

# **CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

Cumberland County, North Carolina

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Fayetteville, North Carolina 28302-2592

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

November 27, 1995

The meeting was hosted by Raeford Road Fire Department at Douglas Bird Jr. High School. President J.E. Hall called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours. Chief Jimmy Cromartie and his staff were recognized for their hospitality and the dinner.

Roll was called: 21 departments were represented and 14 associate members were present.

Secretary's Report was approved as read.

Treasurer's Report was approved as read; Fire Chief Freddy Johnson reviewed the budget and informed the association that the County Finance Department recommended that an audit be conducted. Chief Johnson suggested that Hage & Lambert be contacted for the purpose of auditing the books. A motion was received and second, motion passed by show of hands. Chief Johnson announced that the association had received their Tax ID number, anyone needing to reference it may contact the treasurer or secretary.

### **GUEST:**

Phil Josey, Charlotte Equipment Sales, announced that he had a display set up, anyone wishing to speak with him about a particular product could do so during break or after the meeting.

Mike Hodges, District Manager - Forestry 65, introduced himself and offered his services to all chiefs'

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Neil Yarborough addressed the First Responder issue; he informed the association that under General Statutes they are authorized to provide medical services. However, under the County Contract they are not. He advised all chiefs to draft a letter stating their intentions and forward it to his office. Those departments desiring to provide medical service would have to make a voluntary amendment to their contract in order to provide medical service. He also stated that the First Responder services would need to be defined in more detail.

## **OLD BUSINESS (cont.)**

Chief Freddy Johnson advised that the maintenance contract for the mobile air units and stationary systems will expire at the end of December. He has spoke with Safe Air, they have agreed to continue service and bill in May or June. Motion was made to continue service with the current company under this agreement. Motion received a second and passed by show of hands.

President Hall informed the association that more information concerning a burial team would be available after the first of the year.

Discussion was held concerning the Payment and reimbursement of fuel acquired from Cumberland County School System. John McInnis reviewed the policy. The requesting department is responsible for the bill, mutual aid departments are to reimburse the requesting department.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Hall requested that the association consider adding Errors & Omissions Insurance to the VFIS policy at a cost of \$264.00 per year. Chief Jimmy Goodman made a motion to add the Errors and Omissions Clause to the policy, motion received a second and passed by show of hands.

President Hall announced that the Executive Committee would meet on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, in the Fire Marshal's Office at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating new officers.

Chief Freddy Johnson recommended that a letter be drafted to Tom Baker, Chairman of County Commissioners, requesting that Marshal Faircloth be re-appointed to Fire Liaison Officer for the commissioners. Recommendation was approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

TRAINING AND EDUCATION - No Report

STANDARDS AND MUTUAL AID - No Report

COMMUNICATIONS - Assistant Chief Kenneth Hall advised that departments should use mobile radios when attempting to communicate with E.O.C., portable radios are hard to hear and should be used for fireground operations only. Doc Nunnrey discussed several options to resolve the communication problem.

FINANCE AND BUDGET - Nothing further to report

PUBLIC RELATIONS - No Report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS (cont.)**

**FIRE MARSHAL** - Ricky Strickland informed the association that he had a draft copy of Occupational Safety & Health Standard for Fire Departments and Rescue Squads published by the North Carolina Fire Commission. The book will be available to the industry after the first of the year. Mr. Strickland also announced that E.O.C. has an emergency call back list for all county electrical and building inspectors.

**F.T.C.C.** - Bill Vile announced that Ernest Ward has been hired to fill the position of Airport Coordinator.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** - No Report

**FORESTRY** - Joe Johnson advised that Eric Bordon has returned to duty effective October 1, 1995, and would be serving in the West Area, Linden and Spring Lake areas. He thanked the association for their continued support.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** - No Report

**C.E.R.T.** - Chief Benny Nichols announced that Fayetteville was in the process of changing over to 800 MGh

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** - No Report

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

The Secretary read a card of appreciation from the family of Donna Wicker Clark.

President Hall expressed his appreciation to the Chaplain for his services at a recent fatal fire. He also announced that a training program is being established for Fire Department Chaplains

Chief Linwood Hill thanked all departments who assisted with the recent sawmill fire in Wade.

The December meeting will be hosted by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department at the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry Building located on Burges Street. Dinner will be served.

There being no further business before the association a motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 21:00 hours.

Respectfully,

Larry A. Wilson  
SECRETARY

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**December 20, 1995**

**Cumberland County Commissioners**

**Tom Baker, Chairman**

**P.O. Drawer 1829**

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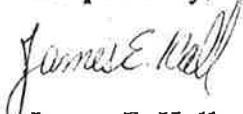
**Mr. Baker:**

**On November 27, 1995, the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs met for their regularly scheduled business meeting. During that meeting a motion was heard and seconded, that a letter be sent to County Commissioner requesting that Mr. Marshal Fairclothe be re-appointed as Fire Liaison Officer for the Commissioners.**

**Mr Fairclothe is committed to the concerns of the fire service as well as the safety and welfare of the general public. He has given support and guidance to the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association on many issues which have a bearing on fire protection in the county. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter in detail at your convenience.**

**I would like to extend to you, or any commissioner, an open invitation to our meetings. We meet on the fourth Monday of each month at one of the county fire departments. This is done on a rotating basis; the January 22, 1996, meeting will be hosted by the Lafayette Village Fire Department on Hope Mills Road at 7:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully,**



**James E. Hall  
PRESIDENT**

**JEH/law**