

**Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association**  
**Minutes of December 15, 2008 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting sponsored by Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler and held at the new Cumberland County Detention Center. We thank Sheriff Butler and his staff for their hospitality and excellent dinner.

**Opening Prayer:** Sheriff Butler provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 20 Departments and 8 Associate members present.

Members Absent: 10, 24, Pope AFB,

Associate Members Absent: Emergency Services, Fire Commissioner, Christian Firefighters

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the November 2008 were approved as presented

**Guests:** North Carolina State Senator Tony Rand  
Hoke County Sheriff Hubert A. Peterkin  
Hoke County Ranger Sandy Prevatte  
Cumberland County Forest Ranger Joe Johnson & Staff Members

**Vendors Present:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Not Applicable

**Meeting Point of interests:**

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held January 26, 2009 at **EMS Base**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- President Johnson passed out the following informational papers;
  - Call Volume for the Month of November and Year to date
  - Senate Bill 238 – Disbursement of Firefighter's Relief Funds based on Fire District Tax value.
  - Safety Bulleting from Governors Michael F. Easley concerning Verification of Caterers for Holiday Parties & Events.
  - Thank You Note from the family of Mrs. Sallie Hall mother of Fire Chief J. F. Hall.
  - Thank You Note from the family of Mr. Hunter Smith, Board of Directors Vander Fire District.
  - CCFCA Letter of Request to Chairperson Cumberland County Board of Commissioners to re-appoint Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin.<sup>1</sup>

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson informed the members that tonight the County Board of Commissioners along with our Emergency Services Director will meet in closed session to discuss changes to the county contract. He informed the members that we should prepare and expect major changes based on comments made by the out-going chairman Mr. Blackwell during past meetings. He asked all Fire Chief's to insure they brief their perspective board of directors and keep them informed. He stated he recently met with a fire district board of directors and they were not fully aware of what was going on therefore he depends on each chief officer to keep his/her board abreast. He reminded all members that as a whole the Cumberland County Fire Districts have done an excellent job over the last fifty years in providing emergency fire protection services and over the last 12 years we enhanced our service delivery to include Emergency Medical and Rescue Responses without any increase of funding. He asked members not to read into the rumor meals about contract issues, each district has a governing body that is overall responsible and as far as he is aware there has never been any complaints raised about our service delivery and if there is the governing body should be made aware and provided the opportunity to correct the problem. Our current contract is over 20 years old and it does need up-grading if nothing else as to update the contract to meet current laws and national standards. President Johnson also informed all the members that together as a team we will prevail but divided we will fail.
2. President Johnson informed the members that all the requested and approved Honor Guard equipment has been ordered and is slowly coming in. The equipment will be placed on the City of Fayetteville's property hand-receipts. He reminded all the members that the equipment was ordered on-line through Stoney Point on behalf of the association.
3. President Johnson informed the members that our Fire Safety Grant Amendment with the Assistance of Firefighter Grant (AFG) office for our new Fire Safety House has been approved and a Purchase Order has been submitted for the new house. It will take approximately 90 to 120 days for delivery of the new Safety House. This new state of the art safety house will require additional training and operators must be trained in order to sign for and use the house.
4. President Johnson re-emphasized that our revised Incident Command Procedures will go in effect on January 1, 2009. He asked all Chief's to insure that all their members are aware of this new implementation date and asked all departments to support the newly adopted procedures.
5. RIT issues came up for discussion and President Johnson stated that we would table this issue until the Chief's only meeting in January due to the holidays. <sup>2</sup>

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson and North Carolina State Senator Tony Rand presented retiring Cumberland County Ranger Joe Johnson with a plaque from the Association and ***“The Order of the Long Leaf Pine”*** our states highest civilian award presented through the Governor’s Office. The Order was signed by Governor Mike Easley. Ranger Joe Johnson is retiring after more then 35 years of service to our State, County and Citizens.
2. A discussion was brought up concerning the testing of alarm systems which often trigger a call and response from the fire department. It was recommended that we look into the feasibility that a letter or a notification of testing is reported to the communication center and or fire department to reduce these self-induced false alarms. President Johnson will talk with the County Fire Marshal to work on this project.
3. President Johnson thanked all the members, committee members and members of the executive committee for their hard work during 2008. It was a fast year that brought about challenges for all of us, together as a team we can move forward in 2009 and further improve our service delivery, and hopefully we will be able to induce much needed additional funding as well. He wished everyone a very happy and safe Christmas Holiday and a very happy 2009.
4. President Johnson discussed the requirements of NFPA 1221 pertaining to pre-alerts and the testing of Radio and Voice Amplification Circuits are subject to voice testing twice daily.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **ID CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Johnson (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@stoneypointfire.com

### **FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- No report

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- No report.<sup>3</sup>

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

- No report<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINING COMMITTEE** Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- No report.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** Chief S. Blackburn (Ft. Bragg) Chairperson

- No report

**AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE** Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) 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

**EASTERN FIRE SCHOOL** Chief R. Marley (Pearces Mill) Chairperson

- No report

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Michael Roye, Director

- No report

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** Kenny Curry, Director

- No Report

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**HAZMAT** Capt. Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1432

- No report<sup>5</sup>

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Ranger J. Johnson

- No report

**FTCC** Ernest Ward

- No report

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- Sheriff Butler thanked all the chief's for their continued support and wished everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- Reminded the entire chief's again about the pending road construction on I-95 that will affect Cumberland County through back up.

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS** Chaplain Casanova

- No report

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2040 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy Johnson*  
Fire Chief Freddy Johnson  
President

*Mark A. Melvin*  
Deputy Chief Mark Melvin  
Secretary

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