



# Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the February 25, 2019 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs Only meeting was hosted by the Cotton Fire Department. We thank Chief Harris and his staff for their hospitality and snacks.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Tatum provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the members with the pledge of allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 10 associate members present.
- Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: CFVEMS, Wade #16

Associate Members: Forestry

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved as presented.

**Guests:** Chief Tracy Mosley, NCAFC VWS Coordinator  
Jamaal Doran, Kirk Deviere representative letting us know that he is available if we need questions or issues addressed.

**Special Guests:** Commissioner Michael Boose  
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe

**Vendors Present:** Corky Over, FirstNet, gave a brief on the FirstNet program and pricing.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

### **Meeting Points of Interests:**

*Next Chief's Meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2019 at Cumberland Road FD #5. Dinner will be served.*

- Grays Creek #24 has the air truck responsibilities during the month of March followed by Vander FD in April 2019.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. President Johnson stated utilizing Dish Network will provide us with the best cost effective option for streaming news in the new Command Bus. A meeting is forthcoming with a Dish Network representative.

2. President Johnson reported that the ID Machine printer is currently out of service for repairs. The printer is in Garner in order to have several worn out plastic gears replaced. He will notify via IAR once the printer is back in service.
3. President Johnson informed the membership that everyone that requested Freedom App for their smart phone has been sent a link and all pertinent information by Hunter Forbes (County IT) in order to download the app on your phone. If anyone is having issues please let us know. He reminded the members that logging into the freedom app and leave it running all day will run down your battery. The best practice is to log in if you have a call and log out at the conclusion of the call.
4. President Johnson reminded the membership that with our ground cover fire season here, and with the current shortage of county rangers that we agreed to automatically dispatch an extra brush unit on all woods, grass or brush fires during all forestry readiness level 3 or higher events.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chief Tracy Mosley the NCAFC Volunteer Workforce Solution Coordinator gave an overview of the grant being used to promote volunteerism within our county and state. A video is available for you to use to enhance your recruitment efforts.
2. President Johnson presented Lifetime Membership Proclamations to Kenneth Hall, Harold Shirley and Ben Major. Commissioner Keefe and Commissioner Boose presented Ben Major with a retirement certificate and award to celebrate Chief Major's retirement.
3. President Johnson requested equipment, hose, nozzles and appliances for the Seagrave Fire Truck that is being readied for donation to the Cumberland County Schools, EE Smith High School Fire Protection program.
4. Honor Guard Commander O'loane presented the annual report on the 2018 activities for Honor Guard.

### **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](mailto:cjohnson.spfd@gmail.com)
  - President Johnson 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. So when members leave a department do not give the ID Tags and clips to the departing member, instead take up the clips.

#### **FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE** (To Be Determined)

E-Mail: [JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No report .

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

- Assistant Chief Murphy informed the members in attendance that he would be calling in order to get numbers to survey where we stand with the completion of the Rescue Task Force (RTF) training classes. This will assist with the assessment of our county-wide preparedness to respond and mitigate active shooter incidents.

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

- No report.

**AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE** Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [gcf24@nc.rr.com](mailto:gcf24@nc.rr.com)

- No Report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [spfd1302@nc.rr.com](mailto:spfd1302@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

**RESCUE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [cfd402@nc.rr.com](mailto:cfd402@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No Report

**FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE** – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (FFD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [tmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:tmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No Report

**NC WORKFORCE SOLUTION GRANT – COMMITTEE** – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: [jnobles@stedmanfire.com](mailto:jnobles@stedmanfire.com)

- No report.

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

- Chief Bradshaw discussed that the committee is organized and has looked at a needs assessment and way forward. They will be bringing further information to the group in the next few months.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE** – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson  
E-Mail: [tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- Assistant County Manager Jackson briefed that a tour of the new 9-1-1 and EOC building for all the chiefs is scheduled for April 6, 2019 at 1200 hours. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served.
- Assistant County Manager Sally Shutt responsible for all county Public Information dissemination addressed what her office is doing to assist us with our on-going effort for recruiting as well as other fire prevention and education information. .

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

- Director Gene Booth thanked the association for their continued support and looked forward to working with everyone in his new position. He informed the membership about the PFAS and PFOS issues with AFFF foam.

Gene provided a quick update on available 911 communication operator's positions available.

- Christine Buchanan, County 9-1-1 standards coordinator informed the chiefs that Cumberland County Emergency Services is moving towards obtaining Accreditation in Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD). EFD accreditations are positive changes for Fire services, the citizens of Cumberland County as well as our agency. She stated that they are looking to submit our application of Accreditation no later than June 2019. In order to complete their application they will need to have several items in place to include a field-personnel feedback form, Dispatch Review Committee and Dispatch Steering Committee. There are lots of benefits to organizing committees to work on behalf of the personnel it represents. In the accreditation process we will need to generate a field-personnel feedback form that will cover issues the fire service might have. This allows the fire service the opportunity to document and receive feedback in a timely manner to which resolves can occur. She invited those interest to a meeting to further discuss this matters more in length during their March 12, 2019 meeting to transpire at 10:30 AM, at the LEC 131 Dick St; Rm 5. She also provided definitions and design models for the committees required by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch.

Listed is the definition of the **Dispatch Review Committee (DRC)**.

Dispatch Review Committee (DRC) members are to analyze the quality assurance process, implement and track all report forms (including non-compliances and request for changes in policy generated by dispatch), provide operational feedback, explain results of formal complaints and requests, generate recommendations for changes in Continuing Education

programs to the Dispatch Steering Committee. The DRC will also review compliance generated by Quality Improvement Unit to include the review of the following: problematic and exemplary cases, individuals, dispatch shifts, and the entire dispatch center.

**Members (DRC):**

Shift Supervisors  
Field Representatives  
**Fire**  
Dispatchers  
Shift Representative  
Quality Improvement Unit Representative  
Training Representative  
CTO

Dispatch Steering Committee (DSC) members are to make final decisions and approve or disapprove policy as recommended by the Dispatch Review Committee. Members will give input regarding lights-and-siren response options, review and authorize the use of IAED Protocols (EMD, EFD and EPD) over which they have authority, prioritize responses for incidents and approve the delivery of Pre-Arrival Instructions.

To aid in selection of DSC members below is a model used by International Academy of Emergency Dispatch (IAED).

Christine Buchanan  
Cumberland County Emergency Services  
911 Standards Program Coordinator  
910-321-6626  
[cbuchanan@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:cbuchanan@co.cumberland.nc.us)<mailto:[cbuchanan@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:cbuchanan@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- President Johnson will select a cross section of Chiefs to best represent the association to serve on the DRC

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com)

- No report.

**HAZMAT:** AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 584-9550, E-Mail: [rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us)

- Assistant Chief Brinson reported that the COF FD and other County FD's had completed a drill with the Hexagon Corporation. He also reported that the HM Team was preparing to begin a drone program to enhance their capabilities at various incidents.

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: [craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov](mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov)

- No report

**FTCC** Steve Drew, E-Mail: [drews@faytechcc.edu](mailto:drews@faytechcc.edu)

- Steve Drew reported that a Chief 101 program will be held at Spring Lakes Public Safety building on March 5 and 12 from 6-10pm each night.

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

- Sgt Hodges introduced Major Parrisi, Captain Morgan and Lt. Mitchell. He also advised that a BLET class was scheduled to begin May 20, 2019.

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

- No report

**NC HIGHWAY PATROL** – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.  
E-Mail: [Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov](mailto:Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov) or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail [sean.johnson@ncdps.gov](mailto:sean.johnson@ncdps.gov)

- No report.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

- President Johnson advised the membership that Commissioner Faircloth an accountant is extremely busy this time of the year with taxes and was not able to attend.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- President Johnson stated the Bethany Fire Department is having a BBQ plate sale on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- President Johnson stated the Stedman Fire Department is having a BBQ plate sale on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Nobles and seconded by Captain Devane. The meeting was adjourned at 2135 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. Roll call