



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the November 25, 2019 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Godwin –Falcon Fire Department at Station 17 and we thank Chief Lucas and his staff for their hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Godwin-Falcon Fire Department Chaplain provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was inadvertently omitted.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 10 associate members present.
- Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: Fort Bragg Fire Department

Associate Members: Fort Bragg EMS

Approval of Minutes: The October 28, 2019 minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Michelle Larson – C-FORT

Special Guests: Duane Holder, Assistant County Manager
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager

Vendors Present: Robbie Austin – T-Mobile Commercial Sales Rep
Todd Harris – Kenwood Radio Dealer

Treasurer's Report: Quarterly reports will be presented with our next report in January 2020

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting will be Monday, December 16, at Sheriff's Office Detention center hosted by Sheriff Wright the meeting will begin at 7 PM

- Fayetteville FD (**Air 1**) will assume air truck rotation during the month of December followed by Stoney Point (**1981**) in January 2020.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Numerous informational, safety and instructional handouts were provided in your packets.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson provided an update on the Caisson Unit. The unit was used for the first time last Friday by the Fort Bragg Fire Department for the service of retired Fort Bragg Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief David Dunn. The honor guard personnel using the truck provided positive feedback. A couple of minor issues are still in the works and the goal is to have the unit completed by our January 2020 chiefs meeting at Pearce's Mill Fire Department. Lettering is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd week of December and pictures were provided for illustration concerning the recommended style. President Johnson requested input from the membership and asked that emails be sent with recommendations. Otherwise he will move forward with the recommended style. Insurance and license and tags have been obtained for the truck in the association's name. He also stated that the truck is going in for service on Wednesday to repair the radiator and service the truck.
2. President Johnson advised that we presented the 1985 Seagrave Truck to the Cumberland County School System on November 12, 2019 at EE Smith High School. The event was well attended by Chiefs and dignitaries as far away as Raleigh. The school principal welcomed us to the school and provided a tour of their new virtual reality lab. President Johnson will schedule one of our quarterly chief's only meetings at the school in order to have all the chiefs witness this new technology that will be future fire, rescue and EMS training means. The Fire Academy Instructor presented a plaque to the association for their appreciation of our assistance to the high school fire academy. The plaque will be displayed at the courthouse until the new Emergency Services Building is in service, and hopefully the association will be provided a wall to hang all our county-wide plaques or association pictures.
3. President Johnson stated that tomorrow he will meet with Mr. Jackson, his staff and IT to discuss our current I-Pad update issues. At issue is the dilemma concerning Freedom Application (FA) updates of department owned I-Pads that are exclusively utilized in conjunction with county 9-1-1 fire, EMS and rescue Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) incidents.
4. President Johnson followed up on behalf of the NCAFC and urged the members of the association to consider the purchase of a North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) member personalized license plate. The NC Fire Officer plate can be ordered directly on the NCAFC website and is available to all association members. The purchase of the plates was also opened to any NC Fire Officer. Please inform your department officers to see if any would like to order a plate and assist the NCAFC with reaching the 500 minimum order required by North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) in order to manufacture and distribute the Official North Carolina Fire Officer License Tag. If the goal is met these new tags will be available in 2020.
5. Michelle Larson, assisted by Gene Booth provided a power point presentation on the current Cumberland County Opioid crisis and provided statistical information. She also provided information about C-Fort as well as limited funding to obtain Naloxone for rural fire departments. She provided a hand-out and information concerning an on-line survey that she urged all chiefs to complete. She also advised invited all the chiefs to the next C-Fort meeting. Assistant Chief Kevin Morgan is a C-Fort member and represents the CCFCA. We will also be sending out an email with a link for all of us to complete the requested survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Godwin-Falcon Board President Keith Matthews addressed the membership and invited the chiefs to join him, the Godwin-Falcon Board of Directors and members for a retirement ceremony for Fire Chief Wayne Lucas and Wayne Doorman on Saturday January 25, 2020 at 6 pm at the Godwin-Falcon Fire Department. Chief Lucas will retire effective December 31, 2019 with 50 years of dedicated service. Wayne Doorman, who retired in October after 40 years of dedicated service to the Godwin-Falcon Fire Department, will also be recognized. He will send out an e-mail through President Johnson with additional information.
2. Mr. Robbie Austin with T-Mobile Commercial Sales provided a presentation of T-Mobile services which are available on State Contract Pricing.
3. Assistant Fire Chief TJ McLamb briefed the members of the association concerning the **Keep the Wreath Red**, a Community Risk Reduction program for the holidays. With our holiday period starting with Thanksgiving and running through New Years the period comes with special fire hazards. He stated that the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) advises that statistics confirm that during the holiday season the number of structure related fires increases. He recommended that we as an association during the holiday season conduct a CRR consisting of a fire safety awareness program without investing much of our time by jointly participating in the “**Keep the Wreath Red**” program. The concept of the program is simple, as most of us already decorate our departments and with the “**Keep the Wreath Red**” each department will display a holiday wreath, large enough to be seen by passerby or vehicle traffic, and decorated in all **RED** holiday lights. One white light replaces a red light on the wreath for every fire that occurs within our perspective districts. We will also utilize all media and social media outlets to promote the program. Chief McLamb advised that a 36” wreath costs about \$ 40.00 plus red and white lights but we could do this for about \$ 50.00 per department. President Johnson stated that we still have funds in our Public Fire Education budget whereas we only utilized 50% of our \$ 3000.00 annual fire prevention budget. After a brief discussion Fire Chief Jason Williams made a **MOTION** to purchase one (1) wreath with the appropriate red and white lights per fire district. The motion was **SECONDED** by Fire Chief Gary Brock and unanimously **APPROVED** by a roll call vote. Chief McLamb will coordinate the purchase through Walmart via an on-line purchase and President Johnson will have all the wreaths delivered when received.

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
 - President Johnson again asked the members to please recycle or return the clips used for our ID Cards. These clips are extremely expensive and we need to reuse them as much as possible in order to hold down costs. Please collect clips when your members leave a department and recycle the clips. He also reminded the membership that we do not print blue tags, which are considered a temporary tag only.

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE E-Mail: Chief T.J. McLamb jmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- Chief McLamb informed the members concerning a Christmas public education project.
new Business

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

- No Report

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 informed the members that our annual financial audit from Haigh, Byrd and Lambert, LLP – Certified Public Accountants has been completed. The audits will be distributed during our quarterly chiefs' only meeting in January 2020 at the Pearce's Mill Fire Department. He also reminded the rural chiefs that all our audits are due on December 31, 2019 to the Cumberland County Internal Auditors Office.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD), Chairperson, E-Mail: clhodges@townofhopemills.com

- Chairman Hodges stated that an email is forthcoming concerning the date and time of the next Communication/Dispatch Steering Committee meeting.

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services)

Chairperson, E-Mail: wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- President Johnson asked Fire Marshal Kevin Lowder to schedule a meeting concerning Knox box and key security.

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (FFD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: tmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

NC WORKFORCE SOLUTION GRANTS – COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: Jnobles@stedmanfire.com

- No Report

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson
E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- Mr. Jackson provided an update on the unfilled grant funding as well as establishing grant guidelines. He stated funding will be based on priorities with committee input from the association, with spring 2020 set as a completion goal.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director),
E-Mail: gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- *Director Booth* reiterated the Opioid crisis and the need for naloxone. He updated the membership on the upcoming critical decision making class in December. The class is full but additional classes scheduled for January 2020 still have vacancies. He also talked about the Global Harmonization System Class with three (3) classes scheduled at FTCC the first weekend in December.
- *Emergency Management Director Hendrix* re-emphasized participating in the upcoming **WEBEOC** exercise scheduled for December 10, 2019 from 2 until 4 pm.
- *FM Lowder* updated the membership about the smoke alarm program.
- *Adam Johnson* – Not in attendance.

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

- Director Pearce inquired about the associations REHAB SOG in order to review. President Johnson stated that the association adopted a REHAP policy in December 2014 and will forward a copy to Director Pearce

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
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

- Training Coordinator Steve Drew informed the membership that Cotton Fire Department is offering Firefighter II certification classes.

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

- Sr. Sergeant Steve Hodges informed the members about staff changes within the Detective Division and reminded the members that Sheriff Wright is hosting the December Christmas meeting on Monday December 16, 2019 at 7 PM in the detention center.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us
(Captain Jay Devane) jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

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

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail sean.johnson@ncdps.gov

- No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

- Fire Commissioner Faircloth provided a personal fire department story from 40 years ago when his car caught on fire and he called the FD. He also provided a quick update on the new EOC and Emergency Service Building and estimated that the remodeling will take about 18 months or so.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

President Johnson on behalf of the executive committee wished everyone a safe but joyous and Happy Thanksgiving,

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Captain Jay Devane and seconded by Steve Drew.

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

Mark A. Melvin, CFO
Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 1

1 – October 2019 & Year to date – Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	16	17	18	17	17	19	19	19	17	18	18	
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (12)	08	10	8	9	7	8	8	10	8	9	10	
PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE	60	75	69	67	59	76	66	62	59	46	57	

CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting		28-JAN-19 - PMFD 25-FEB-19 – CVFD-4 25-MAR-19 – CRVFD-5 22- APR-19 - PMFD 20-MAY-19 - BVFD-12 24-JUN-19 – SPVFD-19 22-JUL-19 - PMFD 26-AUG-19 – WCVFD-16 23-SEP-19 – VVFD-25 28-OCT-19 - PMFD 25-NOV-19 – GFVFD-17 16-DEC-19 - SHERIFF											
		MEMBERS		MEETING DATES									
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	X	X	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	X	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	P	X	
09	GODWIN – FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	X	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	E	E	E	
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
18	WADE STA 16	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	X	P	
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P	P	X	P	E	P	X	P	X	P	X	
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	X	X	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
05	FIRE COMMISSIONER	X	X	X	P	E	X	X	X	X	X	P	
06	FORESTRY	E	E	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	
07	FORT BRAGG EMS	X	P	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
08	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	
09	HAZMAT	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	
10	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	
11	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	
12	SHERIFFS OFFICE	X	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	