This will make it easier to use and offer enhanced data security and updated features as they become available. Additionally, the user interface is designed to be more efficient and effective, specifically catering to the needs of firefighters and emergency responders.

How will NERIS keep its datasets up-to-date and aligned with the changing needs of fire departments and EMS, considering NFIRS has had limited updates in an almost 50-year history?

To keep NERIS datasets current and adaptable, we are focusing on system agility. This includes modular architecture and API integrations that allow for quick updates. Additionally, we are implementing a strong feedback mechanism to capture user needs, ensuring that the system remains responsive to the changing dynamics of fire departments and EMS services.

What actions can departments take today to prepare for the launch of NERIS?

First, stay informed. Regular updates will be provided via newsletter, website, webinars, and other public events. While awaiting the rollout of NERIS, maintain your existing incident data reporting protocols via NFIRS.

If your department is considering purchasing a new CAD or RMS system, make certain it provides interoperable data services as APIs to allow for seamless integration with NERIS.

Have a question or need more information?

Please email the NERIS Information Desk.

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BRIAN TAYLOR
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

March 6, 2025

Dear North Carolina Fire Chiefs,

As many of you are aware, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has been working to replace the current NFIRS incident reporting system for over a year. While NFIRS has served as a valuable tool for incident reporting and data collection, its replacement, the National Emergency Incident Reporting System (NERIS), is being developed and implemented at an accelerated pace.

From the inception, many State Fire Marshals, including myself, have expressed concerns regarding key aspects of NERIS. A significant issue is the removal of individual State Fire Marshal Offices and their data management staff from the reporting process, a responsibility that has been in place since 1975. In North Carolina, our office has long played a vital role in reviewing NFIRS reports to ensure accuracy and completeness before submitting them to the USFA Fire Data Center. Last year, we processed and forwarded 1.6 million NFIRS reports to the USFA. Additionally, concerns have been raised about how NERIS processes data and incorporates artificial intelligence into its reporting procedures.

For some time now, I, along with many other State Fire Marshals, have engaged with the USFA NERIS Leadership Team to address these concerns. Unfortunately, despite our continued input and recommendations, we have not received any assurances that these needs will be addressed in the final product.

North Carolina has worked diligently to maintain an effective fire incident reporting system, and we have shared our insights with the NERIS leadership team in hopes of improving its implementation. However, given the current design of NERIS, fire departments across the state may face the challenge of submitting duplicate reports—one to our mandated state system and another to NERIS. It would be far more efficient if the USFA allowed State Fire Marshal Offices to submit reporting data directly to NERIS from the state-managed system.

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As this is a federal issue, I have been in close contact and working with our Federal Congressional Representatives along with the National Association State Fire Marshals to take the necessary steps of addressing our concerns directly with the Secretary of Homeland Security, who oversees the USFA.

We will continue to advocate for the necessary changes to NERIS, but as it stands, North Carolina fire departments will have to make their own decisions regarding participation. Our goal remains to support a system that works efficiently and effectively for all fire departments across the state. Our reporting management vendor engineers have assured our agency that we have the capability to report parallel and direct to the USFA once NERIS goes online.

Respectfully,

Brian Taylor

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State Fire Marshal



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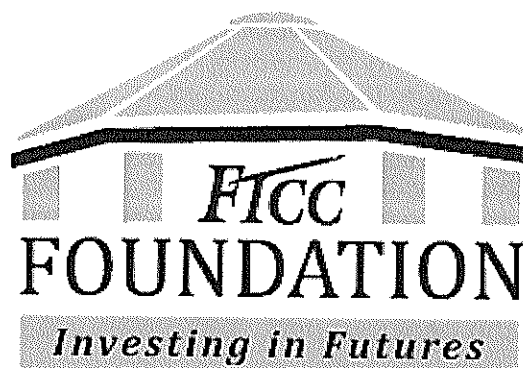
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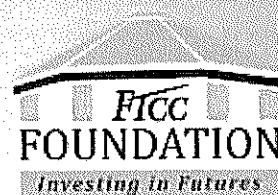
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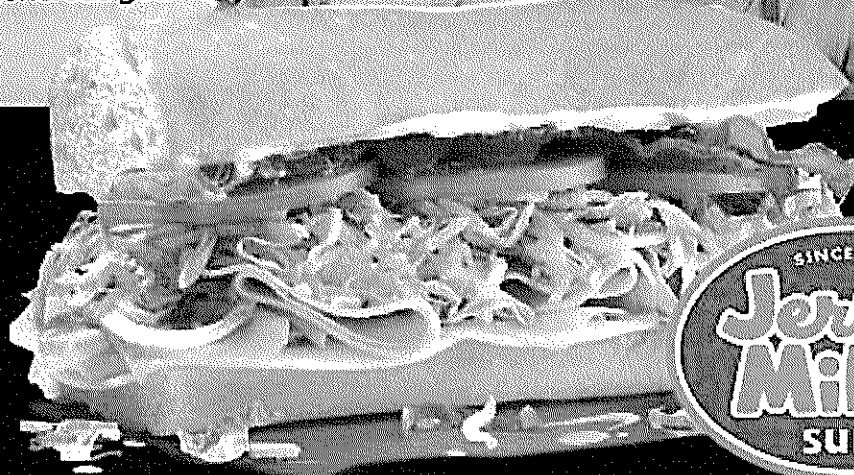
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