

## **Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association**

### **Minutes of May 18, 2009 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting was held at Grays Creek Station #18. We thank Chief Herndon and his staff for their hospitality.

**Opening Prayer:** Chairman Wayne Dorman Station 17, Godwin Falcon provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 16 Departments and 6 Associate members present.

**Members Absent:** Cedar Creek Sta. #8, Cumberland Road Sta. # 5, Hope Mills Sta. # 21, Pope AFB, Spring Lake Sta. # 22, Vander Sta. # 2, Westarea Sta. #10, #15, #20.

**Associate Members Absent:** Hazmat, NC Forestry, County Commissioner, Christian Firefighters, SBI

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the April meeting were approved as presented.

**Guests:** None.

**Vendors Present:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

#### **Meeting Point of interests:**

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held June 22, 2009 at **Station 19 located at 2190 Lake Upchurch Road**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with dinner.
- President Johnson passed out several informational papers on: Oikcom, state meeting flyer, safety report, legal briefs, premier information, and USDA loan information.
- President Johnson advised that the Wade Fire Department had received a matching Grant from the State of NC.
- President Johnson advised that the Cotton Fire Department was preparing to make a hose purchase. Any department wishing to participate needs to contact Deputy Chief Hank Harris for further information in order to participate in the bulk purchase plan.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- President Johnson advised that the County Contract will be discussed in depth at the June meeting. All departments are encouraged to bring at least one board member that can talk and discuss contract issues and then take the information back to each perspective board. Please call President Johnson and let him know how many personnel you will be bringing with you if more than just the usual Chief Officers attend. Chief Johnson requested a head count to insure sufficient food is available for any attending board members. The Association Attorney Neil Yarborough will be present and will facilitate the contract deliberation part of the meeting.
- President Johnson will allow for committee break out time at the next Chiefs Only meeting and will also continue the associations strategic planning process initiated during the last Chief's only meeting.
- President Johnson reminded all members that the deadline for this years AFG grant period expires on Wednesday at 5 pm. He followed up and informed all members present that the Obama administration is recommending major cuts and shifts with the AFG funding formula. The proposal for next period calls for more funds to be shifted from AFG funding to SAFER funding. Safer is designed to create jobs in relationship to firefighter safety addressing 2 in 2 out rule and 4 firefighters minimum per initial Engine Company or apparatus. He requested that members call their Federal representatives in both the House and Senate and urge them to retain the current AFG Funding Formula and most of all, request them not to cut this critical program.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ID CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Johnson (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**

- No report

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson**

- There was discussion on the reliability issues with the 800 system. Personnel that experience problems are to request to switch over to the Viper network to work your incident and make sure Director Currie knows of the problems that were experienced. Additional meetings are planned in regards to these concerns.

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

- No report.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE** Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- The Junior Firefighter program was discussed. President Johnson has sent out information on this program and its potential impact on our service. Please review this information and ensure that you are following the regulations set forth. If you need further information regarding this program, please contact President Johnson and he will re-send HB-577.

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

- No report.

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

- No report

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

- No report.

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

- No report

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

- No report.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** Kenny Curry, Director

- No report.

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Michael Roye, Director

- No report.

**HAZMAT** BC Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- No report

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Ranger (TBD)

- No report.

**FTCC** Ernest Ward

- Ernest announced that a Basic Arson Course is being offered by the NCIAAI is being offered for more information contact his office.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- No report.

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- No Report.

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS** Chaplain Cassanova

- No report

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

Chief Herndon discussed issues surrounding the safety vests in use by most of our departments. It appears that according to the regulation our current vests are not in compliance. President Johnson referred this issue to the Standards Committee to review.

Chief Marley discussed the possibility of the organization obtaining an organizational flag and the selling of Memorial Bricks at the Firefighters Memorial. President Johnson referred this issue to the Memorial Committee to review.

President Johnson advised the Association that flowers and condolences were sent to the Joe Boles family, who served on the Board of Directors of the Cumberland Road Fire Department.

President Johnson advised the membership that effective June 1, 2009 Station 19 will be dispatched to all calls within the Station 19 response area.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by David Tate, seconded by Chief Marsh.  
Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2000Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy Johnson*  
Fire Chief Freddy Johnson  
President

*Mark A. Melvin*  
Deputy Chief Mark Melvin  
Secretary

## CCFCA 2009 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MEMORIAL COMMITTEE</b>
CCFCA Treas.–Chief Johnson Jr.	Cumberland Road – Chief Hall	CCFCA Chaplin-Mike Cassanova
Bethany - Chief Autry	Hope Mills – Chief Hodges	Fort Bragg – Chief Blackburn
Grays Creek # 18 - Chief Herndon	Fayetteville–Ch. Morrey / Hill	Grays Creek # 24 – Chief Pone
Godwin Falcon – Chief Lucas	Spring Lake – Capt Thomas	Stoney Point – Chief Autry
Linden – Chief Godwin	Pearce’s Mill – Chief Smith	Cape Fear Valley EMS – M. Roye
Wade – Chief Hill	Cotton – Chief Harris	Member Fayetteville Honor Guard
Emergency Svc. Dir. – K. Curry		
<b>RESCUE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>PREVENTION &amp; EDUCATION</b>
Eastover – Heavy – McLaurin	Stedman Chief Bullard	Bethany - Chief Hall 1201
Fayetteville – Heavy – Bishop	Bethany – Chief Jackson	Fayetteville - B/C Ron Lewis
Stoney Point – Heavy – Johnson S.	Godwin Falcon -	Grays Creek # 18 – Chief Bramble
Cotton – Medium – Harris H.	Grays Creek #18 – Chief Matthews	CCFCA- Executive Committee
Westarea – Medium - Moore	Spring Lake – Capt. Thomas	
Vander – Medium - Bradshaw	Fayetteville – Chief Allen	
Cape Fear Valley EMS - Roye	County 9-1-1 = Susan McLeod	
<b>BULK PURCHASE</b>	<b>AUTOMATIC/MUTUAL AID</b>	<b>TECHNOLOGY / ID CARD</b>
Scotty Harris–Fire Marshal Office	Beaver Dam – Chief Ake	Lifelink – David Tate
Cape Fear EMS – Mike Roye	Pearce’s Mill – Chief Marley	Stoney Point – Lieut. Whitman
Eastover – Chief McLaurin	Cotton – Chief Harris	ESD- Kenny Curry
Fayetteville – Chief Allen	Pope AFB – Chief Kaas	Representative – County IT
Hope Mills – Chief Hodges	Cape Fear EMS – Dir. Roye	Representative – Fay City IT
Stoney Point – Chief Williams	FFD Hazmat – Chief Seifert	CCFCA- Executive Committee
	Grays Creek # 24 – Chief Marsh	
<b>NOMINATION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>NIMS/ISO-TRAINING</b>	<b>IMPROVEMENT TEAM</b>
<b>Formulated in November</b>	FTCC Ernest Ward-Fire& Resc.	FFD-Chief Nichols
<b>During election years</b>	FTCC Penny McConnley-EMS	HMFD-Chief Hodges
<b>With report rendered in</b>	FFD/Vander-Capt/Ch. Whiteside	SLFD-Chief Doberstein
<b>January</b>	Emergency Svc-EM-Phillips	EFD-Chief Mclaurin
	Westarea # 10 – Chief Strahan	WCFD-Chief Hill
	Spring Lake – J. Schulte	CCFCA-Chief Johnson Sr.
		Emergency Services-K. Curry
		Commissioners-Ed Melvin
		EMS-Mike Roye
		SL Town Mgr-Larry Faison
		Cumb Cty PIO-Sara Vanderclute

\*\* Members of the Executive Committee are members of all committees

\*\* All committee meetings are open to all members, however a core committee consisting of at least 5 to 6 members will be assigned as principle committee members of each committee with one selected as Committee Chairman/Chairperson.

March 23, 2009