



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the February 24, 2025 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs & Associate Members only meeting was hosted by FTCC Regional Fire & Rescue Center Director Vince Lewis. The association thanks Director Lewis and his staff for their great hospitality and offering of the accommodations for the February 2025 meeting.

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

Opening Prayer: Association Chaplain Chief Tatum provided the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 15 Departments and 6 Associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: **Cape Fear Valley EMS**

Associate Members: **Sheriff's Office**

Approval of Minutes: The January 27, 2025, association minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Mr. Johnny Dew, Vice-Chair Grays Creek BOD
Mrs. Glyn Detta Hubbard, Member Grays Creek BOD
Dep. Chief (Ret) Wayne Sheriff, Grays Creek FD # 24

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: Today's TRUIST Bank Balance along with a complete Fiscal Year - Year to Date detailed Loss and Profit Statement is in everyone's packet.

Meeting Points of Interests:

- ***Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2025, hosted by Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw and the Vander Fire Department. The meeting will be conducted at the Cedar Creek Baptist Church located at 4170 Tabor Church Road.***
- ***Fayetteville Fire Department Air-1 has Air rotation responsibilities for the month of March 2025 followed by Fort Bragg Fire Department Air-1 in April 2025.***

Items of Interest Handouts

1. January 2025 Monthly Incident Response Statistics
2. Truist daily account Balance Sheet February 23, 2025
3. Quicken Detailed Loss and Profit Report July 1, 2024, through February 27, 2025
4. FTCC & Regional Training Opportunities

5. Cumberland County Emergency Services – Response Plan/AVL
6. Priority Dispatch – Local Fire Administration Definitions / Authorizations
7. Memorial Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 11, 2025
8. Email-Application Period Now Open for Non-Profit Assistance Program
9. Complete Training Materials – Commercial Building Forcible Entry
10. Illegal Burning Information

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson updated the members on the foam replacement process and stated that he talked with Chief Chris Davis (OSFM) Foam Point of Contact, who informed President Johnson that any further foam disposals have been placed on hold until April or thereafter due to the current storage facility being at capacity.
2. President Johnson thanked everyone that attended the North Carolina Association of Fire Chief's Mid-Winter-Conference and stated that all our lottery winners attended the conference. Our next lottery picks for both Mid-Winter and FDIC will take place in September this year.
3. President Johnson announced that both Chief Brock (Beaver Dam) and Chief Herndon (Grays Creek) have indicated interest in the current vacant Vice-President's Position. Prior to our March 2025 meeting President Johnson will meet with both to further discuss the requirements and responsibilities of the position. We will vote to fill the position during our March 24th meeting hosted by the Vander Fire District.
4. President Johnson reminded the membership that County Manager Grier should have our budget ready for release the first week of March.
5. The Cyber Security Project that 9 VFDs signed on with FTCC is up and running and everyone should have received a coordination call from the Project Manager.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson recognized Deputy Chief Wayne Sherrill (Retired) Grays Creek Station 24 Fire Department, for his 45 years of volunteer service, serving both as Board of Director and for the past ten years as Deputy Chief. Chief Sherrill was presented with the Association Appreciation Plaque.
2. Deputy Chief Richtmeyer announced new Chief Officer promotions as a result of the retirements of Deputy Chief Miguel Alvarez and Ronnie Willet. Chief Willet accepted a position with the National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, Maryland and is already gone. Chief Alvarez was recognized during a ceremony last Friday. Moving forward there will only be two (2) Deputy Chiefs as a result of an organizational realignment.
 - Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief for Administration – Assistant Chief Adam Ferguson
 - Promoted to Assistant Chief – Battalion Commander Brian Mims – B Shift
 - Promoted to Assistant Chief – Battalion Commander Patrick McArdle – A Shift

3. President Johnson announced that another \$50,000 ARP funding opportunity for volunteer departments is available. The PIO Email announcing the opportunity is in everyone's packet. VFDs that previously received an ARP loan are also eligible to apply for consideration.
4. President Johnson announced that providing the Chiefs 101 curriculum is updated by OSFM we will sponsor an upgrade class during our August 2025 meeting here at the college. Chief Melvin (Retired) has agreed to run the class if updated and made current.
5. President Johnson included in everyone's packet pictures of the FTCC Regional Training Center Phase II project, showing the addition of a single story residential and a two story commercial apartment complex burn building progress.

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

- Nothing was shared with the group.

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

- Nothing was shared with the group.

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

- Nothing was shared with the group.

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

- The QR code is the best source for FTCC educational/training offerings.
- Monthly regional training information is in everyone's packet. Please advertise on your Bulletin Boards.

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

- Nothing was shared with the group

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

- A memorial committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 11, 2025, starting at 0930 hours at the Dr. J. Larry Keen, Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center.

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

- Presented the associations financial fund balance along with a detailed Loss and Profit Statement for the period of July 1, 2024, through February 24, 2025

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

- FM Lowther was not in attendance, but the FLSE Committee is meeting at 4 PM Monday February 3, 2025 at Station 19 on Lake Up-Church Drive to receive a user class on the use of the association Fire Safety House.

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

- Nothing was shared with the group. (Committee in-active until 2nd Quarter of FY 2026)

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

- Nothing was shared with the group.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

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

- Not Present

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

Emergency Services

- Update on voice dispatch and still pending confirmation from the 911 Board for funding for our back-up equipment. The request has been submitted for the 2nd time using a different method.

Emergency Management: (Garry Crumpler, EM Coordinator)

1. Garry thanked the association for their response to the winter weather.
2. An online AAR form for the storm will be sent out by email.
3. Continue to send us your request for adding and deleting users in WebEOC.
4. Looking to begin WebEOC training at stations again. We can come during the day or on a training night.
5. Garry asked if everyone was receiving notifications via Everbridge and WebEOC. No one responded to the negative.

9-1-1 Supervisor (Adam Johnson, 9-1-1 Dispatch)

6. Adam provided a power point presentation concerning Priority Dispatch specifically our counties Response Plan/AVL along with Administrative Definitions and Authorization concerning dispatch. In part he stated that 9-1-1 Communications wants to ensure that Fire Chiefs receive the proper dispatch and equipment associated with dispatch determinants. He provided an example that it is important to dispatch Tankers

/ Tenders to areas without hydrants and requested that all Chiefs coordinate with Shenna Evans to properly apply the correct classification for our apparatuses.

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

- Not present

HAZMAT: DC Richtmeyer, E-Mail: drichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov (910) 624-5042

- Chief Richtmeyer advised the membership that the City of Fayetteville accepted delivery of their new HazMat Truck. The truck was on display for all Chiefs to review prior to the start of the meeting. This new unit will hopefully serve the department and county for the next 24 years. He also stated that the Hazardous Regional Response Team (RRT) program has been in place now for 30 years and new cooperative agreements are being drafted to align with today's procedures.



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

- Discussed current Forestry Personnel Issues and plow pooling.

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

- Not present

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

- Not present

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Kimberlee 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

- Nothing for the members

FIRE COMMISSIONER – J. Tyson

- Fire Commissioner Tyson advised the membership that a special First Responder Appreciation Day has been scheduled for Saturday May 10, 2025, starting at 1 PM at Paradise Acres. The event is sponsored by Paradise Acres and the purpose is to honor and support our incredible dedicated first responders here in Cumberland County. This free, public event will also serve as an opportunity to educate the community on safety and the vital role of first responders. The event will feature Fire Trucks & Smokehouse, EMS and Law Enforcement displays. There will also be a fund raiser with all raised funds being donated to the CCFCA Memorial Fund. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- He also advised that during the commissioners meeting with our local delegation they requested the delegation assist with funding for our VFDs in our on-going effort to acquire \$29,200 in support of our digital dispatch initiative.
- He also informed us that they asked for State Funding to assist with the acquisition of a new Mobile Command post.
- Lastly he followed-up and urged Chiefs to apply for a \$50,000 ARP funding opportunity for VFDs that was earlier discussed during the presidents briefing.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Deputy Chief (Retired) Wayne Sheriff and seconded by Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw.

The meeting was adjourned at 2018 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

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

Joshua Hopkins

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Assistant Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 3

1-January 2025 Incident Statistics by Fire District

2-2024 NFIRS Statistics by Fire District

3-FTCC Phase II Photos

For the Good of the Organization

Both Bethany and Stedman Fire Departments have BBQ Dinner Fundraiser coming up over the next 45 days.



Bethany Saturday April 5th from 11 AM until
And
Stedman – Saturday March 8th starting at 11 am

President Johnson announced if anyone is interested in another pallet of water or MRE's to please call him

Enclosure # 1 – 2025 Attendance Roster

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| | MEMBERS' PRESENT (18) | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ASSOCIATES PRESENT (07) | 05 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Number in attendance | 37 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting | 27-JAN-25- EVFD # 01 | 24-FEB-25- FTCC | 24-MAR-25- VVFD # 02 | 28- APR-25- PMFD # 03 | 19 MAY-25-CCEOC | 23-JUN-25- CVFD # 04 | 28-JUL-25- CRFD # 05 | 25-AUG-25-FTCC | 22-SEP-25 - SPFD - # 19 | 27-OCT-25- BVFD # 12 | 24-NOV-25- CCEOC | 22-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 | Ex | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 11 & 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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

2024 Cumberland County Fire Incident Statistics

| ## | ALL CAREER MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT | 100 FIRES | 200 OVER PRESSURE EXPLOSION | 300 EMS & RESCUE | 400 HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS | 500 SERVICE CALL | 600 GOOD INTEND | 700 FALSE CALLS | 800 SEVERE WHEATHER | 900 SPECIAL INCIDENTS | TOTAL CALLS |
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| 01 | Fayetteville | 1,138 | 15 | 18,894 | 704 | 2,656 | 2,692 | 2,757 | 20 | 18 | 28,894 |

| ## | COMBINATION MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS | 100 FIRES | 200 OVER PRESSURE EXPLOSION | 300 EMS & RESCUE | 400 HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS | 500 SERVICE CALL | 600 GOOD INTEND | 700 FALSE CALLS | 800 SEVERE WHEATHER | 900 SPECIAL INCIDENTS | TOTAL CALLS |
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| 01 | Hope Mills | 180 | 1 | 1048 | 57 | 170 | 301 | 191 | 3 | 2 | 1,953 |
| 02 | Spring Lake | 105 | 5 | 814 | 31 | 133 | 222 | 124 | 21 | 10 | 1,465 |
| | TOTALS | 285 | 6 | 1,862 | 88 | 303 | 523 | 315 | 24 | 12 | 3,418 |

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| 01 | Fort Bragg | | | | | | | | | | 7,611 |
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| 01 | Beaver Dam (2) | 61 | 0 | 116 | 10 | 41 | 20 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 251 |
| 02 | Bethany | 72 | 0 | 206 | 12 | 41 | 83 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 440 |
| 03 | Cotton | 242 | 0 | 1127 | 61 | 302 | 227 | 147 | 3 | 0 | 2,109 |
| 04 | Cumberland Rd | 178 | 1 | 990 | 53 | 150 | 367 | 90 | 0 | 0 | 1,829 |
| 05 | Eastover | 77 | 0 | 543 | 12 | 65 | 139 | 72 | 1 | 0 | 909 |
| 06 | Godwin-Falcon | 81 | 0 | 151 | 38 | 45 | 71 | 53 | 3 | 0 | 442 |
| 07 | Grays Creek (2) | 131 | 0 | 704 | 9 | 77 | 289 | 51 | 8 | 0 | 1,269 |
| 08 | Manchester | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 09 | Pearce's Mill | 186 | 0 | 843 | 63 | 121 | 327 | 144 | 1 | 0 | 1,685 |
| 10 | Stedman | 85 | 0 | 224 | 30 | 54 | 87 | 49 | 3 | 0 | 532 |
| 11 | Stoney Point (2) | 221 | 0 | 904 | 54 | 411 | 211 | 201 | 3 | 0 | 2,005 |
| 12 | Vander (2) | 151 | 0 | 715 | 19 | 99 | 337 | 83 | 3 | 0 | 1,407 |
| 13 | Wade | 203 | 0 | 207 | 12 | 19 | 56 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 513 |
| 14 | Westarea (3) + M | 92 | 7 | 645 | 33 | 97 | 155 | 68 | 7 | 3 | 1,107 |
| | TOTALS | 1,780 | 8 | 7,375 | 406 | 1,522 | 2,369 | 994 | 41 | 3 | 14,498 |
| | | | | | | | | | Overall | Totals | 54,421 |

CCFCA Meeting - February 24, 2025

Fayetteville, NC

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Inter-Agency Incident Count for **December & Year to date 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | 24 |
| Bethany Volunteer Fire Department | 47 | | | | | | | | | | | | 47 |
| Cotton Volunteer Fire Department | 153 | | | | | | | | | | | | 153 |
| Cumberland Road Volunteer Fire Department | 168 | | | | | | | | | | | | 168 |
| Eastover Volunteer Fire Department | 67 | | | | | | | | | | | | 67 |
| Godwin-Falcon Volunteer Fire Department | 35 | | | | | | | | | | | | 35 |
| Grays Creek #18 & 24 Volunteer Fire Department | 107 | | | | | | | | | | | | 107 |
| Hope Mills Fire Department | 204 | | | | | | | | | | | | 204 |
| Pearce's Mill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 148 | | | | | | | | | | | | 148 |
| Spring Lake Fire Department | 134 | | | | | | | | | | | | 134 |
| Stedman Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 50 | | | | | | | | | | | | 50 |
| Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc. (2) | 205 | | | | | | | | | | | | 205 |
| Vander Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (2) | 132 | | | | | | | | | | | | 132 |
| Wade Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. | 38 | | | | | | | | | | | | 38 |
| Westatara Volunteer Fire Department (3) + Manchester | 107 | | | | | | | | | | | | 107 |
| Manchester Fire District | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | 20 |
| Total | 1639 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1639 |
| Fayetteville (17) | 2604 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2604 |
| Combined Totals | 4243 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4243 |

DR. LARRY J. KEEN REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING CENTER – PHASE 2

UPDATE February 24, 2025



Residential Burn Building – Side and Rear



Residential Burn Building – Top View & Concrete Slap for Logistic Support Building



Parking Lot Expansion



Apartment Complex Building Ground View



Apartment Complex Building Top View