

## **Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association**

### **Minutes of August 24, 2009 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting was held at Linden FD, Station #20. We thank Chief Godwin and his staff for their hospitality.

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplin Mike Cassanova provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 22 Departments and 8 Associate members present.

**Members Absent:** Pope AFB, Eastover

**Associate Members Absent:** NC Forestry, SBI

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the July meeting were approved as presented.

**Guests:** None

**Vendors Present:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Meeting Point of interests:**

**Next Chief's Meeting** will be held September 28, 2009 and hosted by **Spring Lake FD #22**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the community center near the fire station.

- President Johnson advised the membership that the participation in the hospitals premier purchasing program was not what he had hoped for by the various departments. Only 4 departments thus far are participating in the program. This program is designed to offer tremendous savings through a bulk purchase system through Cape Fear Valley Hospital System. Every department in the county should sign up and participate. Please review this program again with your perspective board of directors and turn in your application.
- The fire contract is again being reviewed by the County Attorney's office. President Johnson will advise further on same as soon as he receives further information from Neil Yarborough.
- President Johnson reminded everyone that the memorial service will be held in October. There will be more information available at the September meeting but go ahead and place the time frame on your calendar.

- President Johnson thanked the Emergency Management Division for hosting the Risk Assessment program. The class was a success.
- The ID card machine is due in this month. As soon as it is received, personnel will be trained in its operation and the updating of ID cards and issuing will start shortly thereafter.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The finance committee met on August 19, 2009 to discuss the funding issues for the new year. The Association received its funding from the County in the amount of \$248,351.00. Please review the finance committee minutes that were included in your August packet for further detailed information.
- There was discussion on the replacement of the foam in the three foam trailers. A motion was made by Chief B. Bullard to purchase 1800 gallons of AR/AFFF foam in 5 gallon containers from C.W. Williams for \$22,752.00. The motion was seconded by Assistant Chief S. Johnson. All stations that were represented approved the motion. If you would like to make a purchase of foam for your station, please contact Chief Hodges at Hope Mills FD as soon as possible. President Johnson advised the membership that the old foam will be available for training purposes and that the new foam in the trailers should not be used for training purposes.
- President Johnson advised the membership that he is still awaiting the response from the grant administrators to determine the exact amount the association will have to refund to the Federal Government for the radio extended warranty contract. The warranty contract was not allowed by grant guidelines.
- The RIT SOG will be sent out to you shortly. President Johnson is asking for feedback so that this SOG can be finalized at the September or October meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chief Kevin Herndon inquired about the accountability standard operating procedure guideline. President Johnson stated that he would e-mail the dog tag accountability SOG utilized by the Fayetteville Fire Department via e-mail.
- Chief J.F. Hall discussed his concerns with the lack of professionalism displayed by the deceased body recovery unit. Director Roye will be addressing the dress protocol and image concerns with the contractor

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I D CARD COMMITTEE** Lt. Tara Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

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

**FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- No report

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- None

**STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE** Chief K. Hall (Cumberland Road) Chairperson

- No report.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE** Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- No report.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** Chief S. Blackburn (Ft. Bragg) Chairperson

- No report.

**AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE** Chief Ake (Beaver Dam) Chairperson

- No report

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

- No report.

**RESCUE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- No report

**EASTERN FIRE SCHOOL** Chief R. Marley (Pearces Mill) Chairperson

- No report.

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** Kenny Curry, Director

- Director Currie advised that the CAD was being set up and that training was being conducted for their personnel. He also advised that when both the city and the county are up and running the 911 calls received will be processed in by the agency taking the call and this should reduce call taking times as well as dispatch times.

### **EMS DIRECTOR:** Michael Roye, Director

- EMS will be placing their 800 viper radios in service in the near future.

### **HAZMAT** BC Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- Assistant Chief Majors advised that the City's HazMat Team took first place in the HazMat Competition at the NCSFA convention this month

### **FORESTRY DISTRICT** Ranger (TBD)

- No report.

### **FTCC** Ernest Ward

- No report.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- Arson 2 advised that there have been 26 arrests made this year on arson related incidents. He advised to please call if you have a situation that you need assistance with.

### **HIGHWAY PATROL**

- First Sgt. Johnson advised everyone that school is starting back and to please use care when operating in and around the school zones and stopped school buses.

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### **CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS** Chaplain Cassanova

- No report

### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- Commissioner Melvin advised all of the departments to please take another look at the premiere purchasing program at the hospital.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

The Bethany and Stedman Fire Department's received the "Everyone Goes Home" coin and certificate from President Johnson for their 100% participation in the national seatbelt program.

There was a discussion on the NFPA codes on line program. This topic will be discussed in detail at a later date.

The fire safety trailer SOG is nearly finalized and training will begin soon. If you need the trailer, please call the Cotton Fire Department to arrange for training and availability status.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Assistant Fire Chief Tracy Smith, seconded by Chief Wayne Lucas. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2100Hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy Johnson*

Freddy L. Johnson Sr. CFO  
Fire Chief / President

*Mark A. Melvin*

Mark Melvin, CFO  
Deputy Fire Chief / Secretary