



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association
Minutes of May 21, 2012 Monthly Meeting



The meeting was hosted by the Spring Lake Fire Department and we thank Chief McLamb and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Retired Fire Chief J. F. Hall, Assistant Chaplain provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 20 departments and 5 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire Departments: Fort Bragg FD, Grays Creek # 24 FD, Westarea FD

Associate Members: Christian Firefighters, FTCC, County Commissioner

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 2012 meeting were approved.

Guests: **Tori Miller & Justin McLeod**, NC Specialized Mobile Animal Rescue Team (SMART) made a presentation to the membership concerning available Animal Rescue Services

Vendors Present: Lonnie D. Scott, BATTERIES of NC LLC. Provided hand-outs and displays and presented door prizes.

Treasurer's Report: Not Applicable (Chief's Only Meetings).

Meeting Point of interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be June 25, 2012 hosted by the Hope Mills Fire Department and the meeting will take place at the Hope Mills Recreation Center located on Rockfish Road next to the Hope Mills City Hall at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served.

- President Johnson advised that the Fayetteville Fire Department will pick up air truck coverage and duties in June 2012.
- President Johnson informed the membership that he just left court and did not have the monthly hand-outs which he will provide during the June meeting in Hope Mills.

- President Johnson introduced Mr. Randy Beeman our new Cumberland County Emergency Services Director and welcomed Randy to the association and to his new position.
- President Johnson briefly updated the membership on the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT's) installation. He explained that the funding for the MDT's to include the installation costs had deadline and in order to meet the deadline and not lose the funding we went ahead and had the hardware installed although the lap top computers are not ready for issue at this time.

Mobile Data Installation Information:

Eastover # 1	2	Godwin-Falcon # 17	2
Vander # 2 & 8	4	Grays Creek # 18	2
Pearce's Mill # 3	2	Hope Mills # 21	2
Cotton # 4	2	Spring Lake # 22	2
Cumberland Rd # 5	2	Stedman # 23	2
Bethany # 12	2	Grays Creek # 24	2
Stoney Point # 13 & 19	4	Beaver Dam # 26	2
Westarea # 15, 20 & 25	5		
Wade # 16	2		

- President Johnson at the request of Chief McLamb informed the membership that Chief McLamb will announce all future Firehouse Steering Committee meetings on lamresponding and if anyone has time or wants to attend please do so. He also advised that the following members are permanent members of the committee.

Chief McLamb – Chairman - Spring Lake FD	tmclamb@spring-lake.org
Chief Bullard (2301) Member	sfd2301@aol.com
Chief Mike Hill (1601/FFD)	mhill@ci.fay.nc.us
Assistant Chief Spiller (0503) Member	crfd503@nc.rr.com
Commander Ronald Lewis (FFD-Code Enforcement)	rlewis@ci.fay.nc.us
Captain Alvarez (FFD-Planning & Research)	MAlvarez@ci.fay.nc.us
Lieutenant Tara Whitman (1307) Member	tara@stoneypointfire.com
David Wilkes – County IT Representative	dwilkes@co.cumberland.nc.us
Timmy Mitchell – County Emergency Services	tmitchell@co.cumberland.nc.us

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson clarified information that went out on e-mail that may have confused several chief's concerning the Firehouse Cad Interface. Chief Lucas was quick to respond but the Firehouse Cad interface has nothing to do with the mobile data terminals. The Firehouse Cad interface simply provides information to each Fire Department when they log into the Firehouse Web to enter reports, whereas the report will have already been initiated with call information gathered by dispatch. Once all the

issues have been cleared up and the system is running as intended the rip and run will no longer be necessary.

2. Chief McLamb provided a quick update concerning all our Firehouse issues to include training issues. He stated that Firehouse will provide us with training and the dates and times will be forthcoming. He stated that we are still in the initial phases and have to work through un-foreseen issues as they occur. He stated that county IT has two technicians on call 24 X 7 in case the server goes down. He also stated that each department will maintain their individual composition and other departments will not be able to see their data. Deputy Director Timmy Mitchell stated that there are several (3) in county IT and (3) more over at the Sheriff's Office Training Center and the odds of (6) servers going down at the same time are slim to none.

3. Chief McLamb stated that county IT has started the process of moving data over to the new server and hopefully by the end of the month all departments should have been moved over to the new server. They will be providing log in information and will also assist any departments that may need assistance in the process. Lastly he stated that many issues are still being worked and it will be later this year or sometimes next year before all our issues are fully implemented. President Johnson stated that some of the automation process we specifically asked about is not ready although the Firehouse Sales staff told us it was. We are working the issues and will keep you informed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson informed the membership about a bill that is on the fast track going through the legislative process. House bill 989 deals with Permanent Plates. The new bill as currently written would remove Rescue Squads and Local Volunteer Fire Departments from being eligible for permanent plates. Instead we would have to purchase another special plate that has an annual re-newel fee. Please contact our legislature to object this move. He stated that he would contact Senator Meredith and other legislatures both in the house and in the senate in the morning to inquire about this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- **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 tara@stoneypointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Retired Chief J.F. Hall, Chairperson

- Committee Chairman J.F. Hall updated the membership on the fire prevention trailer issues including markings, registration and related issues.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- Committee Chairman Chief Bill Bullard announced that he has talked with EMS Chief Brian Pearce and requested that effective 1 July we start the process of simultaneous dispatch of both EMS units and Fire Department units going to the same call. Both will be assigned to the same tactical channel and this will also cut out a lot of information that is currently being related through dispatch and therefore will provide for direct communications between the responding fire and medical units. Once patient care at the incident scene is complete the medic units will switch back to their EMS channels. Chief Marley raised some concerns about overcrowding the talk groups.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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 Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson

- No report.

BULK PURCHASE COMMITTEE Chief Pierce (EMS) Chairperson

- No report.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TIME COMMITTEE - Chief Hill (WCFD/FFD) Chairperson

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Randy Beeman, Director)

- Director Beeman introduced himself to the association and briefly talked about his new role as our director. He emphasized the fact that his organization is a resource for our operations and he and his staff will support our efforts to the fullest extent. He also provided a brief background on himself and stated that he will be coming around to each station and talk with each Chief in the very near future.
- Deputy Director Timmy Mitchell announced that tomorrow the county and selected agencies Will be conducting their Weapons of Mass Destruction Exercise at the Expo Center.
- Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth stated that one of the purposes of the Exercise is to exercise our Mass Decon Trailers. He stated that Cotton and Stedman Would be bringing their trailers out in order to participate in the exercise. He also stated They are currently looking at the equipment in the trailers to see if it is adequate and there Is also a possibility that additional equipment will be added to the Decon Trailers? He will Keep us informed.

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director

- EMS Chief Pearce called on Paramedic Helen Christenson who provided an update On the audits that have been conducted over the past several weeks. She provided A positive report to the membership. She also advised that there is a PEER review Scheduled for Monday June 4th at EMS base at 9 AM and any Chief that wants to attend Is more than welcome to attend. She provided some handouts to the membership and Stated that anyone that wants the forms electronically to please e-mail her and she will Provide an electronic copy.
- Helen also informed the membership that there was a training meeting several days ago And another is scheduled for August with more specific information as to the date and Time forthcoming.
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HAZMAT BC Brian Mims, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- Battalion Chief Bryan Mims informed the membership that the HAZMAT Team will be participating in the county drill tomorrow and provided an update about available resources such as the Bomb Squad and additional foam resources through a local company if needed.

FORESTRY DISTRICT Andrew Synder, County Ranger

- Ranger Synder announced that Forestry will be starting a S130/190 course at Stoney Point Station 19 on Saturday May 26, 2012 at 8 AM. This course will certify individuals to go out

west and join forestry teams if needed to fight wild land fires. This class will run four weekends.

- He also advised that Ranger Boyd is retiring the end of this month and the county is Currently down one tractor.

FTCC Ernest Ward, Director

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Sergeant Hodges announced that Arson Investigator Eric Ditmore will be transferring Out of Arson and is moving over to the special investigations unit. He stated he has Already interviewed two applicants and hopefully sometimes in June the new detective Should be able to respond to calls with Sergeant Hodges.

HIGHWAY PATROL

- Lieutenant Johnson advised that the North Carolina Highway Patrol is interested in a few good men/women. He stated that currently there are about 250 vacant trooper positions so therefore if you have anyone that is interested this is a good time to apply. Several basic schools are in the planning process for later this year. For additional information please contact Lieutenant Johnson.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Cassanova

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- Not Present due to Commissioners Meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chief McLamb informed the membership that instructors that are live fire qualified must take a re-qualification course. He just completed his and another re-qualification course is scheduled for August at the Fayetteville Fire Department Training Academy. Please pass this on to your live burn instructors.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Deputy Director Timmy Mitchell, seconded by Deputy Chief Tracy Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson

Freddy L. Johnson Sr. CFO
Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

Mark Melvin, CFO
Fire Chief / Secretary

1 Enclosure

1. Roll Call

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
ROLL CALL 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT (22)	20	22	21	20	20									
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (11)	8	9	5	5	5									
CC Fire Chiefs	23-Jan-12	23-Feb-12	26-Mar-12	23-Apr-12	21-May-12									
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION														
* Chief's Only Meeting														
MEMBERS														
BEAVER DAM STA 26	P	P	P	P	P									
BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	P									
CEDAR CREEK STA 8	P	P	P	P	P									
COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P									
CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	A	P	P	P	P									
EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P									
EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	P	P	A	A	P									
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P									
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	A									
GODWIN – FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P									
GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P									
GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	P	P	P	A									
HOPE MILLS STA 21	A	P	P	P	P									
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P									
SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	A	P									
STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P									
STONEY POINT STA 13	P	P	P	P	P									
STONEY POINT STA 19	P	P	P	P	P									
VANDER STA 2	P	P	P	P	P									
WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P	P									
WESTAREA STA 15	P	P	P	P	P									
WESTAREA STA 20	P	P	P	P	A									
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS														
HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	P									
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	P	P	A	A	P									
HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P									
CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P									
FORESTRY	P	P	A	P	P									
FTCC	A	P	A	A	A									
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P	P	P	A	A									
CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS	A	A	A	A	A									
LIFE LINK	P	P	A	A	P									
FORT BRAGG EMS	P	A	P	P	P									
RETIRED CHIEF OFFICERS		P	A	A	P									

Special Notes:

CODES: (P) – Present (A)-Absent (E) - Excused