

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

January 24, 2005

The meeting was conducted at **EMS BASE**.

President Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 1900 Hours.

Opening Prayer: Chief J. F. Hall led the members with the opening prayer.

Visitors: N C State Fire Marshall Office staff member Derrick Clouston attended the meeting.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 23 Departments and 8 Associates present.

Members Absent: Godwin-Falcon & Spring Lake

Associate Members Absent: Sheriff's Office & Forestry

Approval Of Minutes: There were no Corrections to the December 20, 2004 minutes and they were approved as presented.

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: A financial report listing all transactions from October 1, 2004 until January 24, 2005 was presented. The report listed a balance of \$203,956.72. The report was approved as given

Point of interests as presented by President Johnson

- **Next Months Chief's Meeting** will be held February 28, 2005 at Pearces Mill Fire Department Station 3.
- **PNCFA** dues have been paid, a copy of invoice was passed to all members
- **Firehouse Conference** being held in Charlotte and Lt.Steve Drew, FFD, Tara Johnson, SPFD, and Mike Horne, VFD will attend. This is a class for advanced users and they will be available to assist other departments as needed.

- **Fort Bragg's** new station is set for dedication Jan. 26, 2005 at 3:30 PM. Fort Bragg Fire Department will also be recognized as the DOD department of the year.
- **Firehouse 6 Update** should have been installed by now.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Stallion air is not an authorized Bauer Factory Representative therefore the contract with Safe Air has been renewed and paid.
- The rescue committee's recommendations and draft SOP for medium rescue standards were discussed at length. EMS is no longer in the rescue business, however rescue is still part of the emergency medical dispatch system and equipment with personnel will be dispatched as appropriate. Several departments (Vander, Cotton, Lake Rim, Stoney Point, Westarea, Spring Lake, Ft. Bragg, Pope AFB and Fayetteville) have equipment on hand with sufficiently trained personnel to respond to the designated rescue response determents. All units will eventually meet as a minimum the Medium Rescue Standards as set forth by the NC Association of Rescue Squads. The goal and intend of the program is for each station to have access to the closest rescue apparatus anywhere in Cumberland County. **A motion was made by Chief Chuck Hodges to adopt the rescue concept as developed and presented - utilizing the Cumberland County Rescue Truck Response Zones and send the plan for approval to Dr. Reed the Cumberland County Medical Director. (If approved) The rescue zone plan will then be voted on at the next CCFCA meeting. Chief Herndon seconded the motion.**
- **The motion passed 23 Yes 0 No.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Safety Vest Issue;** Chief Herndon told the association that an OSHA representative had informed them that their current vests were not acceptable. DOT standards require at least a Class II for use on highways by all paid personnel. Discussion followed and there may be a requirement for a class III vest in the next year or so. Fayetteville Fire Department has purchased a vest for each fireman to meet standards. Funding possibilities were discussed. President Johnson requested all departments needing vests email him with the number needed and we may be able to get a bulk price. Further discussion on this matter will be conducted during the February 2005 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TECHNOLOGY/AUTOMATION COMMITTEE (FIREHOUSE) Chief F. Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- No Report

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

- Tara requests that Fire Chiefs send a signed letter or memo with a firefighter requesting an I D Card. For any questions or an appointment contact Tara Johnson @ 424-6094 or e-mail at tara@stonepointfire.com

FIRE PREV./EDUCATION COMMITTEE Bat. Chief Chris Morey (FFD) Chairperson

- Not Present

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- Gave information on First Alarm Company for ladder testing that charges \$1.50 per foot
- Grant money may be available to create a communication system that is capable of tying together all the different systems and frequencies within the county. A system is in the planning stages

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

- Draft RIT guidelines are ready for review

TRAINING & TRAINING STDS COMMITTEE Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- No Report

MOBILE & STATIONARY AIR SYSTEMS Executive Committee as needed

- No Report

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Deputy Chief S. Blackburn (Ft. Bragg) Chairperson

- Chief Blackburn stated the committee would meet Feb 4, 2005.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- Please update equipment information of run cards. Chief Marley recommended the equipment list for each station be updated and the information be published for each station to make a decision as to what responding units are needed. The Resource Manual will be posted on the server and each station should update the equipment list.
- President Johnson requested that the aid agreement be updated

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

- Report given earlier

LEPC Chief R. Miller (Ft Bragg) Chairperson

- Not Present

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Exective Committee

- No Report

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

- Discussed in length during old business.

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

- The booklets advertising the school have not been sent out yet. All classes and related activities are ready for the school. Ernest Ward will check on this as soon as possible and report back to Chief Marley.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT:

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR Colonel Nunnery

- No Report

ECC-911 Major Kenny Curry

- Some positions for fire dispatcher are open. Please pass info to all interested personnel.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR Mike Costa

- Command board equipment is available for pick up. DOT handbooks will be distributed soon

EMS Colonel W. Ainsworth

- Wally passed out a memorandum updating the EMS Data Collection process. This memo eliminated the need to fax the form to EMS when CCEMS is not dispatched to a first responder call. The information will be entered on the dispatch log, which will enable CCEMS to obtain the required data elements from the log.

HAZMAT Chief Nichols, FFD

- No Report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger J. Johnson

- Not Present

FTCC Ernest Ward

- No Report

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Not present

HIGHWAY PATROL

- No Report

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova:

- No Report

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Tal Baggett

- Commissioner Baggett stated a meeting was held with the county manager to address the need for additional funds for departments running EMS and Rescue services. Some possible sources for additional funds are being looked at. One approach is an assessment tax on each household similar to the solid waste. President Johnson distributed a letter that had been sent to Mrs. Amy Cannon, assistant Cumberland County Manger-Finance, Reference EMS & Rescue Service Funding.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chief Marley requested email addressed to him is sent to 302 as his computer was out of service at the present time.
- Chief Herndon announced that Station 18 would hold a BBQ dinner on February 5, 2005. Everyone is invited
- Feb 1, 2005 at 1300 Hrs Pope AFB will have Enviro Chem demonstrate use of a hydrocarbon product to assist in fire control and protection of the environment when extinguishing fuel fires
- Computer viruses were discussed. Everyone is encouraged to be cautious when opening mail and if you don't know the sender you may not want to open the mail. Viruses are coming in through the Internet by downloading various programs.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Strahan and seconded by Chief Bullard

Meeting Adjourned at 2130 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddie Johnson

Fire Chief Freddy Johnson.
President

Harold Shirley

Assistant Chief Harold Shirley
Secretary