



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the October 22, 2018 Monthly Meeting



The quarterly Chiefs only meeting was hosted by the Pearce's Mill Fire Department. We thank Chief Marley and his staff for their hospitality and snacks.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Fire Chief Wayne Lucas provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Members and guests led by Chief Gary Brock.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 9 associate members present.
- Members Absent:**
- Fire/EMS Departments: CFVEMS, Fort Bragg FD, Hope Mills, and Spring Lake
- Associate Members: HAZMAT, Sheriff's Office, County Commissioner
- Approval of Minutes:** The September 24, 2018 minutes were approved as presented
- Guests:** [Linda Devore, Candidate for State House](#)
[Honorable Billy West, District Attorney](#)
- Special Guests:** Alex Kuhn, Visitor from German FD / Rosenbauer Europe
- Vendors Present:** None
- Treasurer's Report:** Deputy Chief Johnson Jr. reported a fund balance of \$ 483,904.18
- Meeting Points of Interests:**

Next Chief's Meeting will be Monday, November 26, 2018 - The Chiefs meeting will be hosted by the Pearce's Mill Fire District Station 3, Dedication Drive with dinner.

- Grays Creek VFD Service 2461 has the air truck responsibilities during the month of November 2018 followed by Vander VFD Air 281 in December.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
 - Paper Copy of the Hurricane Florence AAR
 - AT&T Proposal (Command Bus & Tablets)
 - Handout Community Risk Reduction

At the beginning of the meeting President Johnson announced to the membership that Chief Melvin our association secretary is currently experiencing some substantial family health issues

that require his immediate attention and will preclude him from attending our meeting. He stated that he talked with Mark earlier this evening and Mark was clearly bothered by the events. President Johnson asked all of us to keep Mark and his family in our immediate thoughts and prayers as we move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson updated the membership on the current progress of the Mobile Command and Communication Center Bus. The radio and communications equipment is scheduled to be installed on Monday October 29, 2018 at Station 19. Amerizon Wireless our Motorola dealer requested that the county pick-up with the Mobile Vehicle Amplifier (MVA) that is to be installed in the bus is also scheduled to be at Station 19 for removal of the MVA. The installation of all our radio communications equipment will take several days. This does not include WIFI and Telephone communications for which we are still negotiating with both Verizon and AT&T First NET.
2. President Johnson thanked the membership for their support and participation during our annual memorial service earlier this month. It was a beautiful day and well attended by our membership. He informed the membership that he has asked the Memorial Committee as well as the members of the Honor Guard to attend our December (Christmas) meeting on December 17, at the Sheriff's Office in order for us to officially recognize them for their dedication of not only our memorial service but also for taking the time out to provide last services and memorials to our members.
3. President Johnson informed the membership that there has been no further action on the Agricultural and Forestry Awareness Study Commission since our last meeting. We are monitoring this initiative closely and we will advise should any changes be made.
4. President Johnson stated that all our new ID Tags are pretty much completed. Working on finishing Godwin-Falcon and we are planning on setting up an on-line request page to order replacement and new member tags. This was a rather large undertaking and over 3000 ID tags were produced in corresponding colors based on rank. We have exhausted both our metal ID tag material as well as clips. We are now ordering sustainment supplies that will maintain us going forward. He also stated that he does have completed ID tags at Station 13 for Beaver Dam, Eastover and West area Fire Departments and will get those distributed.
5. President Johnson stated that all our Ballistic Gear has been issued out with the exception of Godwin-Falcon, Hope Mills and Westarea Fire Departments. This will be picked up later this week. He asked all Chiefs to please go back and insure that their members familiarize themselves with the new gear and how all the adjustments work. Otherwise there will be issues should a sudden occurrence transpire. It is best to store the vests in a fully expanded or led out position. Please keep the vests within the provided carrier case in order to protect our gear from spills and contaminants, safeguard and take care of our new gear.
6. President Johnson advised the membership that a hard copy of our Hurricane Florence - After Action Review (AAR) from earlier this month is included in everyone's packet. He will also send out a digital version to all members and it will also be posted to our web-page. As a result of feedback from our AAR we will appoint a Disaster Response Committee in order to address our current disaster response procedures and device recommendations on how to better streamline our combined response protocol, devise a policy and report back to the association on

their progress and render a final report. The following listed members have volunteered to serve on the Disaster Response Committee and President Johnson asked Chiefs if they have anyone that wants to serve on the committee to please send him an email with their names. He also advised the membership that all committee meetings will be advertised on IAR and everyone is always welcome to attend any committee meeting. The newly formed committee will appoint a Vice-Chair from amongst its membership during their first official meeting.

➤ **New Disaster Response Committee –**

Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw – (Vander VFD) Chairman

Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Dove – (Fayetteville / Cotton) Member

Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Murphy – (Stoney Point) Member

Deputy Fire Chief Hank Harris – (Fayetteville / Cotton) Member

Division Chief Brandon Hanzal – (Stoney Point) Member

Fire Marshal Gene Booth – (CC Emergency Services) Member

EM Officer Scott Bullard – (Fayetteville FD) Member

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson introduced District Attorney Billy West and informed the membership that he invited our District Attorney to attend our meeting after he received an email from Fire Chief Lucas outlining his and his board of directors concerns about self-defense and disarming their members who are legally carrying firearms. President Johnson went on to say that we are not asking our members to give up their right to defend themselves should a situation rise to the level where self-defense becomes necessary during an active shooter response situation. He stated that we do however need to realize what our role is during an active shooter incident, where we are most likely dispatched to deploy as members of a Rescue Task Force with cover provided by law enforcement officers. There are also concerns about members that have a carry concealed permit or carry open and suddenly find themselves responding to an active shooter incident after being duly dispatched to the incident. This could be a school or any other establishment that has postings and signage that weapons are not allowed on the premises either carrying concealed or open. President Johnson asked District Attorney West to please clarify the rules of engagements.

Mr. West thanked the members for their service and for inviting him to come out and address this issue. He started out by informing the membership that he wanted them to hear straight from the horse's mouth, and under active shooter circumstances and as long as we do not exceed our scope, his office will not prosecute first responders acting in the capacity of a rescue task force, treating or removing injured persons from an active shooter establishment or incident. He is also not asking members to give up their right to self-defense should a situation warrant self-defense and law enforcement has been besieged or incapacitated during an active shooter incident.

2. President Johnson utilizing a Power Point presentation provided an overview for the membership about the association's primary assets and the location and state of those assets. These assets are owned by the association and belong to the entire membership.
 - President Johnson informed the members that our command and communications bus will be outfitted with two (2) mass storage battery chargers that will accommodate 12 portable radios. We do not have however portable radios for the bus but have an opportunity to purchase twelve (12) XTS 5000 radios for \$ 400.00 each for a total price of \$ 4,800.00 from the State of North Carolina. The radios are needed should the bus be activated and the portable radios can be utilized for immediate field assignment. After a brief discussion amongst all members Fire Chief Gary Brock made a **MOTION** to authorize the purchase of twelve (12) additional surplus portable radios from the state. The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Murphy and **unanimously APPROVED** by an all members present through a by station roll call vote. (See attached voting roll call sheet) President Johnson will coordinate the purchase of the radios with the State of North Carolina surplus agency.
3. President Johnson provided a proposal submitted by AT&T First NET for both service for our tablets as well as WIFI and telephone service for the mobile command bus. The tablet service quoted is \$ 3.00 cheaper per tablet than VERIZON that equals a savings of about \$ 1,400.00 annually. After a discussion amongst the members Fire Chief Jason Autry pointed out that AT&T wireless service on the east side of the county lacks critical service and is non-existent in areas. President Johnson stated that we would not degrade our current services. He is waiting on another proposal from VERIZON and will hopefully have that proposal for our November meeting. He also stated that the AT&T First NET representative was invited to be at our November meeting to address the entire membership and answer questions.
4. Announcement was made that our former Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin was admitted to Cape Fear Valley Hospital for cardiac issues last weekend and was not doing well. We will monitor his condition and send flowers once it is ok to do so. Commissioner Melvin served as our Fire Commissioner for eight (8) years. President Johnson asked the membership also to keep Ed and his family in our immediate thoughts and prayers as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- **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 cjohnson.spfd@gmail.com
- No Report

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE (To Be Determined)

E-Mail: JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us

- No Report (Annual Fire Safety Day rescheduled for Saturday November 3rd at the Cross Creek Mall) Please consider displaying one of your specialty apparatuses.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson,

E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Committee Chairman Assistant Chief Murphy provided a power point slide presentation concerning a helmet / shield standard. His committee was asked to look into a Countywide Helmet and Shield Standard. Chief Murphy provided historical data and at the conclusion of the presentation Chief Murphy requested feedback from all in attendance via email or direct call before November 15, 2018 in order for the Standards Committee to review comments and propose recommendations during the November or a future Chiefs meeting.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,

E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- Chief Marley thanked the membership for their participation in our 2018 Memorial Service and asked anyone interested to join their meetings.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson,

E-Mail: gcf24@nc.rr.com

- No Report

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

E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- Treasurer Johnson Jr. reported the fund balance as of today at \$ 483,904.18 with liabilities outstanding that will considerably reduce our fund balance.

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

E-Mail: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD), Chairperson, E-Mail: clhodges@townofhopemills.com

- No Report

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services)

Chairperson, E-Mail: wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No Report

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson,
E-Mail: tmclamb@spring-lake.org

- No Report

NC WORKFORCE SOLUTION GRANT – COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23)
Chairperson. E-Mail: Jnobles@stedmanfire.com

- President Johnson reminded the membership that VWS reports are due on November 1, 2018 and Chief Nobles advised him that additional hand-out material is forthcoming.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Tracy Jackson – Interim Director),
E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- ES Interim Director Tracy Jackson briefly updated the membership on the hiring process of the new Emergency Services Director and stated that new positive announcements are forthcoming in the near future.
- Emergency Management & Fire Marshal Gene Booth – Stressed the importance of the FEMA PA Portal and stressed to the Chiefs that if anyone needed additional assistance to please call him. There is a slight window for an additional PA class if needed but the window of opportunity for the class is fast diminishing, so please let him know ASAP. He also stated that the deadline for the submission for PA requests is November 16.

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: bpearce@capefearvalley.com

- No report.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 584-9550,
E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Wright (Sr. Sgt. Steven Hodges – ATF)

- No report.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.
E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail
sean.johnson@ncdps.gov

- Major Johnson briefed the membership on the great support from the local fire service in Columbus County rendered to slain Highway Patrol Trooper K. Conner.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us

- No Report

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson E-Mail:
tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe

- Still at work unable to attend.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson announced that this upcoming weekend is the last weekend for the Stoney Point FD, Trail of Terror and invited all the Chiefs out for a good scare. They will also open up on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.
- Fire Chief Jason Autry announced the start of the Bethany FD annual Turkey Shoot at Station 12 starting this weekend. Please come out and support this endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Fire Chief Ronnie Marley and seconded by Assistant Chief Richard Bradshaw. The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

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

Mark A. Melvin

Mark A. Melvin, CFO
Fire Chief / Secretary

0 Enclosures

CCFCA Monthly Attendance Roster

MEMBERS PRESENT (19)		18	17	17	17	16	18	17	17	15			
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (11)		09	08	08	07	07	07	07	11	05			
CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting		22-JAN-18 - PMFD	26-FEB-18 -- SVFD-23	26-MAR-18 -- BDVFD-26	23- APR-18 - PMFD	21-MAY-18 - FFD	25-JUN-18 - Fbfd	23-JUL-18 - PMFD	27-AUG-18 -- EVFD-01	24-SEP-18 -- VVFD-02	22-OCT-18 - PMFD	26-NOV-18 -- PMFD-03	17-DEC-18 - SHERIFF
MEMBERS		MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	P	A	A		
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	E		
09	GODWIN – FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	A	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	E	E	P	A	P	P	P	E	E	A		
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A		
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
18	WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
19	WESTAREA STA 15–20 & 25	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P		
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS													
01	FORT BRAGG EMS	A	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	P		
02	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P		
03	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	E	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	A		
04	COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
05	FORESTRY	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	A		
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
07	HAZMAT	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	A		
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
09	SHERIFF'S OFFICE	P	P	P	E	P	P	A	P	P	A		
10	FAYETTEVILLE POLICE								P	P	A		
11	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	A		

Special Notes:

CODES: (P) – Present (A)-Absent (E) - Excused