



# Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the July 25, 2016 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by the EMS. We thank Chief Pearce and his staff for their great hospitality.

**Opening Prayer:** Chief Lucas provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 15 departments and 5 associate members present.

**Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: Eastover, EMS, Grays Creek #24, Hope Mills

Associate Members: CCDA, Civil Air Patrol, Forestry, HazMat, Life Link, and Sheriff's Office

**Approval of Minutes:** The May and June 2016 minutes were approved.

**Guests:** Allison Hicks from MDA and several special guests requested support for MDA and its programs.

**Vendors Present:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Johnson presented the report for July 2016. A handout of the account balance and expenditures is included in your packages

**Meeting Point of Interests:**

***Next Chief's Meeting** will be Monday August 22, 2016. The meeting will be hosted by Cumberland Road Fire Department and held at Faymont Baptist Church on Cumberland Road, located next door to the Cumberland Road Fire Department -*

- Vander # 2 VFD has the air truck (281) responsibilities during the month of August 2016, followed by Stoney Point # 19 VFD (1981) during the month of September.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
  - Legal and Health sheets
  - OSFM informational sheet
  - Budget information
  - FH training Information

The monthly Chiefs only meeting was presided by Treasurer Freddy Johnson Jr., due to the absence of the President and Vice President. President Johnson Sr., is attending a job required training conference and Vice President Marley is also out of town taking assisting his wife.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Treasurer Johnson updated the members on the code plugs and voice files with the radio tactical channels. The contractor still has several stations with issues regarding voice files and other programming issues. Everyone was advised to check all of your radios and report to President Johnson what is working or what is not working. Mr. Mitchell will be sending out a template of what should be in the radios. Amerizon has been asked to send in an updated P-25 roster on our radios to ensure that the upgrade is there.
2. Treasurer Johnson advised that the Verizon accounts were set up for use with the Freedom Applications and Tablets. He is finalizing the issues involving the file server and proper infrastructure to support the program. We will be utilizing 911 funds to help with the purchase, but we will be required to work with the County on this issue for payment or reimbursement. Director Beeman and President Johnson will continue to work this issue. There will be several training the trainer (TTT) programs held on the operation of these devices as we move closer to implementation. The locations and dates are to be determined in the near future. This is a fluid situation and patience is needed as we have many moving parts that must come together.
3. Treasurer Johnson stated that due to the delay on the tablets, we have renewed the Rocket and CAD fees for the year ending June 30, 2017. This will maintain our current system.
4. Treasurer Johnson stated that a Chaplain class is being held August 8-12, 2016 at FFD # 19. Please support this program if possible and we urge the CCFCA to sponsor one (1) chaplain per department.
5. It was reported that President Johnson did meet with OSFM Deputy Commissioner Rick McIntyre on dispatch and inspection issues. Treasurer Johnson stated that no volunteers were received thus far to discuss AVL issues. Please contact President Johnson if you are interested in serving on this committee or if you have concerns you wish to be addressed. He also reminded those Chief's with legal questions about the AVL to turn them in ASAP in order to forward them to the association attorney Mr. Yarborough.
6. The Association plans on recognizing Ernest Ward, FTCC Coordinator Fire Training and Chief Ronnie Godwin outgoing Fire Chief with the West Area Fire District during the August meeting for their in excess of 60 years of dedicated service not only to our association but also to the Cumberland County and North Carolina Fire Service.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. In August, we will have a presentation on bed bug issues. Several departments have spent thousands of dollars trying to control bed bug issues within the fire stations. Director Beeman has invited Kay Harris to address the issues with us.
2. The FH maintenance contract was received this week and will be paid out. It is \$43,732.00 for the New Year, with no price increase over last year. Departments with additional users and programs will be billed for their additional costs by the association.

## **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](mailto:cjohnson.spfd@gmail.com)

**FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE** BC Martin /Captain Willet, FFD – Chairpersons, E-Mail: [MMartin@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:MMartin@ci.fay.nc.us) [Rwillet@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:Rwillet@ci.fay.nc.us)

No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** EMS Chief Brian Pearce – EMS - Chairperson, E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com)

- No report.

**STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE** A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson, E-Mail: [kmurphy1903@gmail.com](mailto:kmurphy1903@gmail.com)

- Assistant Chief Murphy stated that the active shooter policy was 95% complete and was awaiting some final reviews.

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

- No report.

**AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE** Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson–E-Mail: [gcf24@nc.rr.com](mailto:gcf24@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson, E-Mail: [spfd1302@nc.rr.com](mailto:spfd1302@nc.rr.com)

Report included in packages.

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

- No report.

**BULK PURCHASE COMMITTEE** Deputy Director Timmy Mitchell (Emergency Services), Chairperson, E-Mail: [tmitchell@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:tmitchell@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- No report.

**SPECIAL RESPONSE TIME COMMITTEE** - Chief Hill (WCFD/FFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: [mhill@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:mhill@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No report.

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

- No report.

**FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE** - Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson, E-Mail: [tmclamb@spring-lake.org](mailto:tmclamb@spring-lake.org)

- No report.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** (Randy Beeman, Director), E-Mail: [rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- No report.

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com)

- No report.

**HAZMAT** BC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 584-9550, E-Mail: [rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No report.

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: [craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov](mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov)

No report.

**FTCC** Ernest Ward, Director, E-Mail: [warde@faytechcc.edu](mailto:warde@faytechcc.edu)

- No report.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- No report.

**NC HIGHWAY PATROL** – Captain Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Field Operations. E-Mail: [fjohnson@ncshp.org](mailto:fjohnson@ncshp.org)

- Captain Johnson advised everyone to maintain awareness due to the many acts of violence being shown on law enforcement and other emergency services workers.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL** Ryan William

- No report.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

- No report.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner John Keefe

- No report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Chief Herndon thanked all of the personnel who assisted his department with their Inspection Rating this past month.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Deputy Chief Smith seconded by Deputy Chief Harris. 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*

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Fire Chief / Secretary

**1 Enclosures**

1. Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association – Attendance Roster 2016