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Cumberland County Fire chief's Association
August 28, 2000
(As corrected at September 25, 2000 meeting)

Mr. Mike Cassanova of the Christian Firefighters Association gave our invocation.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President James Hall at the Stedman Fire Department (Station #23). Roll call was taken which showed 19 members and 8 associate members present.

The minutes of July 24th meeting were read and approved. No additions or corrections noted.

Treasurers report will be presented at next months meeting.

Asst. Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. introduced Sgt. Mike Mills of the N.C. Highway Patrol. Sgt. Mills spoke of his appreciation for the help routinely provided by our fire departments at accident scenes. He stated that typically there is only one Highway Patrolman on the scene and that our assistance is truly valued. He believes that the Highway Patrol intends to be more active in our association.

President Hall introduced Mrs. Mary Fisher, Donor Recruitment Coordinator for the Blood Assurance program at Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Mrs. Fisher noted the exceptional outpouring of donations on behalf of Firefighter Steve Patterson. Over 205 people came to the hospital to donate blood in his name. These kind efforts touched the heart of Steve's family and many others in our community.

Collectively, Cape Fear Valley and High Smith Raney Hospitals routinely need 1,300 blood donors each month. Of special note is the fact that Chief Duke Piner has reached a milestone by giving 10 gallons.

Mrs. Fisher also noted that the Blood Assurance program is interested in working with fire departments to coordinate blood drives in their area. She distributed flyers containing program details and her phone number.

F.M. Strickland introduced Mrs. Karen Hall. Karen recently designed web pages for Emergency Communications Center, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management. She also hosts web sites but is not a local ISP. Mrs. Hall distributed brochures for her business.

Foam Trailer: Nothing to report.

Fire Marshal: FM Strickland reported on the proposed false fire alarm ordinance. Motion Chief Lee, 2nd by Chief J.F Hall that the proposed ordinance wording be amended to reflect the city's current ordinance allowing no more than 3 false alarms per each calendar year. Motion passed 19 for, 0 against, 1 abstained (See Roll Call Vote #1).

Fire Marshal Strickland will re-write these areas and re-distribute it to all depts. before our next meeting.

Standards Committee: Chief Marley. Scheduling a meeting of this committee has been challenging. Therefore, the next meeting will be held one hour prior to the regular monthly CCFCA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

North Carolina's Dept. Of Insurance (DOI) is now doing ISO type inspections for all Departments serving a population of less than 100,000. President Hall reports that DOI is working very hard on this topic. Anyone that has a current ISO grade will maintain that grade until inspected by DOI.

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President Hall also noted that the latest edition of Fire/Rescue magazine has a very nice article on Cumberland County's Memorial written by DOI.

Chief Bullard stated that repairs to the children's safety trailer are almost complete. The fan has arrived and will be installed soon. The smoke that we use is an oil-based product that has gotten into the carpet. He is working on a method to get it clean. In addition, Chief Bullard will present some suggestions on how to better maintain our unit thus eluding avoidable costly repairs.

Air System: Chief Middleton. As approved at last months meeting, replacement parts have been ordered and are expected to arrive within 2 months. Installation is projected to cause a one-week downtime.

A/C Danny Mathews: Request that FTCC continue to attend our meetings and distribute earned certificates. Mr. Ward assured us that he will bring them next month.

Chief House: Lake Rim has a 1989 step side, service van with cascade system for sale.

President Hall introduced Mr. Tony DeRiso. Mr. DeRiso is our new local Steven's Fire Equipment representative.

Capt. Smith of Hope Mills displayed a throw blanket pictorially showing the history of the Hope Mills Fire Department. They are selling these blankets for \$55 each. These are impressive collectors items that you can design for your department. Contact him if your department is interested in doing this.

Local Internet Service Provider. Chief Barnes noted that our current contract with Knight Designs (Mr. Henry Swartout III) will expire at the end of September. He also noted that our email has been down a majority of the time. Henry has notified Chief Barnes that Knight Designs will no longer be providing this service to our organization. Two written bids have been sought by Chief Barnes to insure CCFCA's ability to remain on-line.

Motion Chief Sudia, 2nd Chief Middleton to accept Fayetteville Internet Communication, Inc. Amended to include the \$75 on-site set up cost. After additional discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

Motion Chief Sudia, 2nd Chief Middleton to ask our county government if they could act as our ISP. If this is not cost effective, then go with the bid from Fayetteville Internet Communications. Motion passed 12 in favor, 5 against and 2 abstentions. (*See Roll Call Vote #2*).

Chief Barnes noted that the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) will be meeting in Charlottesville, VA. next month for a one day training seminar. The CFAI is a method of self-assessing your departments effectiveness. It was developed after many years of work by the International City Managers Association (ICMA) and the International Fire Chief's Association (IAFC).

ECC: Nothing to report.

Fire Marshal: Please complete and return the fire conditions report distributed tonight. It is time to do foam sampling. Will need a check for the laboratory costs.

Emergency Management: Not present.

F.T.C.C.: Nothing to report.

Forestry: Not present.

EMS: Nothing to report.

Sheriff Dept.: Nothing to report.

Co. Commissioners: Effective October 1 this year, our county manager will be retiring after 27 years of service. Commissioner Baggett spoke on the value of promoting from within when strong candidates are present. He would like to hear from anyone who might have a comment.

Dr. Henderson: EMT-D provider forms are currently required for each individual fire department even if the person is already certified under a different department. He asked for suggestions on how to lessen this burdensome double duty paperwork on our EMTs.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief M. Middleton: Lafayette Village has one full-time position open. Must have FF-II and EMT certifications. Starting wage is around \$18,000 annually. Must contact Alan Jones NLT tomorrow to get the application.

Mr. Johnny Baker: Thanked CCFCA for encouraging his attendance at our meetings.

Chief Jimmy Hall: Chief Hall spoke of his satisfaction with this years conference of the State Chief's and Fireman's Associations in Greensboro. He encouraged our involvement with these two outstanding organizations. In addition, Chief Hall attended the Fireman's memorial service while at the conference. It proved to be a very moving event.

Mr. Paul Brooks was elected treasurer for the State Fireman's Association.

The Eastern Emergency Services Seminar committee is hard at work. If you have a class that you would like to see offered, please let us know ASAP.

Lt. Mike Cassanova: Mr. Cassanova commented on how Insurance Commissioner Long has ordered a vehicle insurance refund of 10% for years 1995 and 1996. Also included is 11% interest for each year.

Chaplin Cassanova also noted that The Christian Firefighters will be meeting the second Tuesday of each month at Station #10.

Chief Barnes: Comments from recent State Fireman's Association conference.

Y Fireman's dues will increase from \$5 to \$10 per member, per year in 2001. This is due to an increased traumatic death benefit from \$10,000 to \$60,000. In addition, they now provide \$50,000 in medical death benefit insurance.

Y Next years conference is also in Greensboro on August 9 - 11, 2001.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Barnes,
V.P and acting Secretary.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE (Corrected at September 25, 2000 meeting)

Date: August 28, 2000

Recommendation/Proposal: (Roll Call Vote #1)

That the proposed ordinance wording be amended to reflect the city's current ordinance allowing no more than 3 false alarms per each calendar year.

Motion by: Chief Jackie Lee

Seconded by: Chief J.F. Hall

<u>Department</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Beaver Dam	X		Hope Mills	Abstained	
Bethany	X		Lafayette Village	X	
Carvers Creek	X		Lake Rim	X	
Cedar Creek			Linden	X	
Cotton	X		Pearce's Mill	X	
Cumberland Road	X		Pope AFB		
Eastover	X		Spring Lake	X	
Fayetteville	X		Stedman	X	
Fort Bragg			Stoney Point	X	
Godwin-Falcon	X		Vander		
Gray's Creek #18	X		Wade	X	
Gray's Creek #24	X		Westarea	X	

Totals: For: 19 Against: Zero Abstentions: 1

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE**

Date: August 28, 2000

Recommendation/Proposal: (Roll Call Vote #2)

To ask our county government if they could act as our ISP. If this is not cost effective, then go with the bid from Fayetteville Internet Communications.

Motion by: Chief Lee Sudia

Seconded by: Chief Mike Middleton

<u>Department</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Beaver Dam		X	Hope Mills	X	
Bethany	X		Lafayette Village	X	
Carvers Creek	X		Lake Rim	X	
Cedar Creek			Linden	X	
Cotton		X	Pearce's Mill		X
Cumberland Road		X	Pope AFB		
Eastover	X		Spring Lake	X	
Fayetteville	Abstained		Stedman		X
Fort Bragg			Stoney Point	X	
Godwin-Falcon	X		Vander		
Gray's Creek #18	X		Wade		
Gray's Creek #24	Abstained		Westarea	X	

Totals: For: 12 Against: 5 Abstained: 2