



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by the Grays Creek Station 18 Fire Department and we thank Chief Herndon and his staff for their great hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Minister Jim Martin provided the opening prayer and blessing of the food.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the members in the pledge of allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 8 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: EMS, Fort Bragg FD,

Associate Members: Forestry, Fort Bragg EMS

Approval of Minutes: The January 27, 2020 minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Senator Kirk Deviere – Running for Re-election to the NC Senate
Commissioner Michael Boose, Running for Re-election to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe, Running for Re-election to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
Minister Jim Martin, Director Camp Rockfish & Retreat Center
Ms. Christine Michaels, CEO Greater Fayetteville CC Chamber

Special Guests: Association Attorney Neil Yarborough

Vendors Present: Mr. Matt Perkinson, Communications International
Mr. Adam Green, Showcase Restoration
Mr. Ryan Hair, Palmetto Hydro Solutions, LLC – Hydrostatic Services
Lisa Berryhill, PPE Repair opportunities with D&S Textile Services

Treasurer's Report: Provided during quarterly Chiefs only meetings. Next report will be provided during the April 2020 meeting.

Meeting Points of Interests:

*Next Chiefs' Meeting will be hosted by the **Hope Mills Fire Department** on Monday, March 23, at **Hope Mills Recreation Center** on Rockfish Road. Dinner will be served.*

- President Johnson informed the membership that Secretary Melvin's mother was hospitalized earlier today and he is with his mom and not able to attend tonight's meeting. Chief Hodges provided a brief and positive update on Mark's mother.
- Grays Creek 2461 will assume air truck rotation during the month of March 2020 followed by Vander 281 in April 2020.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Numerous informational, safety and instructional handouts were provided in your packets.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Association Attorney Neil Yarborough addressed the membership and discussed the primary change proposed to the By-Law changes that would bring our By-Laws in line with current protocols. He stated that he made the necessary changes that addresses moving our bi-annual election meetings to the month of May during our bi-Annual election meetings with newly elected officers assuming their responsibilities on July 1 at the beginning of the new fiscal year. This will allow for a transition period between the outgoing and incoming executive committee members as voted on by the association directors. The By-Law revision also addresses and updates association committee as well as associate membership in order to bring them in line with current practices.
2. Association Attorney Neil Yarborough further discussed the association's new storage building being constructed at Station 19 and submitted a DRAFT Term Sheet (Agreement) that addresses a minimal understanding between the CCFCA and Stoney Point. He stated that this would be a zero dollar ten (10) year renewable contract between the Chiefs Association and Stoney Point Fire Department. He pointed out that Stoney Point has completed all the site preparations including clearing of the building site, and constructing an access road and site pad for the concrete foundation at no charge to the CCFCA. He informed the membership this would be a zero dollar land lease for a quarter of an acre piece of property along with an access easement to the property from Lake Upchurch Road. Neil also stated that he realizes that there are no existing issues but its good business practices to have a written agreement which makes for good relations and even the best of relationships have some type of agreement in place so all parties know who does what. He stated that he will not write this up for another 30 days in order to allocate some feedback if any, either directly to him or to President Johnson. He will prepare a formal agreement after 30 days and have it available for a future association meeting. Fire Chief Gary Brock inquired about insurance on the building. The building will be added to our already existing association policy with VFIS which can be added via a telephone call to Mr. Lamar Johnson. Fire Chief Scott Bass inquired about the length of the contract and Neil answered his question that the initial contract is for ten (10) years and that the association membership after five (5) years has the right to move the building if that is what they choose.
3. President Johnson reminded the members about our upcoming 2020 Chiefs 101 upgrade class scheduled for our Chiefs only meeting at Pearce's Mill Fire Department in April. This will provide all of us another 5 year Chief 101 recertification time. The class is not for Chiefs that need the initial Chief 101 eight (8) hour class, however they are welcome to sit in on the class.

4. President Johnson again announced that the North Carolina Fire & Rescue Commission (NCFRC) meeting is scheduled to be held here in Cumberland County on April 14, 2020 starting at 10 am. Courtesy of Commissioner Keefe we will be meeting in the auditorium of the Special Operation & Airborne Museum here in Fayetteville. He urged all Chiefs to place April the 14th on their calendars and try to attend this meeting and visit the museum.
5. Deputy Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. and Association Treasurer provided an update on the storage building progress. He stated that the building has been ordered with Tyson Builders. They are now in the process of ordering the required steel and supplies. He also informed the membership that we are dealing with Workers Compensation Issues that are being addressed as well as required permitting requirements but hoped to have all that completed within the next thirty (30) to forty-five (45) days providing there no additional unforeseen obstacles.
6. President Johnson announced that we are running slightly behind on checking our DECON and Foam Trailers for serviceability and inventory. He stated that his maintenance officer who was assigned the task, mother passed away and he is currently tied up with making arrangements and the subsequent estate matters that follow the loss of a parent. As soon as he gets back on track he will visit each station that houses a CCFCA asset and conduct the annual checks on behalf of our association.
7. President Johnson reminded the membership that there is still time to submit Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG). The grant deadline is Friday March 13 and they cannot turn you down if you don't apply.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Christine Michaels, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the Greater Fayetteville and Cumberland County Chamber addressed the membership about the 2020 Valor Awards Breakfast scheduled for June 23rd, 2020 at Manna Church on Cliffdale Road, or the same location as our two (2) previous awards. Christine provided a complete breakdown of all activities and requested that all departments submit award nominations by the March 31st deadline. Complete Valor Awards packets are included in each department's information packet. Please call the Chamber with questions, concerns or clarifications. An updated organizational list of all Cumberland County 1st responder organizations is also in your packets.
2. Camp Rockfish Director and Methodist Church Minister Jim Martin addressed the Fire Chiefs about meeting and gathering opportunities at Camp Rockfish. Camp Rockfish is both in Cumberland and Hoke Counties and provides many opportunities. During the month of May there is an open house scheduled for all that serve in order to come out and see the many opportunities that exists for meetings, family gatherings, and recreation. He stated that the camp is frequented annually by about 14,000 visitors and the camp has on-site lodging and meeting space for retreats or family reunions. Open house brochures for the May open house is in everyone's packets and please share with your membership.

3. Ms. Lisa Berryhill with D&S Textile Services addressed the membership concerning her company's services dealing with the full gambit of Personal Protective Ensemble (Turn-Out-Gear) repair. She stated that the company located out on Bragg Boulevard has fast turn-around and has many of the required parts on hand in order to accommodate fast turnaround of needed department gear.
4. Mr. Ryan Hair, Palmetto Hydro Solutions, LLC – Talked about his on-site DOT certified Hydrostatic Services on SCBA and Cascade bottles including scuba bottles. He also talked about the importance of hydro testing. He asked to keep him in mind when you need hydro static testing services. Company handouts are included in each department's hand-outs.
5. Mr. Adam Green, General Manager with Showcase Restoration provided information about his company's capabilities dealing with citizens that experienced fires or other types of disasters. He provided handout bags to the membership and asked to keep his company in mind when dealing with people that have been devastated.
6. President Johnson congratulated and announced that Vander Fire Department Assistant Chief Richard Bradshaw has been appointed as the new permanent Vander VFD Fire Chief during the most recent Vander Board of Directors meeting.
7. President Johnson talked about the up-coming Wednesday May 6, 2020, fire service Legislative Day in Raleigh at the General Assembly. He urged Chiefs that have not attended a legislative day that have the opportunity to attend to do so. Tim Bradley, Executive Director of the NCSFA is sending out information emails detailing times and location for attending Chiefs to meet. Because last year the legislature had no idea the Chiefs were coming and he asked Tim Bradley to be sure that the members of the General Assembly are informed about the forthcoming fire service legislative day. President Johnson also urged Senator Deviere who was in attendance to pass this on when he goes back up to Raleigh.
8. President Johnson passed on to the membership that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) along with local emergency services agencies will be conducting a Hazardous Material Disaster Exercise at the local Cargill Plant on River Road on Wednesday March 11, 2020. This multi-agency drill is scheduled to start at 0800 hours and run until complete. The exercise is being evaluated by Envirosafe, a consulting firm hired to evaluate and facilitate the drill. COMS-1 has been requested and will be utilized as the on-site command center for the duration of the exercise. He asked anyone that wants to participate or observe to please contact Emergency Services Director Gene Booth.
9. President Johnson stated that he was asked about retirement ID Cards. This is something we currently do not issue. He requested feedback from the association members and maybe we can come up with some protocol rules that would address the issue of retirement ID cards to members meeting certain requirements such as length of service (20+ Years) or as authorized by the Chiefs. Please get back with him with recommendation otherwise we let this expire and move on.
10. President Johnson congratulated Beaver Dam Fire Department for their recent improvement on their ISO rating improving to a class 5, which also qualifies the department for additional incentive stipend in line with our new budget incentives.

11. President Johnson recognized Stoney Point Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Murphy who was selected and announced by the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs as the 2020 Fire Officer of the Year during the annual awards banquet on Saturday February 1, 2020 in Concord. Congratulations Assistant Chief Murphy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- **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 cjohnson.spfd@gmail.com
 - President Johnson again asked the members to please recycle or return the clips used for our ID Cards. These clips are extremely expensive and we need to reuse them as much as possible in order to hold down costs. Please collect clips when your members leave a department and recycle the clips. He also reminded the membership that we do not print blue tags, which are considered temporary tags only.

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE E-Mail: Chief T.J. McLamb jmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson, E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Chief Murphy informed the membership about the Q&A process conducted by dispatch on all 100 series structure fire calls. He also touched on equipment needed at the Cliffdale transmission tower to increase the Communications ISO points. He also asks all the chiefs that have any issues with dispatch to please complete the required electronic feedback forms and submit them directly to dispatch. They will get back in touch with the submitting fire chief concerning the on-going issue. We will place the electronic form on our association website for everyone's convenience.
- Chief Murphy addressed a question posed to the Standards Committee concerning the activation of RIT Team on a second alarm. Specifically do we want a rescue truck assigned? He asked the membership to think about this proposal and provide feedback either back to him, Tracy Smith or President Johnson so we can further discuss at a future meeting.
- Chief Murphy discussed county incident calls that are worked on City Frequencies. When this occurs county has no accountability and requested that all calls are worked on the correct jurisdiction assigned frequency. We should also inform dispatchers when county apparatuses back fill within the COF and maintain good interface between both dispatch centers.

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

- No report.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson,

E-Mail: gcf24@nc.rr.com

- No report

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

E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- No Report – Next report during the April 2020 Chiefs only meeting.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- No Report

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD), Chairperson, E-Mail: clhodges@townofhopemills.com

- Chairman Hodges informed the membership that was asked to look into the possibility of enhancing our emergency apparatuses responses during incidents that would involve working fires. Although the county does not currently have a working fire protocol he recommended that we take a good look at this procedure that would automatically address additional apparatus needs as well as man-power when a working fire is declared. He stated as a minimum we are looking at adding two (2) additional Engines and an air truck. He requested feedback from the membership to see what the pleasure of the association is and will further discuss this during his upcoming Committee meeting and report back to the association membership. He also asked the members to please take a look at their response cards and update them as to not drain one department that would render them out-of-service and instead go out to the next tier of available apparatuses. There were considerable questions and concerns about departments showing all their equipment in service, but it was a fire chief call on how to show the availability of department apparatuses.

SMOKE ALARMS / KNOX BOX COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us

- FM Lowther talked about the smoke alarms and the availability of smoke alarms from OSFM and stated that 2020 FLSE conference was a great conference at GWL.

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (FFD) Chairperson,

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

- No report

NC WORKFORCE SOLUTION GRANTS – COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: [Jnobles@stedmanfire.com](mailto:jnobles@stedmanfire.com)

- No Report

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson
E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- Discussed the CC Grants program and the CC Citizens academy that was coming up.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director),
E-Mail: gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- ***Director Booth*** provided another update on the county fire districts competitive grant funding program and reminded the chiefs about the submission deadline. He requested anyone with questions to please email him and to submit the completed grant request to Ms. Gathney Smith by the submission deadline. He provided information on the review committee that will be assigned to review the submitted grants.
- Gene also urged the members to use the feedback forms mentioned by Chief Murphy. He stated that the forms are important and will be used to improve our services and systems throughout the county.
- ***Emergency Management Director Hendrix*** thanked both Eastover and Grays Creek Fire Departments for their action during the previous weeks dealing with a Hazardous Material call and the plane crash at the Grays Creek Airport and thanked the departments for letting him come out and support their incidents.
- Hendrix talked about the use of the County-Web EOC and the upcoming WEB EOC drills that all departments should participate in. He wants to increase participation in order to use the program to its fullest extent.
- Hendrix followed up on the LEPC Hazmat Exercise at Cargill on the 11th of March designed to exercise local capabilities. He urged anyone that wants to participate to please contact him ahead of time.
- ***FM Lowder*** – See Knox Box Committee Notes
- ***Adam Johnson*** – No Report

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: bpearce@capefearvalley.com

- No report

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov

- County Ranger Gottfried is attending required Forestry Classes and not able to attend.

FTCC Steve Drew, E-Mail: drews@faytechcc.edu

- An updated upcoming March 2020 certification class schedule was provided in everyone's packet.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Wright (Sr. Sgt. Steven Hodges – ATF)

- Major Parrisi - No report.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us
(Captain Jay Devane) jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail sean.johnson@ncdps.gov

- No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

- Commissioner Keefe discussed the grant program and thanked everyone for their work and support.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Cumberland Road Assistant Fire Chief Kiser informed the membership that Cumberland Road Fire Chief Steve Parrish has reached a milestone of forty (40) years of service with the Cumberland Road Fire District serving their citizens and Cumberland County. President Johnson thanked Chief Parrish for his dedicated years of service to his community.
- Chief Herndon announced if anyone is in need of DJ'ing services to consider Assistant Chief Danny Matthews who provides those services.
- President Johnson urged all members to get the word out to vote in the upcoming primary elections.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Captain DeVanne and seconded by Chief Brock.
The meeting was adjourned at 2112 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Mark A. Melvin
Mark A. Melvin, CFO
Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 1

1 – February 2020 Roll Call

	MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	17	17										
	ASSOCIATES PRESENT (11)	08	08										
	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	51	60										
	CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting	27-JAN-20- PMFD	24-FEB-20- GCFD-18	23-MAR-20- HMFD-21	27- APR-20 - PMFD	25-MAY-20 - SLFD-22	22-JUN-20- SVFD-23	27-JUL-20 - PMFD	24-AUG-20 - GCFD-24	28-SEP-20 - BDFD-26	26-OCT-20 - PMFD	23-NOV-20 - FFD-17	21-DEC-20 - SHERIFF
	MEMBERS	MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P										
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P										
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P										
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P										
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P										
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	A	A										
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P										
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	A										
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P										
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P										
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	P										
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P										
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P										
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P										
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P										
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P										
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P										
18	WADE STA 16	A	P										
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P										
	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS												
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P											
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P											
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	E										
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P											
05	FORESTRY	E	E										
06	FORT BRAGG EMS	A	A										
07	FTCC	P											
08	HAZMAT	P											
09	HIGHWAY PATROL	P											
10	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	P											
11	SHERIFFS OFFICE	A											

Special Notes:

CODES: (P) – Present (A)-Absent (E) – Excused

Enclosure # 1 – CCFCA Minutes 02/24/2020