

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of January 25, 2010 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was held at EMS Base. We thank Chief Roye and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Chaplin Cassanova provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 21 Departments and 10 Associate members present.

Members Absent: Station #20, Pope AFB

Associate Members Absent: NC Forestry, Hope Mills Police

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

Guests: None.

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported the current balance of \$170,412.44. Due to a computer issue, a copy of the full account will be sent to each of you at a later date.

Meeting Point of interests:

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held February 22, 2010 at **Fire Station #23 Stedman FD**. The dinner meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- President Johnson passed out several informational papers on: CHANGE, SPFD receiving certification on several areas of technical rescue, OSFM Volunteer FD Fund, letter from the Public Safety Task Force to the CCBOC, APCO project, FD call volume history, and 2010-2011 CCFCA Committee Assignments.
- President Johnson updated the members on the condition of Wallace Smith.
- Requested that Chief Strahan be at the meeting in Stedman to receive a plaque for her service to the association.
- Foam trailers are nearly ready to be returned. All received a preventive maintenance check and all deficiencies on each trailer were corrected. An inventory of each trailers foam, appliances and equipment is being formulated for use during monthly inspections conducted through the Fire Marshal's Office. He stated a Battery Conditioner has been installed to maintain trailer batteries. This requires that each trailer is plugged in. We will also prepare a new Memorandum of Understanding and response plan for each of the trailers based on lessons learned. Weather permitting the trailers will be finalized over the next month.

- The ID card program is ready. Dates are being set up to update ID cards at each station. Beaver Dam, Godwin Falcon, Spring Lake, and Hope Mills have returned Administrative ID Card Forms. President Johnson will have Lt. Whitman coordinate with individual fire departments starting with Station 26 in early February.
- President Johnson will be attending the NC Fire Chiefs Association meeting in February 2010

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Johnson presented a power point program on the changes and challenges facing the Cumberland County Fire Service over the next decade and beyond. The following topics were discussed:
 - Communication Issues - (Merger & Enhancements)
 - New Fire Contract - (Updating 21 Year Old Contract to include achievable Modern Best Practices)
 - Technology Implementations - (CAD, MDT, GIS & Firehouse Integration)
 - Public Safety Task Force – (Recommendations & Report)
 - Funding - (Short & Long Term Recommendations)
 - ISO Overhaul – (Update and Action Plan)
 - Firefighter Safety Initiatives – (Everyone Goes Home)
- The elections for the Executive Committee were held. Deputy Chief Pone made a motion for the current Executive Committee to retain their positions. Chief J.F. Hall seconded the motion. During the discussion phase President Johnson reminded the members that if re-elected that it was his intention to move the organization forward to meet the demands and challenges of the future, but it was a team effort and together we can achieve our goals if we start now. With no further discussion the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- The 2010 – 2011 Executive Committee is President Freddy Johnson Sr., Vice-President Ronnie Marley, Secretary Mark Melvin, and Treasurer Freddy Johnson Jr.
- President Johnson informed the membership that sometimes in February Clean Burn Fuels in Hoke County (Ethanol Plant) will have an open house especially for Hoke County and surrounding Fire Departments for pre-planning purposes. President Johnson specifically asked Commander Seifert to send representatives from the Hazmat Team. He will send out an e-mail and invite everyone. The plant will ship 165,000 gallons of pure Ethanol from the plant starting in mid March. Ninety percent of the fuel will be transported north on I-95 and also down Highway 87. As a result our vulnerability to an over the road ethanol accident is tremendously increased.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: ()

I D CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Whitman (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@stoneypointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- President Johnson informed the membership that he did not return information to Chief Hall concerning Fire Prevention Programs for use with the new Fire Safety House and will provide him with the point of contact number this week. Committee Chair J. F. Hall is seeking fire prevention videos for all ages that can be utilized with the new Fire Safety House. The Fire Safety house came with a severe weather video only and the purchase of fire prevention and education videos for use during fire prevention programs to highlight fire safety will enhance our overall initiative.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- Chief Bullard advised progress is being made on issues relating to the new CAD system.
- President Johnson asked Chief Bullard to call another joint meeting between the Communications and Standards Committee to review NFPA 1221 (Communications) identify all requirements for implementation and compliance with NFPA.

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

- Chief K. Hall advised that meetings regarding standards relating to the new CAD and dispatch system were being discussed.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Chairperson

- None.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson

- No report.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Ake (Beaver Dam) Chairperson

- None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- Association Treasurer Johnson Jr. provided the fund balance with the remaining report being forwarded in the future. .

RESCUE COMMITTEE Battalion Commander Bishop (Fayetteville) Chairperson

- No report

Bulk Purchase Chief Roye (EMS) Chairperson

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Curry, Director

- None

EMS DIRECTOR: Michael Roye, Director

- Discussed the inspection process of the medical responder program. Introduced the new Medical Director, Dr. William Cross. Dr. Cross briefly discussed his desire to ensure a quality standard of care across Cumberland County

HAZMAT BC Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- The contract with the State of NC expires June 30, 2010. A request for an extension has been submitted.

FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger (TBD)

- No report.

FTCC Ernest Ward

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Sgt. Hodges advised the association of an upcoming Special Olympics event. See attachment.

HIGHWAY PATROL

- First Sgt. Johnson Jr. gave an update on an accident in Roberson County involving a fire apparatus roll over.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Cassanova

- No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- No report.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Deputy Chief Matthews, seconded by Chief Ake. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2100Hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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