

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

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

#### Minutes of the October 27, 2014 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was held at EMS base and we thank Chief Pearce and his staff for their hospitality.

**Opening Prayer:** 

Sheriff Butler provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call:

Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 10 associate members present.

**Members Absent:** 

Fire Departments:

Hope Mills

Associate Members:

County District Attorney's Office, Retired Fire Chiefs

**Approval of Minutes:** 

Minutes from July, August and September meeting were approved

Guests:

Sheriff Earl Butler, re-election to CC Sheriff
Michael Boose, candidate for CC Commissioners
Dewayne Gilliam, candidate for District Court Judge

Dr. Joe Mullis, FTCC, gave an overview on future classes and pay structures for

fire service instructors.

**Vendors Present:** 

None

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Freddy Johnson Jr. presented the Fiscal Year 2013-2014, and the FY 2014-2015 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial transaction summary reports. He also stated that the Finance Committee met prior to the Chief's only meeting and reviewed and approved the reports, and the entire membership needed to also approve the annual report for the accountant. After a general discussion a MOTION was made by Fire Chief Kevin Herndon and SECONDED by Fire Chief T. J. McLamb. With no further discussion

the report was **APPROVED** by a roll call vote by all members present.

#### **Meeting Point of Interests:**

<u>Next Chief's Meeting</u> will be November 24, 2014 hosted by Gray's Creek Station # 18 at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served.

• Gray's Creek Station #24 will assume air truck duties for the month of November 2014.

- President Johnson thanked everyone who attended the traffic safety course held
   September 23-24 at the crown expo. He stated that this was an excellent opportunity to receive some very valuable training and how it affects our abilities for highway safety.
- President Johnson thanked all of those who attended the Cumberland County Emergency Services Memorial Program. The event was well attended. All of those who coordinated and participated were recognized for their outstanding work to this event.
- President Johnson advised that Station 17's open house was well received by the local community and a successful event and congratulated Chief Lucas and his department for a job well done.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
  - > Finance reports
  - > Health information
  - ➤ Legal Briefs
  - > Job openings for several departments
  - > Intel briefs
  - > Communications committee meeting minutes
  - ➤ NC Fire and Rescue Commission minutes

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. President Johnson again discussed our current radio fleet maps which will be upgraded hopefully by the end of the year. In the mean time we will have to remember to stay on the High Caps. The old low caps fleet maps will be removed with the installation and upgrade of the new fleet maps. It is our intend to configure fleet maps that will give everyone the same talk groups but configured as to best suit the geographic area of the county. For instance we will set up our fleet map where Cumberland County is the primary talk group. Going left or right will be the COF and out of county primary automatic/mutual talk groups. Because this has money tied to the project we will take our time and do this correctly to benefit all of us. Once the next fleet-map is integrated any individual changes will be the responsibility of each district.

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2. President Johnson advised that 1361 is being sold and we will be one mobile air truck short until the truck is replaced which could be up to a year?

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A request from both Cotton and Eastover FD was made to President Johnson Sr. to move the Fire Safety House trailer to Eastover Station #1 from Cotton Station #4. With this request, a new shelter at Eastover FD is required to keep the Fire Safety House out of the weather. The shelter currently at the Cotton FD will house the associations DECON trailer which is also housed at the Cotton FD. President Johnson stated that he talked with both Chief Harris and Chief Thurmond and Chief Thurmond agreed to house, monitor and maintain the Fire Safety House but needed a shelter. A MOTION was made by Fire Chief Ronnie Marley, to authorize the move of the 2009 Surrey Fire Safety House from the Cotton Fire Department Station #4 to the Eastover Fire Department Station #1 and to purchase and erect a new shelter to accommodate the Fire Safety House at Station 1 Eastover FD. The motion was SECONDED by Fire Chief Wayne Lucas

and <u>APPROVED</u> by a roll call vote by all members present. President Johnson Sr. will coordinate with the Eastover Fire Department to acquire the additional pricing for siding on the shelter and move the unit during the month of November. He stated that he received a call from Fire Chief Bill Bullard who performed some maintenance work on the unit which required parts from HGR Trailers.

- .2 President Johnson advised that a new OSHA law now requires any LODD to be reported within 8 hours and all injuries requiring hospital admittance of a single Firefighter be reported within 24 hours. This change becomes effective on January 1, 2015. He will send us the OSHA report.
- 3. President Johnson advised that Life Time CCFCA Membership application were submitted for two former fire chief's that meet the established guidelines for Life Time Membership. Proclamations will be presented to the following retired Fire Chiefs at the December meeting.
  - ➤ Chief Jackie Lee
  - Chief James McIntyre

He also stated that each of the inductee's picture and proclamation is posted on our Web Page under the CCFCA Member's navigational button. They can be found on the last page of the membership picture category.

- 4. President Johnson announced that the Piedmont Fire Association partially refunded our membership dues due to procedural changes. Annual dues are now included automatically in each firefighters annual North Carolina State Firemen's Association (NCSFA) dues due in January of each year. We will use the funds to enroll the Fire Chief of each Department into the North Carolina Association of Fire Chief's (NCAFC). For those members that have already paid their dues for the 2015 calendar year, we will reimburse IF requested. Several department chiefs are already NCAFC members.
- 5. President Johnson advised that the Time Warner bills will now be sent to the respective Fire Departments for payment. An annual reimbursement will be sent to the department's annually to cover the cost associated with INTERNET services. This will occur in August of each year. The Association will reimburse the basic rate for Time Warner Internet Cable which is currently \$ 70.00 per month. Any enhanced services to the Internet services are those of the individual departments that enhance their services.
- 6. President Johnson advised that a new Chief 101 upgrade class will be coming out in the new year. We will try to schedule a class as part of our regularly scheduled meeting. For those attending the Mid-Winter Chiefs conference in February, you will have an opportunity to take the class at that time. The upgrade class is scheduled for 4 hours. New Chief's that never attended the basic Chief 101 class must take the eight (8) hour class.
- President Johnson and Chief Major met with Dr. Keen at FTCC to discuss an active shooter training class so that all Emergency Services agencies are operating on the same sheet of music.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

ID 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 Captain Willet, FFD – Chairperson, E-Mail: Rwillet@ci.fay.nc.us

- President Johnson stated that the Annual Fire Safety Day at Cross Creek Mall earlier this month was a success and thanked all the departments and sponsor's that participated. The mall offers great exposure to the general public.
- He also stated that through Operation Safe A Life additional smoke alarms were picked up. This year's allotment was 375 smoke alarms which are divided county-wide. This was the second year that we received the newer model smoke alarms containing the ten (10) year battery life batteries. Please contact the Emergency Services Department or the City of Fayetteville Fire Department if you need smoke alarms.

# <u>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</u> EMS Chief Brian Pearce – EMS - Chairperson, E-Mail: <u>bpearce@capefearvalley.com</u>

• Chief McLamb advised that the run cards needed to be updated and returned to communications during the month of November. Additional information along with a short training class on zone cards and the new technology Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) system is forthcoming. Minutes of the Communications Committee meeting conducted earlier this month are attached.

# STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson, E-Mail: <a href="https://kmurphy1903@gmail.com">kmurphy1903@gmail.com</a>

• Chief Murphy received no feedback on the new REHAB SOG. The team will bring back a final draft for review at the November meeting.

# <u>MEMORIAL COMMITTEE</u> Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson, E-Mail: <u>pmfd0301@nc.rr.com</u>

 Vice-President Marley announced that the Memorial Committee had accomplished another successful event and thanked all of those who participated and attended.

# <u>AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE</u> Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson–E-Mail: gcfd24@nc.rr.com

No report

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

Presented at the beginning of the meeting.

## <u>RESCUE COMMITTEE</u> Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson, E-Mail: cfd402@nc.rr.com

• Deputy Chief Harris advised that there would be a meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Spring Lake FD at 1900.

<u>BULK PURCHASE COMMITTEE</u> Deputy Director Timmy Mitchell (Emergency Services), Chairperson, E-Mail: <u>tmitchell@co.cumberland.nc.us</u>

• No report.

# SPECIAL RESPONSE TIME COMMITTEE - Chief Hill (WCFD/FFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: mhill@ci.fay.nc.us

No report

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: <a href="https://www.wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us">wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us</a>

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No report.

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE - Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson, E-Mail: tmclamb@spring-lake.org

• Contact Chief McLamb if you are experiencing any FIREHOUSE software issues please contact him.

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

# EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Randy Beeman, Director), E-Mail: rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us

- ➤ ES Director Beeman No report
- Deputy Director Mitchell No report
- ➤ EM Officer Booth No report
- ➤ Communications Supervisor Susan McLeod No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director, E-Mail: <a href="mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com">bpearce@capefearvalley.com</a>

Chief Pearce gave an update on the EBOLA virus and the steps that the EMS system was operating
under. At this time NO FD will be dispatched to a suspected or known EBOLA patient. Personnel
are encouraged to practice good universal precautions at all events and be vigilant when dealing in
the area of others body fluids.

#### HAZMAT BC Calvin Bishop, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729,

E-Mail: cbishop@ci.fay.nc.us

No report

#### FORESTRY DISTRICT Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: <a href="mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov">craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov</a>

No report.

#### FTCC Ernest Ward, Director, E-Mail: warde@faytechcc.edu

No report.

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

• No report.

#### CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain JD. Pone

No report

#### NC HIGHWAY PATROL - Captain Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Field Operations. E-Mail: fljohnson@ncshp.org

• Captain Johnson advised that the traffic safety course will be placed into the NCEM TERMS program and will be offered again in the State. Captain Johnson also advised that during winter storms it is being recommended that once an abandoned vehicle is checked that a piece of fire line tape be tied to the driver's side mirror in an effort to indicate that the car has been cleared of personnel.

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

No report.

#### **CIVIL AIR PATROL** Ryan William

No Report

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Murphy provided information about an up-coming AMTRACK training class scheduled for Friday and Saturday November 14 & 15. Friday night at Jack Britt High School Auditorium from 6 to 10 PM and Saturday starting at 8 AM on a Railroad Spur off Brisson Road just across the Robeson county line. This is an excellent training opportunity and anyone with a railroad line coming through their district line should attend.
- President Johnson informed the membership that this weekend October 31 & November 1<sup>st</sup> are the last opportunities to participate in Stoney Point's annual Trail of Terror haunted attraction. The trail runs from 8 to 11 PM at Station 13.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Harris, seconded by Chief Bullard. The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy l. Johnson

Freddy L. Johnson Sr., CFO Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

Mark A. Melvin, CFO Fire Chief / Secretary

#### **6 Enclosures**

- 1. Roll call sheet
- 2. Roll call vote for finance report
- 3. Roll call vote for safety house issues
- 4. 2013 2014 Finance Transaction Summary Report
- 5. 2014 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Finance Transaction Summary Report
- 6. Communication Committee Meeting Minutes.





# CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION ROLL CALL VOTE 2014



MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	16	18	18	17	16	16	17	19	16	18		
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT (12)	4	6	8	4	5	8	8	8	9	10		
CC Fire Chiefs  DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION  Chief's Only Meeting	27-JAN-14	24-FEB-14	24-MAR-14	28- APR-14	19-MAY-14	23-JUN-14	28-JUL-14	25-AUG-14	22-SEP-14	27-0CT-14	24-NOV-14	15-DEC-14
MEMBERS		11111										
BEAVER DAM STA 26	Р	P	Р	P	P	Р	Р	P	P	P		
BETHANY STA 12	P	P	Р	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	Р	P	P	P	Α	P	P	P	P	P		
EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	Р	P	P	P	P	P	P		
EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	P	Α	P	P	Α	A	P	P	A	P		
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	Р	Р	P	P	P	P		
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	Е	P	P	P		
GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Р	P	P		
GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Р	P	P		
GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
HOPE MILLS STA 21	Α	P	Α	A	P	E	Α	P	A	Α		
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
STEDMAN STA 23	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	Р	Р	P		
STONEY POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	P		
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FTCC	Α	P	P	Α	Α	P	P	Α	P	P		
FORT BRAGG EMS	Α	A	A	Α	Α	P	P	Α	Α	P		
HAZMAT	P	P	P	Α	P	P	P	P	P	P		
HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	Α	P	P	P	P		
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Special Notes:

CODES:

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(A)-Absent

(E) - Excused

## Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

#### Roll Call Vote Document

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DEPARTMENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	OTHER
Beaver Dam #26	-			
Bethany #12	/			
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Cumberland Road #5	/			5
Eastover #1	/		-	
EMS	/		-	Α.
Fayetteville FD	v .			
Fort Bragg FD	V			
Godwin-Falcon #17	~			
Grays Creek #18	~			
Grays Creek #24	~			6
Hope Mills #21	9		ABSENT	8
Pearce's Mill #3	~			
Spring Lake #22	_			
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Vander #2 & 8	~			
Wade #16	~			a
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### Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

#### Roll Call Vote Document

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Hope Mills #21		4	ABSENT	
Pearce's Mill #3		#		
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Stoney Point #13 & 19				
Vander #2 & 8	/			8
Wade #16	/			
Westarea #15, 20, 25	/			

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# CCFCA Summary FY 15 YTD (1).TXT CCFCA - Banking Summary

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INC	COME Cumberland County Eastover	224,119.92 2,806.73	
	Stoney Point FD Town of Falcon Town of Hope Mills Town of Wade	930.00 795.37 225.00 1,854.54	
	Westarea FD TOTAL INCOME	405.00 231,136.56	
EXF	PENSES		
	800 MHz Expenses Air Systems Bills & Utilities Internet	214.00 4,875.44 5,989.32	
	TOTAL Bills & Utilities CAD - MCTs CCFCA Trailers Foam Trailers	5,989.32 13,017.82 6,066.91 1,007.78	
	TOTAL CCFCA Trailers Fees & Charges Bank Fee TOTAL Fees & Charges	7,074.69 15.00 15.00	
	Fire Prevention & Education Firehouse Software Misc. Misc. Expense (Business)	1,500.00 43,732.50 53.12 106.43	

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9,663.00 1,525.00 1,637.10

399.05 90,977.30

140,159.26

Office Expenses (Business)

OSHA - NFPA Prof and Legal Fees Supplies (Business)

Telephone Service TOTAL EXPENSES

OVERALL TOTAL

Knox Box Key Control Memorial Site & Service

Web Page Expenses TOTAL Misc. Expense (Business)

OSHA - NFPA	9,476.00
Prof and Legal Fees Telephone Service TOTAL EXPENSES	1,475.00 1,139.66 324,321.68

OVERALL TOTAL

-75,483.29

# CCFCA SUMMARY FY 13-14.TXT CCFCA - Banking Summary 7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014

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7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014		_
Category	7/1/2013- 6/30/2014	Page 1
INCOME Bethany FD City of Fayetteville	50.00 14,520.00	
Cumberland County Eastover Town of Falcon Town of Hope Mills	214,402.44 15,941.12 758.52 300.00	
Town of Spring Lake Town of Wade Westarea FD TOTAL INCOME	840.00 1,776.31 250.00 248,838.39	
EXPENSES Uncategorized 800 MHz Expenses	0.00 214,739.15	
Air Systems 1361 FFD Air System Sta. 1 Westarea Air System # 20	13,044.07 242.78 690.26 296.98	
TOTAL Air Systems Arson Task Force Bills & Utilities Internet	14,274.09 566.20 4,820.82	
Beaver Dam IAM Responding TOTAL Internet TOTAL Bills & Utilities	1,478.20 650.00 6,949.02 6,949.02	
CAD - MCTs CCFCA Trailers Fire Safety House TOTAL CCFCA Trailers	22,770.45 16.75 16.75	
Dues & Subscription Fees & Charges Bank Fee TOTAL Fees & Charges	2,379.00 60.00 60.00	
Fire Prevention & Education Firehouse Software Misc. Expense (Business) Flowers	1,500.00 42,638.50 1,383.05 353.55	
ID Cards & Supplies Insurance Memorial Site & Service Plaques	233.51 3,447.00 543.19 113.75	
Web Page Expenses TOTAL Misc. Expense (Business) Office Expenses (Business) Page 1	62.50 6,136.55 201.31	

# Cumberland County "Low-Wealth" Fire Districts FY2015 Distribution -Budget

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Percentage of total special fire collected Fi Lo Lo	IS Service Level Agreement	Fire Chiefs' Association distribution = 30% of Goodvear incentive	Low wealth's .5-cent share= .5/1.25 = 40%; 40% of Low wealth's .75-cent share= .75/1.25=60% of	Low wealth department distribution = 70% of net tax Fire Chiefs' Association distribution = 30% of net tax	Total special fire tax for FY2015 at 1.25 cents= Less: tax refunds Net special fire tax	Totals	Wade 498-429-4294-5564	Stedman 494-429-4288-5562	Godwin Falcon 480-429-4272-5563	Bethany 472-429-4262-5560	Beaver Dam 470-429-4260-5561	Department	Danadanant .
ed Fire Chief's Association Low-wealth 1/2-cent= 70%*40% Low-wealth 3/4-cent= 70%*60%	Net to Fire Chiefs' Association	30% of	10%; 40% of =60% of	70% of net tax 30% of net tax	5 cents=	661,638	85,462	140,709	85,333	211,844	138,290	Budget	40 Cant EV2015
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			\$ 0.3			181,150	36,230		36,230	36,230	36,230	.75 Cents	Additional
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						355,358	71,671	68,676	71,671	71,671	71,671	Cents Available	Total .75
						592,264	164,278	68,678	136,984		147,940	Fire Tax	Total Special

#### **Communications Committee Meeting**

EMS Base – 1400 Hours

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

**Brain Pearce** 

Chairman

Keith Jackson - Bethany

TJ. Mclamb

Vice Chairman

Harold Shirley - Beaver Dam
J. D. Matthews - Grays Creek # 18

Susan Mcleod Timmie Mitchell Dispatch Center Supervisor

Deputy Director Emergency Services Assistant Dispatch Supervisor

Freddy Johnson Sr.

**President CCFCA** 

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

EMS Chief & Communications Committee Chairman Pearce opened the meeting for discussion at 1400 hours

- (1) Discussed the need to have each stations zone cards updated in order to achieve proper CAD dispatch information. Only 3 Departments have complied with the Zone Card updates requested months ago. In order to complete this much needed information Vice Chairman T. J. McLamb will brief the Association during the October 27, 2014 Chief's only meeting using power point slides. Susan will have a complete copy of each departments Zone Cards for hand-out and update. These Zone cards should be turned back in no later than our November 24, 2014 General Membership meeting at Grays Creek # 18 Fire Station.
- (2) Susan stated that the Rescue Truck nomenclatures have been updated in CAD and the old or previous assigned rescue truck numbers have been coded in-active. This will prevent Firehouse Software Data Loss.
- (3) Chief Johnson inquired about the 29-D call determinants which require two (2) Rescue Trucks to be dispatched. This was a recommendation presented by the Rescue Committee and approved. Susan stated that the updated Rescue Zone Maps have not been returned in order to update our GIS Mapping System through Mike Osborn. Our CAD pulls information based on Rescue Zones. The Rescue Committee has not returned the requested Rescue Zone Maps. Chief Johnson will check with Chairman Hank Harris on the hold-up.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- (1) Chairman Pearce briefly updated the committee on the new EBOLA protocol discussed earlier today during a special meeting concerning the current EBOLA outbreaks.
- (2) With the new ISO Rules in place, concerning Response Times which also affect the dispatch center Susan and Timmy discussed a slight tweaking of our Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) in order to speed up dispatch as well as dropping the duplication of dispatch address, but repeating the address when the primary unit or station checks EN-route. After studying our current 30 plus year standard dispatch protocol a slight modification will in the long run enhance our time dilemma that currently plaques our dispatch center. A healthy discussion followed. The recommended procedures will still announce the dispatch address twice

while at the same time enable our dispatchers to be more able to monitor the ground channel where the dispatch address will be announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

- (3) Chief Johnson requested that the communications committee starting next month in November start the process of formulating or building our new Radio/Communications Fleet Map that will be designed geographically throughout Cumberland County We will also eliminate our current TAC Channel assignment numbers to TAC 1 TAC 2 etc. versus the current 6a or 6b etc. TAC channels are shared by all emergency services agencies across Cumberland County and will address interoperability much better All the responding agency needs to know is the TAC Channel Whereas TAC 1 will be TAC 1 for all agencies. During the update process we will also eliminate our old analog 800 MHz or low cap talk groups by removing them. We hope to start this process and have it complete within the 1st quarter of the New Year.
- (4) Susan extended an offer to assist any County Fire Department with Fire Safety if needed. She stated that Fire Safety is very important and likes to make sure that everyone properly knows how and when to call 911.