

**Notes**  
**CCFCA Standards Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday June 13, 2000, 10:00 A.M. – Noon**  
**Hosted by County Station #3**

In Attendance:

Chief R. Marley, Sta. 3, Committee Chairman	Chief J. Hall, Sta. 5
Chief M. Barnes, Sta. 10, 15 & 20, Committee Secretary	Director D. Nunnery, Communications
Chief O. Harris, Sta. 4	A/Director K. Currie, Communications
Chief L. Sudia, Sta. 21	A/C. T. Smith, Sta. 3

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The following will be recommended at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CCFCA.

1. That all alarms of fire within structures will receive the full dispatched (residential and commercial). This includes ADT type alarms.
  - a. Note: It is recognized that, via a timely radio message, the officer in charge may choose to change the response to include:
    - i. Canceling all responding equipment
    - ii. Canceling all mutual aid equipment
    - iii. Direct specific equipment to stay in quarters to await further instructions
    - iv. Respond non-emergency.
2. Draft a recommended Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) policy. Policy to include:
  - a. That each department is encouraged to implement the use of RIT at every significant incident (structural fires, Haz-Mats, EMS where hot zones exist...).
  - b. Definitions and example(s) of a functional RIT.

The following will also be recommend:

1. That we discontinue the practice of dispatching partial responses to what are believed to be small fires (contained oven fires, lightning strikes...).

The following will be presented as reminders:

1. The need to upgrade zone cards and accompanying maps with mutual aid departments and ECC.
2. That only the first officer radioing that he/she is enroute will be acknowledged by ECC.
3. That all responding apparatus and officers are to check enroute on channel two.
4. Please forward an updated list of the following information to ECC
  - a. Locating information for each department's chief officer(s). Please include home phone, FAX at home and/or station, cell phone and digital pager number(s).
  - b. Updated list for all department members. Just names, address and phone.
5. Please check information in the 2000 Cumberland County Resource Manual for accuracy. This should include department chief's name(s), phone number(s), equipment... Report any inaccuracies to Emergency Management.

To better understand the radio needs of our county, Chief Barnes has been asked to research and tabulate a complete inventory of all VHF radios used by the Cumberland County Fire Service. The list shall include make, model, year and placement of each portable, mobile and base radio- no pagers.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Barnes, Fire Chief.

**Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association**  
**July 24, 2000**

Christian Firefighters Association Mr. Mike Cassanova gave the invocation to include a moment of silence for a fallen Cumberland County brother.

The meeting was called to order at 1930 Hrs. by President James Hall. Meeting held at the Sheriff Dept. assembly room. Roll call with 18 members and 8 associate members present. Tea was gratefully provided by Sheriff Butler.

The reading of the minutes was postponed to allow guest speaker Mr. Keith McCloud of the OSFM to speak. Mr. McCloud spoke of North Carolina's coastal emergency evacuation plan to include reversing all easterly traffic on I-40 to westbound. This plan calls for having one police, one fire and one EMS unit standing by at every exit along I-40 from Wilmington to I-95.

The OSFM is asking Cumberland to assist by committing as many rescue, EMS and or engines to assist in this endeavor. An engine company will require at least 4 people on board. A rescue unit must have extrication capabilities. A spreadsheet showing who has committed to which exits was distributed. A few suggestions on how already committed departments from neighboring countys could be moved slightly to open up exits closer to Cumberland. Mr. McCloud will let us know ASAP. This plan is scheduled trail on August 10th.

Q: How much notice will be given prior to putting this plan into action?

A: 24-hour notice of plan activation is planned. We then must be mobilized within 2 hours of actual implementation. The actual evacuation is expected to take 12 hours.

Q: Will there be reimbursement?

A: Yes under statewide mutual aid pact. Be sure participating all members are on the state roster.

Motion Chief Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Marley to commit Cumberland County to provide at least one Engine Company as requested by OSFM for the disaster plan to revere traffic on I-40. Motion Passed.

Discussion included the belief by some chiefs that Cumberland would be able to provide more than one engine, however, that is all we can commit to tonight. Motion Passed. Fire Marshall Strickland has offered one vehicle from his office to provide equipment shuttle or support to Cumberland County unit(s).

Read minutes from June 26, 2000. Minutes were approved to include changing site of this meeting from Court House to CCSD.

**Foam Trailer:** Vander is asking someone to take possession of the foam trailer at their station. Chief Marley suggested that we consider selling the unit since there appears to be ample foam in this county. J.F. Hall has been asked to chair a committee to research this topic.

1. What and how much are the current annual re-occurring expenses?
2. How much foam is typically available in Cumberland County?

Committee members conclude Chief Marley, Chief Johnson, Chief Barnes, Chief Chavis. Vander has agreed to maintain the trailer until next board meeting.

**Air System:** Vander F.D. has agreed to assume the responsibility to maintain the unit Air 400.

Motion Chief Bullard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief J.F. Hall to ask the County Commissioners through emergency Management to transfer the ownership of the Air 400 from their assets to this Association. Vander F.D. will maintain the vehicle's drive train to include insurance. CCFCA will continue to maintain the compressor.

President recognized Chief Middleton. Mike presented a written estimate to repair and upgrade to meet current standards for the air system in his station. It was noted that neighboring departments routinely use this unit.

President called a 10-minute intermission.

Motion Chief J. D. Pond 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chief Herndon to pay for the estimated \$38,300.70 repairs to Lafayette Villages air unit. Motion Passed 17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

**ADT Type Alarms:** Chief Marley noted his concern with the number of apparatus being dispatched to automatic fire alarms. We are losing radio contact with the first responding apparatus as ECC gets tied up dispatching mutual aid companies. President asked Chief Marley and standards committee to re-convene to continue researching this topic. Questions include: What is the ISO requirement regarding automatic fire alarms?

Effective tonight, the change to our standards requiring all fires within structures to be dispatched as a full alarm goes into effect. No partial alarms for things like oven fires.

The new emergency alert tone enacted at May 22 meeting will also remain in effect (Tone #2).

Reminder to complete the VHF radio survey and return to Westarea. We have not yet received a response from Beaver Dam, Eastover, Godwin-Falcon, Lake Rim, Stedman, Stoney Point, Wade, Fort. Bragg and Pope AFB.

**New Budget:**

Freddie Johnson Jr. presented a tabulation of last FY. No questions were asked and it was accepted as presented.

Arson Task Force is asking for additional financial assistance this year. They have 9 vehicles supporting 14 investigators. Four have over 140,000 miles. Three of these have been earmarked by the county to be removed from service due to high mileage and costs of repair. Lt. Morrison has submitted a request for \$27,000.00 to include:

- Purchasing two used highway patrol vehicles (\$11,000 each)
- Pager rental for all investigators for one year
- Training to meet annual Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) requirements.

Motion Chief Barnes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Middleton to support Arson task force during FY 2000/01 for \$27,000. Discussion included a concern that we would like to assist other agencies that also help our fire departments such as Haz-Mat and trench rescue. There simply is not enough \$ to help everyone. Discussion around buying new cars that will last longer instead of buying used vehicles.

Q: If we bought smaller models could we then buy more?

A: This was not recommended due to all of the equipment that must be carried.

Passed by roll call vote. 17 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained.

Last FY budget will be submitted to our accountant for the annual audit.

**J.F. Hall** passed out flyers describing his new personal business.

**Christian FF's** delivered 34 fans from 4 stations. They will continue to accept donations. Home Depot will sell these fans to you for \$10 each if you are donating them.

**ISO:** State legislation has recently been passed that shifts ISO grading from ISO to DOI.

**Technology Committee:** The committee has met on two occasions and has recognized that this project is larger than what the CCFCA needs to undertake. We will attempt to get county government involved as a facilitator by writing a letter to the County Manager.

**Children's smoke trailer:** Chief Bullard stated that they are waiting for a new fan to arrive. It should be ready in a few weeks.

**Deputy Chief James Hall (City).** Many thanks from the City of Fayetteville for filling in their stations during the recent funeral.

**EOC:** They are shifting to the new council and are continuing to install new equipment.

**EMS:** Nothing.

**F.M. Office:** Cumberland County fair will be the same time as our next meeting. We have not been asked to assist – yet.

If you have a person who is on two departments, be sure that they are listed as members on both departments. If a FF dies in the line of duty for your department, they must be on YOUR roster.

Web sites have been designed for ECC, EOC and FM. The designer will attend our next meeting to discuss costs.

**County Commissioner Baggett:** Commissioners held a special session recognizing the death of Firefighter Steve Patterson Jr. County government flew their flag at half staff for one day.

**Christian FF's:** Their meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at Station #10.

**Emergency Management:** Harold beverage noted that he still has some NOAA radios for dispersal to Fire Departments, day care centers...

**Chief Marley:** It is a good idea to titer the Hepatitis inoculation for your people. Some of his personnel are finding that their shots are no longer good.

Station #3 is missing a Minitor III pager. Please call if you find one.

Station #3 is having a photo sales.

Adjourned at 10:15 PM.