

## **Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association**

### **Minutes of January 28, 2008 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting was held at EMS base. We thank Mr. Ainsworth and his staff for their hospitality

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplin Casanova provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 22 Departments and 5 Associates present.

Members Absent: Fayetteville, Westarea 20

Associate Members Absent: Hazmat, Sheriffs Office, Forestry, Life Link

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the December 2007 were approved as presented

**Guests:**

**Vendors Present:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Report handed out

**Meeting Point of interests:**

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held February 25, 2008 at **Vander Fire Department Station #2**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- **President Johnson** passed out the following informational papers;
  - Harold Shirley's resignation
  - Legal Briefs
  - Tax Deduction for Volunteers
  - Roger Miller's retirement brochure
- **President Johnson** presented plaques to Wally Ainsworth, Mike Casanova, Harold Shirley, Ronnie Marley, Steven Blackburn, and Freddy Johnson Jr. for their efforts and assistance in making our association successful.
- **President Johnson** announced that a Finance Committee meeting would be held February 14, 2008 at EMS Base. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The protocol for personnel riding in with EMS was discussed. Mr. Ainsworth stated that his personnel would do their best to get firefighters returned as soon as possible.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- FTCC could not run RIT classes due to cost and equipment issues. All personnel advised to check policy on RIT operations.

- Chief Strahan brought up issues with the communications policy. A motion was made and approved to dispatch by the draft policy until the February meeting. Any issues would be addressed at that time. If no issues are brought up, please be prepared to vote on the draft policy becoming final.
- President Johnson requested nominations for the 2008 associations officers. The following personnel were elected to serve on the executive board: President – Freddy Johnson Sr., Vice President – Ronnie Marley, Treasurer – Freddy Johnson Jr., Secretary – Mark Melvin

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ID CARD COMMITTEE** Lt. Tara Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- **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 tara@stonepointfire.com

**FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- No report

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

- No report

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

- No Report but the committee is working on the review and update of the Incident Command Procedure Policy.

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

- No report

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** Deputy 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:** Colonel Wally W. Ainsworth

- Kathy Baxley will be contacting each Training Officer to discuss the EMS credentialing system. EMS is looking at converting a RV camper into a rehab/ multi-patient transport unit.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** Kenny Curry Acting

- Scotty Harris was introduced as a new fire inspector. There were 55 illegal burns responded to by the Fire Marshal's office. The county will be following the State's recommendations on burning bans. There will be fines issued for non-compliance.

**HAZMAT** Capt. Steve Drew, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1432

- No report

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Ranger J. Johnson

- No report

**FTCC** Ernest Ward

- No report

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- No Report

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- No Report

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS** Chaplain Casanova

- No report

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

President Johnson talked about the following issues: resources sharing, 800 radios ensure we follow adopted policies, and to review our roles in the county emergency operations plan, something the association will focus on over the next two years.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2000 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Fire Chief Freddy Johnson  
President

*Mark A. Melvin*  
Assistant Chief Mark Melvin  
Secretary