



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the December 16, 2019 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by the Sheriff's Office and we thank Sheriff Wright and his staff for their hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Captain Perry, Sheriff's Office Chaplain provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 9 associate members present.

Members Absent:

- Fire/EMS Departments: Grays Creek #24
- Associate Members: County Commissioners, County Managers Office,

Approval of Minutes: The November 25, 2019 minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Retired Cumberland County Fire Chiefs

Special Guests: Billy West, CC District Attorney, Silent Hero's Motorcycle Club, CC Honor Guard representatives.

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: Quarterly reports will be presented with our next report in January 2020

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting will be Monday, January 27, 2019, at Pearce's Mill Fire Department. This is a Chief's Only meeting with executive committee elections. Snacks will be served.

- Stoney Point FD 1981 will assume air truck rotation during the month of January 2020 followed by FFD Air 1 in February 2020.

Items of Interest Handouts

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson provided an update on the Caisson Unit. He also stated that the truck is in for service to replace the 40 year old radiator, remove several leaf springs and service the truck.
2. President Johnson advised that Freddy Johnson Jr. would be back at the January meeting with an update on the building project to house the Associations assets.
3. President Johnson informed the membership that he met with Mr. Jackson, his staff and Keith Todd, IT Director to discuss our current I-Pad update issues. At issue is the dilemma concerning Freedom Application (FA) updates of department owned I-Pads that are exclusively utilized in conjunction with Freedom App. President Johnson stated that he received an XL spreadsheet from Director Todd that he will forward to each chief in order to determine the total number of tablets purchased by each department with the Freedom App downloaded for incident use. Currently when upgrades to the Freedom App and support apps is being pushed out by County IT department owned I-PADS are not being updated and there is a need to mitigate this issue.
4. President Johnson followed up on behalf of the NCAFC and urged the members of the association to consider the purchase of a North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) member personalized license plate. The NC Fire Officer plate can be ordered directly on the NCAFC website and is available to all association members. The purchase of the plates was also opened to any NC Fire Officer. Please inform your department officers to see if any would like to order a plate and assist the NCAFC with reaching the 500 minimum order required by North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) in order to manufacture and distribute the Official North Carolina Fire Officer License Tag. If the goal is met these new tags will be available in 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson discussed several issues that have a direct relation to the fire service involving the top 10 OSHA serious and willful findings. Please review the handout in your package for further information. He asked the Chiefs to pay close attention to **Hazardous Communications Standard 1910.1200**, **Respiratory Protection Standard 1910.134**, **Personal Protective and Life Saving Equipment – Eye, Face Protection 1926.102**. He also urged the chiefs to look at the **Ladders and Fall Protection** standard listed when conducting general maintenance in and around your fire station outside of emergency incident use.
2. President Johnson presented a wrap up of the grant awards received by CCFCA departments over the years. The new AFG program should open up very soon after the first of the year.
3. President Johnson asked Gene Booth to set up a meeting to discuss the cost recovery fees for CC Fire Department's. The current ordinance was written in 1991 and is in need of updating.

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 a temporary tag 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

- No report.

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

- Thanked all of the committee members for their work over the year.

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.

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

- Chairman Harris reported that a meeting will be scheduled in January 2020.

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

- Chairman Hodges stated that an email is forthcoming concerning the date and time of the next Communication/Dispatch Steering Committee meeting in January 2020.

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- President Johnson stated that the Knox Box representatives would not be available until January 2020

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

- 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

- No report.

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

- *Director Booth* discussed the priority needed for the fire grant program and asked all the chiefs in attendance to complete this very short but critical survey and thanked those that completed and submitted the survey.
- *Emergency Management Director Hendrix* had no report.
- *FM Lowder* – Not Present. Called President Johnson and advised that the Knox Box representatives will not be available until early next year.
- *Adam Johnson* had 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

- Ranger Gottfried reported that a new equipment operator would be starting in January 2020.

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

- No report.

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

- 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

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

President Johnson on behalf of the executive committee wished everyone a safe but joyous Holiday Season.

The Silent Hero's Motorcycle Club held a raffle for a Firefighter in need.....

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Noble and seconded by Chief Brock.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 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 – December 2019 Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	16	17	18	17	17	19	19	19	17	18	18	18
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (12)	08	10	8	9	7	8	8	10	8	9	10	9
PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE	60	75	69	67	59	76	66	62	59	46	57	90

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