



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the February 27, 2017 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by Westarea FD Station #15 and we thank Chief Bass for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Deputy Chief Sifford provided the opening prayer for this meeting.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: EMS, Grays Creek #24

Associate Members: Retired Fire Chiefs

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

Guests: Commissioner Boose, CC Commissioner
Mr. Michael Hardin, District Attorney's Office Hoke County
LTC David Foster, Civil Affairs from Fort Bragg gave a briefing on the Paratrooper for life program and will be reaching out to the respective stations. Mike Godwin, was presented an award for his many years of service to the Arson Task Force.

Vendors Present: Lisa Berryhill, 10-20 Services gave a presentation on new ballistic attire.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Point of Interests:

***Next Chief's Meeting** will be Monday March 27, 2017. The meeting will be hosted by Wade FD and the meeting will be held at Wade Baptist Church on Main St.*

- Grays Creek FD #24 has the air truck responsibilities during the month of March 2017.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
 - Legal, Health, Training opportunities and Safety materials
 - Checks for honor guard donations from families
 - Letter from Tracy Jackson on Public Safety Task Force

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson stated the Freedom App is in and being prepared for service along with the necessary and required file servers. OSSI and County IT is working the project, however OSSI is the current hold up. He will also work on coordinating Freedom App train the trainer classes for the membership once the app is in beta phase.
2. President Johnson stated that the Honor Guard team is making progress. Gary Garrison gave an update on the application process.
3. The Hurricane Matthew AAR was held and was an informative session. The written AAR is forthcoming.
4. President Johnson advised that two (2) of our DECON trailer are currently at HGR's Trailer Sales for roof sealing and general maintenance. We are still waiting on equipment for our water damaged trailer. He stated that he will present a power point showing the progress. Once both trailers are up we will conduct the same maintenance on our 3rd trailer housed in Spring Lake.
5. President Johnson is still looking for some old pictures of fire chiefs with inclusive dates for our website.
6. He reminded the Chief's that the Budget Memo from the county manager listed a February 28, 2017 suspense date for our budgets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson discussed briefly the Public Safety Task Force being brought back together to look into the effects of the current re-valuations short falls and overall service of county fire protection progress since the original PSTF report in 2010. Fire Commissioner Keefe recommended to County Manager Amy Cannon that the PSTF be re-established. Manager Cannon presented the request to the County Board of Commissioners and the PSTF was approved unanimously. The PSTF membership calls for representation from a low wealth fire district Chief, a non-low-wealth district chief, municipal chiefs and the President of the Chief's Association as well as EMS, 9-1-1 Communications and Emergency Services. President Johnson stated that Fire Chief Wayne Lucas from the Godwin-Falcon Fire District will represent the low wealth seat, and that Deputy Fire Chief Hank Harris submitted an e-mail officially requesting consideration to fill the non-low wealth seat. Work on the PSTF will be conducted in phases, with the current funding issue being tackled first and the more strategic goals being formulated thereafter.
2. President Johnson talked about the dry conditions and advised everyone to ensure you maintain a high level of readiness and response.
3. President Johnson reported that a Global Harmonization class was being held at the Sandhill CC Hoke Annex on March 6th 2017 in Raeford for anyone needing the mandatory class. (Flyer in the chiefs packets)
4. President Johnson reported that the North Carolina Association of Rescue / EMS announced the retirement reception of Gordon Joyner to be held on March 31st 2017 from 1330-1600 hours.

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

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE BC Martin – Chairpersons, FF Angie Locklear
E-Mail: MMartin@ci.fay.nc.us, or alocklear@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE EMS Chief Brian Pearce – EMS - Chairperson,
E-Mail: bpearce@capefearvalley.com

- President Johnson stated that there is an up-coming joint Communications and AVL committee meeting in the near future, this will be advertised via IAR.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson,
E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Assistant Chef Morgan gave a brief update on the active shooter protocol.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,
E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- Chief Marley stated that a meeting of the committee was scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 0900 at FFD Station 7.

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

- No report.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD),
Chairperson, E-Mail:

- Minutes in your package. Training is needed to understand how the AVL system works, with an informative AVL class being scheduled for all Chiefs during the April Chief's only meeting at EMS base.

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.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Randy Beeman, Director),
E-Mail: rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us

- Director Beeman advised severe weather awareness week is March 5-11, 2017 with a tornado drill set for March 8, 2017.

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

- No report.

HAZMAT BC 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

- CC is short one ranger at this time. Please be patient as response times could be longer.

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

- Steve Drew updated the association members on upcoming changes at FTCC regarding the use of the website to register for classes.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- No report.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.
E-Mail: fjohnson@ncshp.org

- Freddy Johnson Jr. was promoted to Major of Special Operations and Motor Carrier

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner John Keefe

- Commissioner Keefe recapped to the association on the Public Safety Task Force being brought back together to handle upcoming issues and service requirements for the CC Fire Service.
- Commissioner Keefe stated that the re-evaluation of property could cause a reduction of the budget which could affect the FD overall budgets and is a PSTF agenda item.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Deputy Chief Sifford advised the members that Assistant Chief Nixon Spell was retiring effective February 28, 2017.
- Assistant Chief Jason Williams gave a brief presentation on the CC Burned Children's Fund. They have challenge coins and shirts available for purchase. The money collected will stay in Cumberland County for use by our residents.
- President Johnson provided a brief update on Assistant Chief Murphy and asked the membership to keep Chief Murphy in their continued thoughts and prayers. He also stated that Stedman Deputy Fire Chief Timmy Mitchell's wife has been released from the hospital and is not recuperating at home with Timmy by her side.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Harris seconded by Assistant Chief Jason Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Mark A. Melvin
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Fire Chief / Secretary

1 Enclosure

1. Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association – Attendance Roster 2017



**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
ROLL CALL
2017**



MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	18	17													
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT (8)	8	7													
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Department's / Organization's	23-Jan-17	27-Feb-17													
Departments															
BEAVER DAM, STATION 26	P	P													
BETHANY, STATION 12	P	P													
COTTON, STATION 4	P	P													
CUMBERLAND ROAD, STATION 5	P	P													
EASTOVER, STATION 1	P	P													
EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	P	A													
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P													
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	P													
GODWIN - FALCON, STATION 17	P	P													
GRAYS CREEK, STATION 18	P	P													
GRAYS CREEK, STATION 24	P	A													
HOPE MILLS, STATION 21	E	P													
PEARCE'S MILL, STATION 3	P	P													
SPRING LAKE, STATION 22	P	P													
STEDMAN, STATION 23	P	P													
STONE POINT, STATION 13 & 19	P	P													
VANDER, STATION 2 & 8	P	P													
WADE, STATION 16	P	P													
WESTAREA, STATION 15, 20 & 25	P	P													
Associate Organization's															
		P													
CC COMMISSIONERS	P	P													
CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P													
FORESTRY	P	P													
FTCC	P	P													
HAZMAT	P	P													
HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P													
RETIRED FIRE CHIEF'S	P	A													
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	P	P													

Special Notes:

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