

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION  
MONTHLY MEETING  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 1998**

The September 1998 meeting was held at Lafayette Village Fire Department on the above date and called to order at 7:40 PM by President James Hall. Chief J.F. Hall delivered the prayer.

Chief James Hall thanked the Lafayette Village Fire Department for the outstanding dinner and asked that roll call be taken.

The following members were present: Station 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, Sheriff's Office, Fire Marshals office, Emergency Medical Services, County Commissioners, Fayetteville Tech, and the Christian Firefighter Association.

The minutes from the 8/24/98 meeting were read and approved.

No treasurer report was read.

Chief Reilly moved to change the October meeting to October 19 instead of October 26th. The members present approved this request.

The floor was opened to guest speakers. These speakers included Connie Austin from Life of Georgia insurance company, Rhonda McLeod from First Citizens Bank, Sheriff Butler, Jim Ammons, Robert Stiehl, Victoria Elmore, Juanita Gonzoles and Breedan Blackwell.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Hall and Ricky Strickland met with the County Commissioners in reference to firefighters riding for free on the Medic Units. They still need to meet again. Wally Ainsworth offered his assistance.

Henry Swartsout discussed the E-mail system. Chief Middleton asked how many ports were available to us now and Henry told him 4 at the time but he was working to get some additional ones. Henry advised the group that we needed to check our e-mail system so that phone numbers could be changed. It was discussed that some departments are having to wait a while before they could sign on due to other departments being on line. Henry said he could dump people off line if we wanted or he could set a limit that would automatically dump after a period of time. Henry would like to be contacted if you are receiving a busy signal when you try to sign on. Henry will get a list to Chief Hall with the names of the departments spending a lot of time on the system. Henry gave his e-mail address if anyone was experiencing problems. (Henry@ccfa.org) If you e-mail him he will get back to you as soon as he can. Some departments are interested in creating a web page. Henry said that could be accomplished if a department wanted to. Henry said it would be easier if all departments did this together that individually. Henry went further to discuss the benefits of the e-mail system.

Garrett Alexander from the Tax Office was asked to attend the meeting to discuss questions regarding the tax base for each district. Chief Matthew's asked why a department had to submit a letter to the county to receive any additional funds that are in our accounts above the amount we were projected to receive. Mr. Alexander said that it was a general statute. We have to submit a letter to the county requesting the funds and the reasons we are requesting it. Chief Marley stated that it was his understanding that when the county fire departments went to the .10 tax rate, we would no longer have to request additional funds. Mr. Alexander said that during the year things are found or added to districts that increase funds therefore we end up with a surplus each year. Its up to the fire districts to call and find out the amount and then to request it. These request have to be made before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Alexander also informed the group that they were working on a new mapping system that could be used to check your districts to make sure you are receiving what you are supposed to receive. Mr. Alexander made himself available to all members if they have questions. You can contact him at 678-7505. Mr. Alexander said he would like to meet with us next year when the mapping system is complete so he could explain it to us.

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Fire prevention was discussed. The fire Marshals office was unable to obtain the mall for a display. We discussed other options. It was too late to do any thing this year. A committee should be put on this next year at an earlier date to work something up. Chief Sudia informed the group of their Emergency Services day planned for the 31st of October. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Hope Mills Fire Department. Some discussion was made in reference to departments purchasing fire prevention items together at a bulk rate to possibly save money.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief House discussed the State Retirement System. He explained his desire to get this program opened. Rep. Mia Morris has been very helpful and with the assistance of Senator Rand a meeting could be set up with members from Raleigh, Senator Rand and the interested departments. Chief House passes around a sign up sheet for departments to sign up on. Chief House will contact Tony Rand and report back to the members.

Christian Firefighters will meet at Station 10 at 7 PM on October 13, 1998

Fire Marshals office needs the orange sheets returned to him. The foam unit reports are back. All look good except for the unit at Vander, A second test needs to be done. There will be an incident report class at Station 5 on October 26 at 7 PM. The Safety House had to have work done to it. The rotted floor was repaired and on September 29 it will be at Image Graphics to be re-painted. The windows will be sealed. DOI was here last week to inspect the 9s fire departments. The biggest thing they found wrong was that departments were not listing part time employees. If you have a firefighter that works for your department and volunteers at another department they need to be listed on both rosters. David Church from ISO will be here beginning on October 12 so be aware. For the departments that had firefighters go to Florida there will be an appreciation day at the Zoo in Asheville October 03.

FTCC Told the group of the water rescue class to be at LRFD on October 9-10. Spring Lake will be hosting a Confined space class. The dates are not set yet. Please support the FireFighter Academy.

Chief J.F. Hall passed out flyers for his open house on October 3.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM

Minutes taken and typed by  Chief House filling in for Chief Wilson

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**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

This meeting was called in order for Rick Strickland to discuss with the departments the incident involving Manchester Fire Department. Ricky Strickland explained to the group the problems and what lead up to the decision made by the Department of Insurance and The County of Cumberland.

Ricky Strickland further discussed that so far 3 departments were inspected and all are OK right now.

Lee Sudia discussed Fallen Firefighter Ceremony that will be held the week after fire prevention month. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Chief Sudia at Hope Mills Fire Department.

Minutes taken by Chief House 