

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of March 22, 2010 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was hosted by the Grays Creek Fire Department Station #24. We thank Chief Marsh and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Casanova provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 21 departments and 10 associate members present.

Members Absent: Eastover, Spring Lake

Associate Members Absent: FTCC, Life Link

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

Guests: Billy West, Candidate for the District Attorney's Office
Jim Arp, represented Byran Kent for the 44th State House
Sheriff Butler, Re-Election to the Sheriff's Office
Judge Jim Ammons requested support for Re-Election to the Superior Court
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Ronnie Mitchell, requested support for Election to the Superior Court
Judge Ed Melvin, Re-Election to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

Vendors Present: None.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Point of interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be held April 26, 2010 at the EMS Base. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

- President Johnson updated the members on some valve repairs needed on the foam trailers. There is also a surplus of the old foam that was removed from the trailers. Anyone wishing to have this foam for training or for woods fire purposes should contact President Johnson. There is also a need for some additional training on the trailers
- The ID program is under way. Departments are being scheduled for their pictures and ID updates.

- NFIRS's the following departments have not submitted their 2009 NFIRS's to the DOI/OSFM. Reports are due no later than March 31, 2010.
 1. Cumberland Road
 2. Eastover
 3. Grays Creek #24
 4. Vander

If you have issues on how to submit your reports, please contact President Johnson.

- President Johnson is planning to schedule a joint meeting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each Committee to discuss expectations for the coming year.
- Hoke County is still behind on the Ethanol Plant opening. They are still planning on holding an open house for Fire & Emergency Services Departments only.
- President Johnson handed out packets which contained; CCFD call volume report, Legal Briefs, EOC monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Director Currie gave an update on the CAD program. He discussed the issues involving annexations, GIS, and centerline addressing. Please be patient as we transition into this new CAD program. Director Currie also requested that if you wish to take advantage of the dispatch texting program, please get your cell phone numbers to the office as soon as possible. The disposition codes were handed out and need to be utilized when you clear the call. Please place a copy on all your vehicles and apparatuses for quick access - The final disposition code is required in order to close out the Firehouse CAD entry.
- President Johnson had members of the CC Public Safety Task Force on hand to discuss any issues the membership may have regarding the report and the presentation of the report to County Administration. Chief Nichols stressed to the organization that we must stand together as one as we pursue a funding change. Chief Roye stated that the document was being referred to as "The Definitive Document" as it relates to Cumberland County Public Safety. Chief Hill advised the association that ISO was changing its grading system and that the recommendations presented by the task force were more in line with the new ways that were coming. President Johnson re-iterated the point that this not solely a sales tax increase but this would provide a very SIGNIFICANT property tax relief for all property owners both in the county and all municipalities, whereas everyone would benefit from a county tax relief and those within municipalities would receive a municipal tax relief on top of the county relief - in lieu of a sales tax increase that will be supported by everyone. Sales tax is a tax that each individual controls and depends entirely on what you spend.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson asked for in-put from the membership with the disposition of the old Fire Safety House. The house has been taken out of service and has been moved to Station 19 for temporary storage until disposed. A discussion amongst the membership followed and President Johnson will either propose a sealed bid sale or have the unit placed for sale on E-Bay and report back to the membership at next months meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **FYL**. 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@stonepointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- The Fire Prevention Committee made a recommendation to purchase a DVD series for fire prevention. The cost is estimated at \$650.00. The motion was made and approved by a roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- Chief Bullard requested that anyone having communications issues contact him.

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

- No report.

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

BULK PURCHASE COMMITTEE Chief Roye (EMS) Chairperson

- Chief Roye wants to bring an agent to discuss GPO Premiere Bulk Purchase Program to the next meeting.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Currie, Director

- No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: Michael Roye, Director

- Chief Roye will be looking for a new Deputy Chief for training.

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

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Andrew Synder, County Ranger

- Mr. Synder thanked everyone for their work this past month and feels like all is going well thus far.

FTCC Ernest Ward, Director

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Sgt. Hodges briefed that the Task Force has received two pickup trucks that will help facilitate their work in the field. These vehicles are in service and were on display tonight

HIGHWAY PATROL

- No report.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova

- Chaplain Casanova reminded everyone that prayer works. He gave several examples of past experiences

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

1. Chief Marley and Sheriff Butler thanked everyone for their professionalism displayed at the funeral of Engineer / Arson Investigator Wallace Smith today.
2. President Johnson thanked all those that assisted with the large woods fire this past weekend and assisted Stoney Point and the Cotton Fire Departments.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Deputy Chief Tracy Smith, seconded by Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2100 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

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