

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC.

MINUTES OF MEETING

10-28-96

THE MEETING WAS HOSTED BY WADE FIRE DEPARTMENT, STATION 16. PRESIDENT J.E. HALL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1740 HOURS, CHIEF LEE AND HIS STAFF WERE THANKED FOR THE MEAL AND THEIR HOSPITALITY.

ROLL WAS TAKEN: 23 DEPARTMENTS WERE REPRESENTED AND 7 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT.

POLITICAL GUESTS:

BILL CASTER FOR 7TH DISTRICT
JUANITA GONZALEZ FOR C.C. COMMISSIONER
OWEN SPEARS FOR 18TH DISTRICT
LEE WARREN FOR C.C. COMMISSIONER

TONY RAND FOR 24TH DISTRICT
ALEX WARNER FOR N.C. HOUSE
MRS. WADDLE FOR C.C. COMMISSIONER
SHERIFF BUTLER-REMEMBER HIM IN TWO YEARS

VENDERS SPEAKERS

ROGER MILLIEN FOR CHARLOTTE EQUIPMENT SALES.

CHERI GRABOWSKI INTRODUCED TOM COLLINS, N.C. DEPT. OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC SAFETY AREA C COORDINATOR.

NEW TYPE OF FOAM SHOWN FROM FUEL BUSTER LABORATORIES, INC.

OLD BUSINESS:

A DRAFT WAS PRESENTED ON FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM. NEIL YARBOROUGH AND DR. HENDERSON WILL GET TOGETHER ON SAME. ANY COMMENTS, IDEAS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED TO THEM.

NEW BUSINESS:

ARSON TEAM APPLICATION WAS PRESENTED, DOMINGUE GUAY, STA. 9.

CHIEF MARLEY-HAS A FUND RAISER FOR A CHILD, SELLING TICKETS, ALSO DISCUSSED ANNEXATION.

CHIEF GOODMAN-DISCUSSING PAGING SYSTEM, HAVING TWO CHANNEL PAGERS AND THEY ARE WORKING ON CHANNEL 3 SO CANN'T HEAR WHAT IS GOING ON.

KEN CURRIE-WILL START USING CHANNEL 2 AGAIN.

CHEIF JOHNSON-\$317,000 TO PURCHASE 800 MZ TECH. ON INTERSTRUCTURE.

FIRE MARSHAL-DID NOT GET FIRE CONDITION REPORTS FROM STATION 17, 24, 26.

NEED INCIDENT REPORTS IN BY 5TH OF EACH MONTH.

SMOKE HOUSE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH GETTING CLEANED AFTER USE, ALSO WENT OVER RULES AND REGULATIONS.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-HAZARDOUS COMM.-ANY IDEAS ON SAME.

FTCC:EASTERN SEMINAR IS AT PRINTERS

TWO YEAR DEGREE WILL START WINTER QUARTERS,WILL BE ABLE TO FLIP-FLOP.
FIRE TRAINING GROUNDS-COST \$2.5 MILLION.

24 FIREFIGHTERS WILL GRADUATE NOV. 1ST,NEXT ACADEMY WILL START 1-14-97.

NIGHT ACADEMY WILL START AT STATION 11 NOV 4TH.

DAYTIME TRENCH RESCUE STARTING

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TECH AND CHEMISTRY STARTING IN FEB.OR MARCH 1997.

HELECOPTER TRAINING CLASS STARTING NOV. 9TH ANT AIRPORT.

CHIEF NOBLES-NEED TO WORK IN GROUPS ON FIRE PREVENTION.

CHIEF BULLARD-NEW BRUSH TRUCK,OLD ONE FOR SALE.

CHIEF BLACKBURN-DISCUSSED CHIEF NICHOLS AND TO SOLVE PROBLEM.

CHIEF HERDON-TALKED TO CHIEF NICHOLS AND APOLOGIZED.

THANKED FOR HELP ON STRUCTURE FIRE.

CHIEF MIDDLETON-NEW TRUCK,WILL BE NUMBER 731,OLD 731 IS NOW 733 AND WILL BE TANKER ONLY,
ITS FOR SALE.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2121 HOURS.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT STATION 17.

Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department

8365 NC Highway 87
Reidsville, North Carolina 27320
(910) 342-2795

October 15, 1996

Cumberland County Fire Marshal's Office
Attention Ricky Strickland
P O Box 1829
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28302

Dear Mr. Strickland:

Recently, the citizens of our fire district decided to incorporate as a town. Our representative in the North Carolina House of Representatives, Wayne Sexton, introduced House Bill H1252. This bill would simply call for a referendum on the incorporation of Wentworth, the unincorporated county seat of Rockingham County. Passage of this bill in both the House and Senate would have given the citizens of the Wentworth Fire District the chance to vote on our destiny.

House Bill H1252 had the support of our entire legislative delegation in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The bill passed in the House, but when it got to the Senate it was never voted on.

Tony Rand, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, held the bill. The committee never got to discuss our bill. The committee never got the chance to forward our bill to the Senate. Worst of all, we never got the opportunity to vote on our bill.

Rand apparently held this bill at the request of Sandy Sands, a lobbyist for the city of Reidsville (a neighboring community), who was reportedly paid \$30,000 by the Reidsville city council to lobby against our bill.

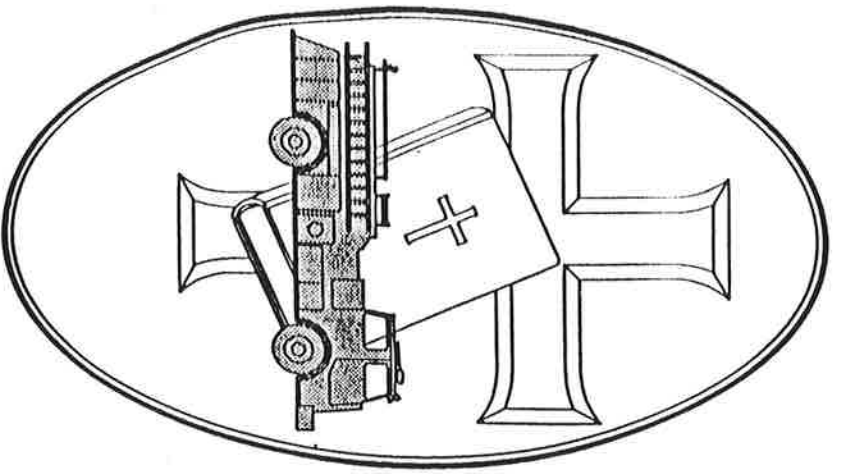
We think you should be made aware of how Tony Rand acted toward our rural fire district and what he apparently thinks about the rural voters of our state. In killing H1252, the people of our rural community were denied the opportunity to exercise our democratic right to vote on our destiny. It seems clear to us that Tony Rand does not support the people in rural North Carolina.

We hope you will work to correct this situation with your votes in November.

Respectfully,



Wayne Hall, Chief
Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department



CHRISTIAN FIRE FIGHTERS OF THE CAPE FEAR REGION

A meeting of Christian Fire Fighters
will be held at

WESTAREA FIRE DEPT. STATION #15

on

12 NOVEMBER 1996

at

7:00 PM

This is my commandment, That ye
love one another, as I have loved
you.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his
friends.
JOHN 15:12-13

If you have any Questions contact

Miguel Cassanova 488-5264

Alan Nelles 486-5524

William Stroubles 630-1989

Terry Bielly 822-9795

Please Post on Station Bulletin Board.

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

It is being acknowledged that the citizens of Cumberland County may be better served through a cooperative effort to dispatch and respond the closest trained emergency services resources in a timely manner. Qualifications of this acknowledgement includes dispatch and response of medical first responder personnel with appropriate resources to compliment the already-existing Advance Life Support (ALS) Program. Duplication and/or misuse of resources must be managed on a consistent basis in order to afford proper resources to appropriate situations. We have been afforded this opportunity with the advent of the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Program as an addition to the Advance Life Support Program in Cumberland County.

With the recent addition of the EMD Program to the ALS Program in Cumberland County, we have an avenue upon which to base consistent management and appropriate dispatching of both BLS and ALS resources. Further, with the recent contractual recommendations of the County of Cumberland Attorney, we are now mandated to provide participation criteria for medical first responders wishing to sign a contractual relationship between their fire department's Board of Directors and Cumberland County for medical first response. It is realized that fire department agencies and other responding agencies have other primary responsibilities in Cumberland County. The Signature of Addendum to provide Medical First Responder Services will require these agencies to respond twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven days a week. ALS Medical Control has been requested to set participation criteria for medical first responders within Cumberland County. These participation criteria will apply to fire departments who elect to participate in the voluntary Medical First Responders Program. It is hoped that a consistent resource utilization approach will enhance and raise the level of care provided to pre-hospital patients in a cooperative-tiered emergency medical services response system.

As there are no current State guidelines of Medical First Responders in North Carolina, ALS Medical Control has promulgated this draft-set of participation criteria for review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Comments are appreciated and expected.

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8. Medical records for each patient encountered should be maintained. These records should be in triplicate form. One (1) copy should go with the patient to the hospital of their choice, one (1) copy should be attached to Cumberland County EMS Ambulance Call Report form, and one (1) copy should be maintained by the responding fire department. Medical records should be kept for seven (7) years, should be maintained in a secure location, and must remain confidential.
9. A minimum equipment list should be initiated for all participating first responder units. A minimum list has been enclosed for your review and comment.
10. First responder units are under the sole control of the Fire Chief and the Board of Directors of the participating fire department. Medical first responder units will in no way be construed as being affiliated with Cumberland County EMS or Cape Fear Valley Health System.
11. ALS units from Cumberland County EMS may be cancelled on route by first responder units. This will be allowed under several circumstances:
 - 1) if not patient is found.
 - 2) if a false call has been identified.
 - 3) if the patient refuses service once the medical first responder arrives. In this case, first responder unit must have an AMA form signed and send a copy to Cumberland County EMS on a weekly basis.

In order to cancel an oncoming ALS unit in situation number #3 listed above, the following information will need to be relayed to the Emergency Operations Center:

- 1) chief complaint and incident type.
- 2) age of the patient.
- 3) conscious status.
- 4) breathing status.
- 5) is chest pain present, if the patient is over age 35.
- 6) any severe bleeding noted.
- 7) vital signs, if patient will allow.

No ALS unit will be cancelled unless the above-mentioned information is related to them through the Emergency Operations Center. ALS units may at their discretion proceed to the scene if they deem it necessary after receiving the above information.

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12. ALS units responding to scenes may be upgraded or downgraded to routine or emergency traffic by first responder units. Criteria for changing an ALS unit's response made must include the above-mentioned seven (7) parameters. Upgrading and downgrading will be done on the basis of medical information provided to incoming ALS units. It will be incumbent upon the ALS unit responding to decide whether to upgrade or downgrade their traffic on an individual-case basis after receiving the above-mentioned information.
13. No ALS skills or procedure will be permitted by any medical first responder unit personnel regardless of their level of certification, training or licensure. ALS skills and procedures may only be provided by ALS professionals with privileges granted under North Carolina Statute. These privileges are granted only by and at the sole discretion of the ALS Medical Director for Cumberland County and the ALS Audit & Review Committee. These privileges are only valid when ALS providers are working for Cumberland County EMS of Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, are on a scheduled shift, and are under ALS Medical Control. These privileges are not transferrable between agencies in Cumberland County.
14. Any person providing ALS care outside the above-mentioned boundaries will risk immediate suspension of all ALS privileges in Cumberland County. Both the individual and their medical first responder agency will be forwarded to the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (NCOEMS) for immediate investigation. The medical first responder may be, at the discretion of the ALS Medical Director and the Cumberland County ALS Audit & Review Committee, reported to the North Carolina Medical Board for investigation, as well. Any reports to the North Carolina Office of EMS may be subsequently referred to the Medical Board, if they deem it necessary.
15. Fire departments who sponsor medical first responder units will ensure continuing education for their personnel of at least twelve (12) hours per year at a Medical First Responder Level. National DOT guidelines for Medical First Responder Programs would be appropriate course outline to follow.
16. ALS Medical Control will attempt to assist any fire department with continuing education program when requested. On a scheduled basis, it may be possible for medical first responders to continue their education with Cumberland County EMS of Cape Fear Valley Health System. This must previously be arranged between the appropriate officer at the fire department and the Director of Cumberland County EMS or his Designee.

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17. There shall be no confrontation between personnel or agencies permitted at the scene of response or in public venue. Grievances and/or complaints between response personnel shall be brought to the attention of the administrative staff of the medical first responder unit and/or administrative staff of Cumberland County EMS for resolution. These matters should be handled administratively whenever possible and will only be referred to ALS Medical Control if they directly affect patient care or ALS Medical Control's input is deemed necessary by the administrative staff.
18. The medical first responder units and fire departments not following locally approved Cumberland County participation criteria will be subject to review by ALS Medical Control to determine whether or not they will continue to be dispatched as a medical first responder in Cumberland County's ALS/EMD Program.
19. Medical first responder mutual aid agreements are at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the participating fire departments. They are in no way to be construed under the auspices of ALS Medical Control or Cumberland County EMS of Cape Fear Valley Health System. These agreements should be in accordance with their contractual arrangements with Cumberland County.
20. Medical first responders agree to accompany EMS crews to the hospital with their patient if it is deemed by the paramedic to be in the best interest of patient care and patient medical outcome.

Will be changed

Minimum list:

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| 1. | 2 ½ lb fire extinguishers | 10. | scissors |
| 2. | blankets | 11. | short and long arm board |
| 3. | 6 volt hand lantern | 12. | O2 cylinder if trained to use O2 |
| 4. | stethoscope | 13. | bag valve mask |
| 5. | blood pressure cuff | 14. | oral airway size 0-6 |
| 6. | long spine board | 15. | flashlight |
| 7. | Philadelphia collars - all sizes | 16. | latex gloves |
| 8. | sterile 4x4's | 17. | eye protection |
| 9. | triangular bandages | 18. | hepa mask if OSHA required by law |