

**Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association
Minutes - August 23, 1999**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by V. P. J.F. Hall at Westarea Station #15 with 16 members and 9 associate members present.

Sheriff Butler addressed the Association in an effort to show his continued support, and that of his department, for this county's fire service.

The minutes of July 26, 1999 were read. Motion Chief Sudia, Seconded by Dep. Chief Hargis to approve the minutes with a correction to reflect that at the time of last meeting, the Christian Firefighters Association had only 8 fans and not 18. Motion Passed.

Next meeting will be at Station # 16 in Wade, on September 27, 1999.

Guest: Mr. Steve Snipes of FLIR Systems Inc. demonstrated their Thermo Imaging equipment for the fire service.

Mr. Roger Millikan provided a display of fire service equipment and was happy to address questions after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Sudia thanked everyone for their support of the family of Officer Tony Privitt of the Hope Mills PD. They raised over \$15,000.

Computers: Mr. Henry Swartout III. Currently there is no automatic local system checking done in each fire station by Henry. However, he will come when called for a problem. If we want an automatic checkup, we might need to change the current contract. Henry will evaluate how much an auto contract will cost – if anything and get back to the Association. If you have service needs or questions, please contact Henry at work TX, 426-1942 or work E-mail address: Henry.swartout@uncfsu.edu or henry@kdcc.net .

FTCC certificate awards: Mr. Robin Gurgainus addressed the practice of FTCC awarding stickers on the certificate prior to a student completing the course. The Ed / Training committee are to meet with FTCC to research a solution. Will evaluate requesting that FTCC give the certifications to the chief's at their monthly meeting. The chief will then award them to their student. FTCC has a number of certificates that have been returned in the mail with no forwarding address.

SOG's: Mutual aid SOG: Asked that chief's only meet after this meeting to discuss the SOG's.

Fire Prevention: Chief Sudia suggested that we regenerate the old informational presentation discussing our services and last done at the Cross Creek Mall. Chief Sudia will chair this and be assisted by Chief Nobles and Ricky Strickland.

The CCFCA's has been approved to make a presentation to the county commissioners in Oct. Chief's Freddy Johnson and Barnes will handle.

Foam Trailer: Cumberland Road has agreed to accept the FOAM trailer from Lake Rim. Motion Chief Middleton 2nd Chief House to move the foam trailer from Lake Rim to Cumberland Road. Motion Passed.

Firehouse Software. Chief Johnson: Please contact chief Johnson if you have NOT received the annual maintenance agreement bill from Firehouse.

Central computer server. Henry Swartout III: Firehouse Software claims they do not have the capability of using a central server. Everyone should be using version 16.52. On Sept. 1st, Firehouse will be releasing the new evaluation copy. This new version will allow a central server to be used.

Per Mr. Swartout, noted that there are basically two options for the server and that this is a highly technical decision. Committee Johnson, Barnes, Swartout, Middleton, and Strickland to research and make a purchase recommendation to the CCFCA.

Be sure that you are doing regular disk and data daily maintenance utilities that are built into the system.

UHF Radios: Chief Johnson has more UHF Radios available. The Sheriff's dept will maintain their old frequencies for search and rescue. The repeater will be cut off. Radios will remain effective when used in line of site.

OLD BUSINESS

Christian FF's took 16 fans to WFNC radio station. Station 10, 18, and 3 made donations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief House has 200 gallons of AFFF 3/6% foam on hand and needs sell it. Please call if you are interested.

Chief Johnson: Mike Hodges of Forestry Service would like to attend an advanced Wild land interface firefighting course. Motion Chief House, 2nd Chief Sudia to send Mike Hodges of the Forestry Service to a Wild land / Urban interface course on September 17-19, 1999 in Colorado. The class is expected to cost approximately \$750 and is considered a one-time expense.

Roll Call made with 14 for and 4 against. Motion passed.

Mr. Hodges reminded us that we can purchase class A-foam from the Forestry Dept. for \$8.75 per gallon.

It is also suggested that Dept's get their FF's out of structural gear and into Nomex. Reduction of heat stress is important. This gear is also available from Forestry.

COMMITTEES:

Emergency Management.: Ms. Cheri Grabowski: The resource manual is being updated. Be sure to get your info updated. It will be e-mailed to you as a read only document. You can print it from there.

FM: Be sure to return the fire condition reports back to him for forwarding to Raleigh.

The Child safety house will be moved back to the CCSD annex. Pearces Mill F.D has made necessary repairs and cleaning. However, it remains in some disrepair. The old checkout forms will be used. Delete item #14 on the form.

Anybody wanting a 14-month-old spaded Dalmatian, contact FM1.

The State certification committee has voted to do away with all re-certifications except for Arson and Instructor. This recommendation will go before the general body for a vote.

All Chief's must meet the annual 36 hours of training to be eligible for the Fireman's relief fund.

Note units and their dates for the county fair.

Banner: Motion Chief Middleton, 2nd Chief Bill Bullard to purchase a banner for the CCFCA for \$100.00. Motion passed.

The county board is expected to pass a regulation that will allow any county employee who is a Cumberland County FF to be late for work for up to 3 hours per incident.

FTCC: Introduced Ms. Anita Macintosh who is the new EMS coordinator.

EMS: Mr. Wally Ainsworth: Periodically EMS is not able to get your FF's back to the fire stations in a timely manner. We apologize.

Dr. Henderson has done a study showing significant success in early cardiac defibrillation. If we would like, he might be able to come to a later meeting to share his findings.

Backboards are always in short demand. Please be sure to put them on first out units only.

CCSD: Chief Johnson: They now have the second EOD person and are now a full-fledged EOD unit. They will also soon have a new robot to enter hazardous situations.

ARSON: Lt. Bruce Morrison: Be on the lookout for Mr. David Lindner who is posing as a county firefighter when he comes in contact with Law Enforcement. He has been charged with burglary. He has been seen with a FD badge, hat and various parts of official uniforms. If anyone has seen this individual in or around their stations, please contact Lt. Morrison.

Mutual Aid: Chief Marley: Copies of the Staging and Mutual Aid will be included with these minutes for review and comment next month.

Henry Swartout III asked that everyone check the CCFCA web site for accuracy. He has made a few updates and is looking for feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by,
Mark L. Barnes, Fire Chief, Westarea Fire Department.

Meeting Notes

When: October 8th, 1999, 1400 – 1530 Hrs.

Where: FTCC / City fire training facility

Who: CCFCA Education Committee & FTCC

Chief Barnes, Committee Chair

Chief R. Marley

Chief J. House – unable to attend.

Mr. Robin Gurgainus

Mr. Ernest Ward

This meeting was held at the request of the CCFCA during their August 23rd meeting.

Points:

1. It is proposed that all FTCC fire certificates be distributed to the fire chief's at the regularly scheduled CCFCA meetings. If a specific chief or his representative is not in attendance, the certificate(s) will be turned over to the Fire Marshal's office for distribution.
2. It was re-confirmed that FTCC is invited to the CCFCA's regularly scheduled meetings. In the case of the quarterly executive board meetings, certifications will be given to the Fire Marshal for distribution at that meeting.
3. It is requested that each fire department submit a current membership list to FTCC.
4. For reasons of security and accountability, no student will be allowed to pick up their certificate(s) at FTCC. The exception to this is if the Fire Chief makes prior arrangements with FTCC staff for such a pick up.
5. FTCC will continue to evaluate ways to reduce class contact hours when applicable. An example might be an unusually small class.
6. Fire Academy stickers will NOT be given until that specific class has been completed.
7. It was noted that all students must successfully complete all course skill objectives.
8. It is requested that Fire Departments notify FTCC of any in-house courses that others would be welcome to attend. If time permits, FTCC will advertise the course.
9. FTCC is inquiring if Fire Dept. training officers would like to re-establish the quarterly meetings.
10. FTCC will produce a fact sheet discussing their programs and distribute it through the CCFCA.

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CHIEF TERENCE P. RIELLY
WESTAREA FIRE DEPT. #10
REC'D 9-9-99

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Cumberland County Chief's Association

Proposal for the creation of the Cumberland County Awards Program

Purpose of this proposal is to establish a program of recognition for those who show a willingness to excel in the duties of a fire fighter.

It is also to establish a county-wide standard of recognition so that these fire fighters can be recognized by the general public as well as the fire fighting community.

An Awards Committee should be established to consider all requests for awards. This committee should be appointed by the President of the Chief's Association and should consist of at least four board members. This committee should meet annually, or as needed, on a fiscal year that runs from September 1 to August 31.

The following is a list of awards containing a description of the accompanying ribbons to be considered.

<u>Award</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Class A (Medal of Honor)	Solid Gold Bar
2. Class B (Medal of Commendation)	Red-White-Red
3. Class C (Citation)	Blue-White-Blue
4. Arnold Koonce Award (Fire Officer and/or Fire Fighter of the Year)	Solid Red with Gold Star
5. Service Recognition Award	Solid Blue

Criteria for awards should be as follows or as deemed by the awards committee.

Class A (Medal of Honor) Awarded to a fire fighter who has been injured while performing above and beyond the call of duty, at extreme risk to him/herself, was instrumental in rescuing or saving another from certain death. The recipient of this award shall receive a medal, ribbon, and certificate or plaque.

Class B (Medal of Commendation) Awarded to a fire fighter for performing above and beyond the call of duty, at extreme risk to him/herself, was instrumental in rescuing or saving another from possible death. The recipient of this award shall receive a medal, ribbon, and certificate or plaque.

Class C (Citation) Awarded to a fire fighter who at unusual personal risk was involved in an act of bravery while performing his/her duties as a fire fighter or rescuer. The recipient of this award shall receive a ribbon and a certificate or plaque.

Arnold Koonce Award (Fire Officer or Fire Fighter of the Year)
Awarded to the person who has performed his/her duties in the finest tradition of the fire service. The recipient of this award shall receive a ribbon and a certificate or plaque.

Service Recognition Award Awarded to those members of the fire service in acknowledgement of their years of service. Recipients of this award shall receive a ribbon with number of years served pin and a certificate or plaque. Service recognition should be awarded in increments of 10, 15, 20, and 25 years.

CIVILIAN AWARD

All awards should be worn on the left side of the dress uniform above the breast pocket.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE

Date: 8-23-99

Recommendation/Proposal: Forestry class in CO.

Motion by: Hovse Seconded: Sudra

DEPARTMENT	FOR	AGAINST	DEPARTMENT	FOR	AGAINST
EASTOVER			CARVERS CREEK		
VANDER	✓		WADE	✓	
PEARCES MILLS	✓		GODWIN-FALCON		✓
COTTON		✓	GRAY'S CREEK #1		✓
CUMBERLAND ROAD	✓		LINDEN		
LAFAYETTE VILLAGE		✓	HOPE MILLS	✓	
CEDAR CREEK	✓		SPRING LAKE		
BONNIE DOONE			STEDMAN	✓	
WESTAREA	✓		GRAY'S CREEK #2	✓	
LAKE RIM	✓		BEAVER DAM	✓	
BETHANY	✓		FAYETTEVILLE	✓	
STONEY POINT	✓		POPE AFB		
MANCHESTER			FORT BRAGG		

TOTALS FOR: 14 AGAINST: 4