

# Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

February 28, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Freddy Johnson, Sr. The monthly dinner meeting was hosted by Chief Ronnie Marley and Pearce's Mill Fire Department.

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Mike Casanova led the opening prayer and blessing of the food.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 24 Departments and 9 Associate members present.

**Members Absent:** Stations – 22 Spring Lake

**Associate Members Absent:** -- SHP

**Approval of Minutes:** Omitted and scheduled for the March Meeting.

**Meeting Next Month:** March 28, 2005 at Station 4 Cotton Fire Department

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Vendors:** Irene Melvin from Julius Kraft Company - Safety Equipment

Greg Hemric from K M Industries – Safety Equipment

Brian Brumbles from C W Williams Fire Equipment

Todd Dix sales rep from I Spiewak & Sons, Inc – Safety Equipment

Rick Morley from Hazard Control Technologies, Inc

Irene Melvin gave a presentation for safety traffic vests

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Rick Morley gave a demonstration of a water additive product that could be substituted for foam following the meeting.

**Guests:** Fayetteville Observer Reporter Laura Arenshield was researching information for an article on Soldiers and the impact on fire services.

**President's Report:** President Johnson briefed the association on the following issues:

- **Next month's Chief's Meeting** will be held March 28, 2005 at Cotton Fire Department, dinner will be served.
- President Johnson announced that the FEMA Fire Grant Program would open around March 7, 2005. Please apply for department needs.
- President Johnson stated there has been nothing further from the county concerning EMS & Rescue Compensation

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Draft SOG 10-04, Subject: Medium Rescue Services was given out for review to be voted on for adoption at the next Chief's Only Meeting
- Draft SOG for Rapid Intervention Team was passed out for review and is also to be voted on at a later meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Chief Nichols and Col Nunnery gave a report on Homeland Security Grants. The state of North Carolina is taking 20% of the money from the grant to set up a statewide radio system. The remaining grant money will be distributed complete and must be applied as multi jurisdiction with adjoining counties. This will severely restrict access to any grant money for Cumberland County. N C received a total of \$26 million, after the state designated \$10 million for VIPER it left \$10 million for all of the other agencies in the state.
- Col Nunnery briefed the association on the **NIMS** (National Incident Management System) IS-700. Homeland Security has produced a program to assist communities with compliance. One of the key components of this process is for all personnel who would respond to an incident to complete awareness training of NIMS. Emergency Management developed a 45 minute introduction course that is available on-line at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS/is700.asp>. It is requested that all staff complete the training, have the training documented in their records and forward a copy to the Cumberland County Emergency Services Office no later than June 1, 2005

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**TECHNOLOGY/AUTOMATION COMMITTEE (FIREHOUSE)** Chief F. Johnson  
(Stoney Point) Chairperson

- No Report

**ID CARD COMMITTEE** Lt. Tara Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

FYI Reminder that Chiefs need to send a signed letter or memo with the firefighter when requesting an ID Card. For any questions or for an appointment contact Tara Johnson at 424-0694 or e-mail at [tara@stonepointfire.com](mailto:tara@stonepointfire.com)

**FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE** Bat. Chief Chris Morey  
(FFD) Chairperson

- 1200 Smoke Detectors have been donated and are available. Call 433-1738 for information on how to get these detectors free for the homeowner.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

**MOBILE & STATIONARY AIR SYSTEMS** Executive Committee as needed

- Filling responsibilities for is with Fayetteville City Fire Department

**EASTERN EMERGENCY SCHOOL Chief Ronnie Marley (Pearces Mill) Chairperson**

- Because of contractor problems the brochures were sent out late and not in accordance with specifications. Chief Marley and the staff requested help in getting department members to attend this local training opportunity being held March 11 –13, 2005. Equipment is also needed for the school.

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

- Not Present
- Wally Ainsworth updated the members on the annual memorial service to be held in conjunction with the Eastern Fire Seminar on Saturday March 12, 2005

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

- No Report

**LEPC Chief Roger Miller (Fort Bragg) Chairperson**

- No Report

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

- Absent

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Executive Committee**

- No Report

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

- Proposed SOG passed out for review and approval at the next Chief's Only Meeting in April 2005

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT:

### EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR Colonel Doc Nunnery

- Already presented everything during earlier parts of the meeting

### ECC-911 Major Kenny Curry

- Chief Nichols announced that the Fire Marshall of Cumberland County, Fayetteville, Hope Mills, Spring Lake, Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base have organized a Fire Marshall's Association. Kenny Curry is the association chairperson and monthly meetings are conducted to address code enforcement issues.
- Major Curry announced that ECC personnel would use headsets to try to reduce background noise on channel 1.
- Several departments (Hope Mills, Wade, and Bethany) are having ISO inspections this year
- Major Curry announced that Robinson County is having a Firefighters Competition April 12, 2005.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Mike Costa

- Mike stated ICS class is upcoming, will email information

### EMS Colonel W. Ainsworth

- Wally stated that Dr. Reid has suggested a deadline for Medium Rescue Certification be set at 6 months to 1 year for participating departments.

### HAZMAT Chief Benny Nichols, (Fayetteville Fire Department)

- No Report

### FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger J. Johnson

- No Report

**FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Ernest Ward**

- Ernest reported that some classes on the upcoming Eastern Emergency Services School to be held at FTCC March 11, 12, & 13 are borderline due to the lack of students signing up.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Earl Moose Butler**

- No Report

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- Not Present

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova**

- Chaplain Casanova is available for hospital visits associated with the fire department members. All department chaplains need special training to meet the varying needs associated with fire department activities.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Tal Baggett**

- Commissioner Baggett stated there are 7 friends on the commission. If they can be of assistance please call.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Fort Bragg Chief Miller stated that Lt Steven Stewart is heading up a blanket project and is requested 1 patch from each North Carolina Fire Department. These patches will be used to make a blanket simulating how all departments weave together to form a blanket protecting life and property across the state. The blanket is to be raffled off at the N C Firemen's Association Convention in August 2005. All proceeds will be donated the North Carolina Fallen Firefighters Fund.
- Fayetteville Firefighter Paul Smith has health problems. Please remember him in your prayers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chief J. F. Hall and seconded by Chief Bullard

Meeting Adjourned at 2130 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy L. Johnson Sr.*

Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Sr.  
President

*Harold Shirley*

Assistant Chief Harold Shirley  
Secretary