



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by Godwin – Falcon Fire Department and we thank Chief Lucas for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Chief Lucas provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 6 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: Eastover, Vander.

Associate Members: CC Commissioners, HAZ-Mat, Retired Fire Chiefs

Approval of Minutes: The April 2017 meeting minutes will be approved at the June meeting.

Guests:

- Sheriff Ennis Wright briefly discussed the 911 consolidation proposal. He introduced Chief Deputy Jenkins to the organization.
- Dr. Wirth, Asst. Medical Director CFVH system
- Pam Lowder, CCEMS quality assurance

Vendors Present:

- Doug West, Office Value
- Andrew Kinzie, Stevens Fire
- Ken Crouch, Viking Life Safety & Cancer Affects

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Point of Interests:

***Next Chief's Meeting** will be Monday June 26, 2017. The chiefs' membership meeting will be hosted by Grays Creek Fire Department Station 18.*

- Fayetteville FD has the air truck responsibilities during the month of June 2017.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
 - Health, and Safety materials
 - Fire Chiefs Legal Briefs
 - Budget Handouts
 - PSTF meeting information
 - Guilford County Fire Protection Contract

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson updated the membership concerning the Freedom App and I-PAD distribution which was completed last week on Thursday May 18, 2017. With implementation of all the tablets last week a system-wide slow down occurred. In order to mitigate the issue, county IT has upgraded the random access memory (RAM) space on the system. IT also moved the Freedom Application to a dedicated file server in order to address the system-wide slow down issues, and is working with OSSI in order to achieve peak performance.

2. There will be a train the trainer class held at the Charlie Rose Agri. Expo Center on May 31st from 0900 until 1200 hours. Each station is requested to send two personnel with tablets. This will be an OSSI Web-cast training event, with IT representative on site to answer questions. An evening class is also being coordinated in the near future.

3. The Honor Guard account has been set up at American uniforms and the selectees will begin being fitted for their uniforms.

4. President Johnson stated provided a quick update concerning the last PSTF. He stated that the meeting was very good, with Mr. Grayson the PSTF facilitator introducing the retired Guilford County Emergency Services Director and now Guilford County Commissioner Alan Perdue. Alan provided an excellent overview of the Guilford County contract process. As a result he is trying to see if Mr. Perdue can attend our June meeting in order to inform the entire association on the contract process, and why. He also contacted retired Chief Gregg Grayson to attend the meeting in order to introduce the facilitator to the membership.

- ❖ President Johnson stated that he talked with the County Manager and she informed him that the county is not looking to take over the fire business. She is looking for ways to ensure protection across the entire County, a sustained funding source and a contract upgrade renewal based on minimum performance measures.

5. President Johnson provided that our budget still looks like it will come in approximately \$265,000 dollars short. He stated that he meet earlier this afternoon with Manager Cannon and Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson to discuss the shortfall. Finance is now double checking our numbers but it should be within the \$ 265,000.00 ball park. With 75% of our volunteer departments experiencing a budget shortfall due to the re-evaluation process, we are looking to have a one (1) time remedy utilizing available special fire tax district funds and funds from the CCFCA fund-balance in order to bring those VFD's to a revenue neutral balance based on the current year FY 16/17 budget projections.

- ❖ During our finance committee meeting this dilemma was discussed in detail. In order to move this forward, finance committee member Chief Bill Autry made a motion to move and utilize funds from the association fund-balance along with available funds from the special fire service tax districts for the purpose of a one (1) infusion and remedy to assist those departments with identified losses and bring them back to a revenue neutral position. Chief Kevin Herndon seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried by all members present.
- ❖ President Johnson stated that during June meeting we will know for sure the exact amount. Once approved the association will write a check to the Cumberland County Finance

Department who in turn will send out the one (1) time payment sometimes after the beginning of the new Fiscal Year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson advised the association the Ken Hall will be retiring from Cumberland Road Fire Department after 39 years of service. His retirement ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 9th at 1830 hours at Faymont Baptist Church on Cumberland Road.
2. President Johnson advised that the SHP will be selling their Motorola 5000 series radios. President Johnson has put in a request to receive 50 of the radios to assist with placing additional radios on our apparatuses riding positions IAW the applicable NFPA Standard.
3. President Johnson stated that he had been contacted by a couple of Fire Chiefs concerning issues with IT support dealing with departments desk tops and internal IT issues. These departments had lost their internal IT support. He stated that he discussed this issue with county IT Director, both managers, Director Beeman and tonight with the finance committee. The general consensus from the finance committee was to move this issue forward with county IT and government to see what we can work out. The plan would be to increase our current 50% IT position funding, by possibly funding a full time position within the County IT department with responsibilities to assist and support our programs and our Fire Departments.
4. EMS Chief Pearce addressed the association concerning EMS issues and introduced Doctor Wirth and Pam Lowder of the CFVH system and their work towards the EMS program. They look for ways to improve quality patient care thru the use of peer review, training and protocols. Chief Pearce also reminded the organization that he needed our help in turning in items that were going to expire six (6) months out so that it could be placed on the busier EMS units and utilized prior to expiration. This would prevent the FD from having outdated supplies and would assist EMS from losing money on supplies that can no longer be used. Chief Herndon asked Chief Pearce to research the possibility of firefighters being able to receive a free ride on the EMS units when injured. Chief Pearce stated that he would have to talk with finance about that situation.

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

- Chief Martin did report that a safety day is being planned but a new location was being looked into.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- Peggie Knight of FBEMS reported that the memorial committee has already begun the process for the 2017 October memorial service. The memorial court restoration process is on-going and there is a plan to recognize members of our emergency services that die while on active duty but not in the line of duty. Please get the names of your personnel to Peggie no later than June 15th.

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

- President Johnson provided that our budget still looks like it will come in approximately \$265,000 dollars short. During the finance committee meeting Chief Autry made a motion for the association and the County to make a one-time infusion to assist getting the departments that were seeing a decrease back to a revenue neutral position. Chief Herndon seconded the motion and the motion carried.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: efd402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

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

- No Report

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services)
Chairperson, E-Mail: wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- President Johnson asked Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth that we needed to meet and finalize our Knox Box Key Security Issues.

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

- EM Gene Booth gave an after action report on Hurricane Matthew. A hard copy of the AAR will be provided to all departments.

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

- No Report. – See new business.

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

- No Report

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

- Steve Drew updated the association members on the minimum requirements for holding a certification class. You need 6 personnel for a firefighter class and 9 for a rescue technician class.

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

- No further report from the Sheriff's office.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.

E-Mail: fljohnson@ncshp.org

- Please drive safe on this Memorial Day weekend.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner John Keefe

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson updated the membership on Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy's rehabilitation and progress, and asked the members to keep Chief Murphy in our continued thoughts and prayers.
- Treasurer Johnson asked the association to please forward all US Health Works bills to him so that we can ensure a prompt payment.

- Chief Hodges stated that HMFD would be doing a hose purchase in September if any other department wanted to come in on the purchase with them.
- Chief Marley announced that President Johnson had received the NVFC lifetime achievement award last month in Washington DC and an article concerning the award is in the May Firehouse Magazine issues.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Mark Melvin seconded by Chief Ronnie Marley. The meeting was adjourned at 2115 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

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	17	17	17										
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT (9)	8	7	8	8	6										
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Department's / Organization's	23-Jan-17	27-Feb-17	27-Mar-17	24-Apr-17	22-May-17										
Departments															
BEAVER DAM, STATION 26	P	P	P	P	P										
BETHANY, STATION 12	P	P	P	P	P										
COTTON, STATION 4	P	P	P	P	P										
CUMBERLAND ROAD, STATION 5	P	P	P	P	P										
EASTOVER, STATION 1	P	P	P	P	A										
EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	P	A	P	P	P										
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P										
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	P	E	E	P										
GODWIN – FALCON, STATION 17	P	P	P	P	P										
GRAYS CREEK, STATION 18	P	P	P	P	P										
GRAYS CREEK, STATION 24	P	A	P	A	P										
HOPE MILLS, STATION 21	E	P	P	P	P										
PEARCE'S MILL, STATION 3	P	P	P	P	P										
SPRING LAKE, STATION 22	P	P	P	P	P										
STEDMAN, STATION 23	P	P	P	P	P										
STONE POINT, STATION 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P										
VANDER, STATION 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	A										
WADE, STATION 16	P	P	P	P	P										
WESTAREA, STATION 15, 20 & 25	P	P	E	P	P										
Associate Organization's															
CC COMMISSIONERS	P	P	P	P	A										
CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P										
FORESTRY	P	P	P	P	P										
FORT BRAGG EMS	P	P	P	P	P										
FTCC	P	P	P	P	P										
HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	A										
HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P										
RETIRED FIRE CHIEF'S	P	A	P	P	A										
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	P	A	A	A	P										

Special Notes:

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