



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the May 18, 2020 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Pearce's Mill Fire Department. The meeting format was restricted due to COVID 19 issues with some members participating by teleconference.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 6:30 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Chief Mark Melvin conducted an opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 19 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: None

Associate Members: **Retired Fire Chiefs, and Sheriff's Office**

Approval of Minutes: The April 27, 2020 minutes were approved as presented

Guests: None

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting depending on the COVID-19 restrictions in June is tentatively scheduled for the Hope Mills Fire Department on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7 pm.

- Fayetteville FD Air 100 will assume air truck rotation during the month of June 2020 followed by Grays Creek FD 2461 in July 2020.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Numerous handouts in your packages.
- ✓ Department personalized Caisson-1 Picture

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson distributed a partial order of COVID-19 PPE with KN95 masks still on back order with an expected delivery of this week. 150 Masks were distributed to each rural VFD including the Manchester Fire District serviced by Spring Lake.
2. The Valor awards program is has been postponed until sometime in September due to the current COVID issues involving group gatherings. Additional information will be forthcoming.
3. Treasurer Johnson gave an update on the storage building that will be constructed at SPFD 19 to house association assets. He stated that we received our Building Permit last Friday and the building is now being scheduled for delivery and erection by Tyson Buildings. Once on site the builder stated that they can erect the building within 48 hours pending any unforeseen issues. We also received our concrete permit two weeks ago and Carolina Concrete poured the slap last week. President Johnson stated he took pictures during the various stages and will post them on the association web page for review.
4. President Johnson updated the membership on the completed Caisson-1 American LaFrance Fire Truck and provided each department a personalized picture with their station decal on the same. He also stated that Mr. Gordon the graphics designer also produced one decal bearing the La Fayette Village name, whereas as former association President and longtime La Fayette Village Fire Chief Mike Middleton has requested to take his last ride on a fire truck. We will use Caisson-1 for that purpose when the time comes.
5. President Johnson advised the members that a copy of the new updated By-Laws were in their packets and has been posted on our association web page.
6. President Johnson stated that once the COVID issues allow for the Governor to open the State back up, he will resume the overdue the association trailer asset inventories and maintenance upkeep.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson Congratulated the Cumberland County Communications Center on their recent triple Accreditation certification for Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement.

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
 - President Johnson again asked the members to please recycle or return the clips used for our ID Cards. These clips are extremely expensive and we need to reuse them as much as possible in order to hold down costs. Please collect clips when your members leave a department and recycle the clips. He also reminded the membership that we do not print blue tags, which are considered temporary tags only.

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE E-Mail: Chief T.J. McLamb jmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

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

- No report

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

- No report.

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

- No report

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

- No report.

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

- No report

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD), Chairperson, E-Mail: clhodes@townofhopemills.com

- No report

SMOKE ALARMS / KNOX BOX COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (FFD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: tmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

NC WORKFORCE SOLUTION GRANTS – COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: [Jnobles@stedmanfire.com](mailto:jnobles@stedmanfire.com)

- No report

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson
E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for their assistance on the grant process and is looking forward to making the process better in the future by utilizing members of the Association for feedback and support.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director),
E-Mail: gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- *Director Booth* provided information on the Fire Grant. The grants program distributed \$461,564.22 to Wade and Bethany VFD's and to the collaborative regional grant hosted by Stoney Point VFD.
- *Emergency Management Director Hendrix* – Requested everyone to participate in the weekly teleconference regarding COVID 19 issues.
- *FM Lowder* – No report
- *Adam Johnson* – *Provided* information about issues with “I AM RESPONDING”, he will be making contact with stations that will need some changes made to streamline the program.

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: bpearce@capefearvalley.com

- Chief Pearce briefed that the Hospital is in good standings as far as capacity and PPE sources. He advised the members that Frank Echevarria's name was called during the roll call at the EMS memorial program. He will be added to the Memorial and the Family and EMS personnel look forward to attending next year.
- Chief Pearce also briefed that a team was re-looking at EMD dispatching of the FD's to various calls and that the hospital had received some medication that shows promise in the fight against the COVID 19 virus.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov

- No report.

FTCC Steve Drew, E-Mail: drews@faytechcc.edu

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Wright (Sr. Sgt. Steven Hodges – ATF)

- No report.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us
(Captain Jay Devane) jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail sean.johnson@ncdps.gov

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson advised that retired Fire Chief Mike Middleton is not well. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers and the time to see Chief Middleton is running out so please take a moment and stop by and see him.
- Chief Melvin presented the Chief 101 class to members of the Association who needed same for Professional Development hours and to meet the DOI requirements for ratings inspections.
- Deputy Chief Hank Harris announced that if anyone is in need of some small tarps please call or stop by the Cotton Fire Department. He stated that he received a sufficient quantity in order to let every department that needs some small tarps to have some.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Pearce and seconded by Chief Bass.
The meeting was adjourned at 1900 hours to facilitate the Chief 101 class being conducted.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

Freddy L. Johnson Sr., CFO
Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

Mark A. Melvin, CFO
Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 1.

1 – May 2020 Roll Call

	MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	17	17	19	19	19							
	ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)	08	08	06	06	07							
	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	51	60	NA	NA	NA							
	CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting	27-JAN-20- PMFD	24-FEB-20- GCFD-18	23-MAR-20- Telecon	27- APR-20 Telecon	18-MAY-20 - PMFD	22-JUN-120-	27-JUL-20 -	24-AUG-20 -	28-SEP-20 -	26-OCT-120 -	23-NOV-20	21-DEC-20 -
	MEMBERS	MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P							
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	P							
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P							
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P							
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P							
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	A	A	P	P	P							
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P							
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	A	P	P	P							
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P							
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P							
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	P	P	P	P							
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	P							
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P							
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	P	P							
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P							
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P							
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P							
18	WADE STA 16	A	P	P	P	P							
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P							
	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS												
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P							
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P	P	A	P	P							
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	E	A	A	P							
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	P	P	P	P							
05	FORESTRY	E	E	P	P	P							
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P							
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	A	P							
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P							
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	P	P	A	A	A							
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	A	P	A	A	A							

Special Notes:

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