

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

### **Minutes of March 24, 2008 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting was held at Pearce's Mill Fire Station # 3. We thank Chief Marley and his staff for their hospitality.

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

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 19 Departments and 8 Associate members present.

Members Absent: Eastover FD, Fayetteville FD, Pope FD, Wade FD, Westarea FD #20

Associate Members Absent: HazMat, Life Link

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the February 25, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

**Guests:** Marshall Faircloth, Candidate for Cumberland County Commissioner  
Dan Ford, Candidate for Cumberland County Commissioner  
Greg Taylor, Candidate for House District 22

**Vendors Present:** Triad Fire, David Jordan

**Treasurer's Report:** None

#### **Meeting Point of interests:**

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held April 28, 2008 at **EMS Base**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. This is a Chief's only meeting
- President Johnson passed out the following informational papers;
  - SOG on Communications, RIT and ICS
  - Fire Incident reporting documents
  - CC sales tax information
  - Greg Taylor, House District 22 candidate
  - Wayne Goodman, State Insurance Commissioner candidate. President Johnson advised all members that it would be in the best interest of the North Carolina Fire Service to support Deputy Commissioner/Deputy State Fire Marshal for this position.
- President Johnson announced that Doc Nunnery was unable to attend the meeting. He asked that Director Currie please deliver same to Doc.
- President Johnson discussed the need to revise the RIT and ICS policy. Please review and make recommendations. The new communications policy was delivered in your packets.
- President Johnson talked about the need to report all of your incidents to the state. Information was in your packets regarding the State law as well as several "how to" documents.

- President Johnson announced that the Road Runner Service had been paid.
- President Johnson reported that the laptop for the Association had been purchased and would be utilized for the association's record keeping by the Association Secretary.
- Kenny Currie provided President Johnson with a sudden death information sheet that can be utilized to answer some important questions regarding the Fire Services involvement at a funeral. Kenny will e-mail all departments a copy of the program.
- President Johnson has issued the local Forestry Service 4 radios from the SPFD to be used in conjunction with our 800 communications system.
- President Johnson discussed an upcoming audit regarding the Firefighters Grant that was received to purchase the radios. The auditors will be visiting several fire stations to ensure the radios are available for use. The audit is also requesting that \$27,000 dollars be returned due to the grant program not covering warranties. Our radios came with a 3 year warranty. President Johnson is working this issue and more information will be provided at a later time.
- President Johnson reminded everyone of the upcoming deadline to submit for the Firefighters Grant Program
- President Johnson discussed the Ethanol plant being built in Hoke County and its potential impact on the Cumberland County Fire Service. President Johnson recommended that we all consider this issue in our upcoming budgets.
- President Johnson asked that all departments update your personnel information and your base station radio information as soon as possible and return to Director Currie.
- President Johnson asked the three (3) Committee Chairperson's from the Standards, (Chief Hall 501) Communication (Chief Bullard 2301) and Mutual Aid Committee (Chief Hall 1201) and Director Curry to look at the benefits derived from automatic dispatch, whereas all stations are being dispatched at the same time, with the host station being dispatched first and immediately followed by all automatic aid stations. Adoption of this policy would not only speed up critical dispatch time & process but also benefit the host station with man-power. This system would give the host station & all automatic aid station responding credit for all responding members.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Communications policy was distributed to all departments in your packets. President Johnson asked that we all review the ICS and RIT policies and make recommendations to comply with the NIMS program

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- President Johnson and Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin discussed the economic impact of the ¼ percent sales tax. It is the CC Commissioners intent to lower the property tax by 2 cents if the sales tax proposal is passed. Both parties recommended that we support this endeavor and take this information back to our perspective station members and urge their support as well. Our entire county will benefit from this windfall tax.
- President Johnson advised the Association that the Fayetteville FD will open Fire Station 15 located at 8434 Cliffdale Road on Friday April 4, 2008 at 10:00 am
- President Johnson announced that Kenny Currie has been appointed as the Emergency Services Director for Cumberland County.

## **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@stoneypointfire.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. President Johnson asked all members to get involved in the process.

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

- No report

### **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** Chief S. Blackburn (Ft. Bragg) Chairperson

- No Report

### **AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE** Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- Chief Hall discussed the impact that automatic and mutual aid had on the fire recently experienced in the Westarea Fire District

### **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

- Chief R. Marley informed the members that there would be a seminar in 2009. He will provide more information as it becomes available. Please review the list of classes enclosed in your packets and make suggestions on programs you would like to see and support

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Colonel Wally W. Ainsworth

- Dr Reid advised the Association to please have firefighters adhere to rehab suggestions recommended by his staff during fire incidents.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** Kenny Currie, Director

- Director Currie advised the members that CAD system would be in the new budget. The new CAD system is expected to enhance our programs dramatically. The Fire and EMS software will require some assistance for funding. President Johnson requested that Director Currie provide him with the funding request so that he could petition the County Commissioners for the required funds.
- Director Currie advised the Association that fire channel 4 would be taken off line if no one had any objections. This channel is hardly used and picks up a lot of out of town traffic.
- Director Currie asked that each Chief send him the make and model number of their VHF base stations for the communications contract. Second request.....

**HAZMAT** BC Hieu Sifford - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729.

- No report.

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Ranger J. Johnson

- The Forestry Service received their radios and will begin using them after a training program.

**FTCC** Ernest Ward

- No report

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- The department has received a new arson canine. This canine will be available to all departments as well as the regional area. Duane " Radar" Eaton introduced XPERT, a black lab to the Association.

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- No Report

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS** Chaplain Casanova

- No report

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- Requested support for the ¼ percent sales tax increase

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

Chief Strahan thanked all of the departments that assisted the Westarea Departments with the major fire at the salvage yard. Chief Strahan will be preparing an after action report to review with the Association.

Deputy Chief Hank Harris advised that Chief Owen Harris was in CFVH. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2110 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Fire Chief Freddy Johnson  
President

*Mark A. Melvin*  
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Secretary