

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 23, 1998

The meeting was hosted by the Vander Fire Department; President J.E. Hall called the meeting to order at 19:45 hours. President Hall thanked the Vander Ladies Auxiliary for their hospitality and the fine meal. Invocation was given by Sheriff Moose Butler.

Roll was called: 22 Departments were represented and 13 Associate Members were present.

Secretary's Report for The Board of Directors Meeting on January 26, 1998 was approved as presented.

GUESTS:

Lisa Booth, Community Service Work Program - Ms. Booth presented information about the program and how to become involved if interested. She also gave references of departments currently involved in the program. She stated that interested departments could contact her at 486-1307.

The following Political Officials were present and briefly spoke to the association:

District Court Judge Robert Stiehl
Sheriff Moose Butler
County Commissioner Ed Melvin
County Commissioner Marshal Faircloth
County Commissioner Juanita Gonzales
County Commissioner Johnny Evans
Candidate Reedin Blackwell

OLD BUSINESS:

V. President J.F. Hall distributed copies of the Association By-Laws. He encouraged all chiefs to review them and be prepared to discuss them at the March meeting.

Chief Freddy Johnson introduced Bill Stewart from TMS Computer Center. Mr Stewart gave an in depth overview of the FIREHOUSE Software.

Chief Mike Middleton made a motion to adopt the "FIREHOUSE" software as the standard computer software for the county. Motion was seconded by Chief Merrill Naylor. Motion passed by roll call vote

"Preservation of Life and Property Through Organization"

Chief Freddy Johnson introduced Henry Swartout who reviewed the E-Mail that would be installed at each station.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Marshal Rickey Strickland introduced Steven Bozo from Air Quality Control. Mr. Bozo reviewed the standards for Open Burning, Site Assessments and Land Clearing and responded to questions and complaints.

Chief Jimmy Goodman recommended that a representative from Air Quality Control attend our meetings at least quarterly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRAINING & EDUCATION - No Report

STANDARDS - No Report

PLANNING & RESEARCH - No Report

FINANCE - No Report

COMMUNICATIONS - No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS - No Report

FIRE MARSHAL - Rickey Strickland advised that the Qualification Board was recommending that the Recertification Program be abolished, he stated that once an individual obtained their certification it would be good for the duration of his/her career. He was soliciting an opinion from the association to present at the next Qualification Board meeting. He advised that the committee would be presenting their recommendation to the Fire Commission at the April meeting. Chief Mike Middleton made a motion to support the Qualification Boards recommendation. Motion was Seconded by Chief Terry Rielly. Motion passed by show of hands. Secretary will submit a letter to that Fire Marshal.

Mr. Strickland also advised that he had received a matching grant for smoke detectors for \$250. He stated the he had spoke with the "Meals on Wheels" Program about working with them to distribute the smoke detectors to the shut-in's. Chief Merrill Naylor made a motion that the Chiefs' Association match the grant and support the program. Motion was Seconded by Chief John House. Motion passed by show of hands.

STATE HIGHWAY PATROL - Sgt. R.E. Clendenin stated that he had a class available pertaining to emergency response liabilities, anyone interested could contact him at 486-1058

FORESTRY - Joe Johnson requested assistance from the association to fund the Smoke Chaser for

the 98-98 Budget year. He advised that he had appropriated sum funds for this position and was requesting that the association fund the remaining \$4,339. Request was tabled.

President J.E. Hall advised that Ron Brown, ISO representative would be present at the March meeting in Pierce Mills.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 22:30 hours.

Respectfully,

Larry A. Wilson
Secretary