

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of November 23, 2009 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Hope Mills Fire Department and was held at the Hope Mills Community Center. We thank Chief Hodges and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Cassanova provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 22 departments and 8 associate members present.

Members Absent: Westarea 15, Westarea 20

Associate Members Absent: NC Forestry, SBI, FTCC, Lifelink

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were approved as presented.

Guests: Heather Hawkins, NCDENR gave an update on open burning in Cumberland County. She also handed out a training DVD to each department.

Vendors Present: Mike Lee – Lee Financial Service wants to come to each station to discuss the available benefits his company offers. Paul Simmons – Kair Air, made a presentation of several products that his company offers.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Point of interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be held December 21, 2009 and hosted by **The Cumberland County Sheriff's Department**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at the Cumberland County Detention Facility

- Station 24 will begin service with the mobile air system in December 2009.
- President Johnson gave a report on Wallace Smith, retired Arson Team Member and a current 40 year veteran of the Stoney Point Fire Department. Wallace is no longer receiving cancer treatments and President Johnson asks that everyone remember the Smith family in their prayers.
- The new fire safety house was on display at the meeting.
- President Johnson has the foam trailers at Fire Station #19 being serviced and refilled with the new foam.

- Please begin filling out the ID card information sheets that are enclosed in your packets. This information will be loaded into the new ID card program.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- **FYL.** 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 tara@stoneypointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- Director Currie has asked for a communications meeting to discuss the Viper talk groups. This meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible and information will be put out to all those wishing to attend.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE Chief K. Hall (Cumberland Road) Chairperson

- No report.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- No report.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson

- President Johnson has appointed Chief Ronnie Marley as the new Chairperson for this committee. We thank Chief Blackburn for his many years of service to this committee.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Ake (Beaver Dam) Chairperson

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report

EASTERN FIRE SCHOOL Chief R. Marley (Pearces Mill) Chairperson

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Currie, Director

- No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: Michael Roye, Director

- The new INCEPT document will be forth coming. This State document outlines certain equipment issues as it relates to EMS responses.

HAZMAT BC Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger (TBD)

- No report.

FTCC Ernest Ward

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- No report.

HIGHWAY PATROL

- First Sgt. Johnson advised everyone to drive safely during the holidays

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Cassanova

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Hodges gave an open invitation to all departments that wishes to participate in the Hope Mills Christmas Parade. The parade will be held on December 5 at 3:00 pm. Please be lined up on Rockfish Rd. no later than 2:15 pm

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Assistant Chief Autry, seconded by Deputy Chief Johnson. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2115 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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