



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the September 24, 2018 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by the Vander Fire Department. We thank Chief Bullard and his staff for their hospitality and fine food.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7 pm. Vander Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw, our host, provided brief welcoming remarks.

Opening Prayer: Assistant Chief and Association Chaplain Kenny Tatum provided the opening prayer and the blessing of the food.

Pledge of Allegiance: Members and guests led by President Johnson.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 9 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: Fort Bragg FD, CFEMS

Associate Members: Fort Bragg EMS, HAZMAT

Approval of Minutes: The August 27, 2018 minutes were approved as presented

Guests: Wesley Meredith – Presented 9/11 Appreciation Plaques & Running for Re-Election – President Johnson thanked Senator Meredith for his on-going efforts and support of our organization.
Joey Bright – NC Firefighters Insurance Providers, LLC
Caitlynn Evans – Candidate for District Court Judge

Special Guests: Captain Jay Leonard FFD/VFD – Cancer Awareness Initiative
Captain Adam Ferguson FFD – Cancer Awareness Initiative

Vendors Present: On Scene Service - Jerry Rozier – Meeting Sponsor
Fire Connections – Mr. Grant Vick – Meeting Sponsor
Caterer – Southern Cole

Treasurer's Report: Presented during Chiefs only meetings (January, April, July & October)

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be Monday, October 22, 2018 - The Chiefs only meeting will be hosted by the Pearce's Mill Fire District Station 3, Dedication Drive with snacks available. (Special after Action Report Meeting Tuesday October 2nd, 2018 at 7 PM Pearce's Mill Fire Department)

- Fayetteville FD Unit Air 100 has the air truck responsibilities during the month of October 2018 followed by Grays Creek FD # 24 - 2461 in November.

- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
 - Bethany VFD BBQ Fund Raiser Flyer
 - Annual Fire, Rescue and EMS Memorial Service Flyer
 - FEMA Public Assistance Page for FD Reimbursements
 - Pride and Ownership – Chief Rick Lasky – The Love for the Job Flyer

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson updated the membership on the progress of the Mobile Command and Communication Center Bus. All wheels are in motion and radio and communications equipment is being shipped in by Motorola. Rear Chevrons is the only thing remaining to complete our graphics on the bus. The bus exterior was given a complete make over, whereas commercial cleaning compounds were utilized to remove oxidized paint and the bus was buffed out. This restored the original white luster on the paint. We repaired the left front stabilizer jack after it was stuck and serviced all the air conditioning and heating units. This has not been completed since the bus was first purchased by the state according to the maintenance records that came with the bus. We installed six (6) new LED Scene lights along with new red and yellow LED emergency lights. We still need the Mobile Vehicle amplifire (MVA) from the county to insure continuous communications in low lying areas or heavy commercial structure with poor signal. Adam Johnson will be the point person to get the MVA.
2. President Johnson passed out completed Accountability Tags to departments still missing tags. Westarea is remaining and Cotton VFD has a couple of make ups. There are also still some silver tags forthcoming.
3. President Johnson stated that due to Hurricane Florence our hostile fire PPE has not been distributed. He hopes to be caught up and start the issuing process next week. There will be a very short class on the proper wear and maintenance of the equipment. He will notify us to set up a date.
4. President Johnson stated that he was notified that the pending regional grant was turned down. AFG opened today for the 2018 cycle and he urged everyone to apply. We cannot be turned down if we do not apply. The AFG is open for the next 30 days.
1. President Johnson stated that our own memorial service is scheduled for Saturday October 13, 2018 at 11 am at our memorial site. He asked the membership to submit any names that we may have missed of any active member that may have passed away. The key word is active member. As part of our annual service we do mention any active member that passed away since our last memorial. He extended an invitation to all our guests in attendance and asked the chiefs to put the date on their calendar and insure to send at least one apparatus or marked fire department vehicle in order for all departments to be represented for this annual service. He also asked those department chiefs that have members listed on the memorial to reach out to those member's family and invite them to our annual service. If required, additional information will be provided through IAR and e-mails as we move closer to the date.
2. President Johnson also reminded the membership that the 800MHz radios we purchased in 2006 will no longer be supported for maintenance by Motorola after December 31, 2019. Our radios will still be functional and fully operational after that date, but Motorola is not required to repair

or provide service for the radios after that date. While keeping this in mind it will be a good idea to start the systematic process of replacement of your radios to newer and current models by purchasing or having funds in your budget to replace radios as time goes by.

3. President Johnson informed the membership that the Agricultural and Forestry Awareness Study Commission meeting scheduled for last week during Hurricane Florence was canceled and a new date will be announced. This is a bill that we need to follow closely whereas the aim is to avoid fire tax on agricultural land

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson thanked all the members for their untiring and dedicated efforts during our Hurricane Florence preparation, response and now recovery period. He reminded the members that many of our citizens here in Cumberland County indeed experienced worst case scenario, especially up in the Spring Lake, Manchester and Westarea Fire Districts as well as other areas surrounding the river and low lying area. But foremost our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been adversely and continue to be impacted by this catastrophic storm, so let us continue to pray for their safety and their protection, as they recover from this terrible storm and also continue to pray for our dedicated first responders that continue to serve the citizens as we move forward.
2. President Johnson stated that Hurricane Floyd was certainly a very unique Hurricane and we as a county most certainly implemented many pro-active response steps in order to lessen the overall impact. Compared to counties to our east, Cumberland County, although devastated, we were certainly far more blessed in terms of overall storm devastation. Had the storm moved inland another 10 to 20 miles damages witnessed in Bladen, Robeson and Sampson counties would have been felt here in Cumberland County, and therefore with our storm preparation and response fresh on our minds he informed the membership that we would conduct our association After Action Report (AAR) in order to address issues that can be studied, corrected and implemented into our future response plan. We will meet at the Pearce's Mill Fire Department, Station 3 next Tuesday October 2, 2018 at 7 PM. Please write down the things that went very well, areas needing improvements and also provide a quick on statement how you think the areas needing improvement can be corrected. Our AAR will be conducted tactfully and professionally.
3. President Johnson asked all the Chiefs in attendance to please forward to him points of contact information of Fire Strike Forces as well as Swift Water teams that were in the county and assigned to various fire districts in order to formally send a thank you note to their organizational chiefs and say thank you on behalf of our organization. I will share the notes with each of you during our next meeting.
4. President Johnson stated that during our chiefs only meeting next month at Pearce's Mill Fire Department on the 22nd of October he is planning on reviewing all our association assets with the membership in order to maintain situational asset awareness.

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
- No Report

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE (To Be Determined)

E-Mail: JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us

- Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Morgan announced that our annual October Community Fire Safety Day conducted at the Cross Creek Mall parking lot is coming up next month on Saturday the 20th from 10 am until 4 pm in the parking lot in front of Sears. This is a very successful event and he asked everyone to provide and showcase a unique piece of equipment. Please contact Chief Morgan directly for additional information.

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

- Chief Marley provided additional information about the upcoming service and stated that they are still looking for someone to sing the national anthem and have not locked in a guest speaker. He also clarified the recognition of members that passed away during the past twelve months while still on active duty.

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

- President Johnson asked Committee Chairman Chuck Hodges to follow up and attempt to schedule monthly meetings as requested by Interim Emergency Services Director Jackson as time permits.

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No Report

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson, E-Mail: tmclamb@spring-lake.org

- Battalion Chief T.J. McLamb informed the membership that if anyone is having trouble with NFIRS reporting to please contact him directly.

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

- Chief Nobles, Chairman of the VWS (Recruiting & Retention) Committee, updated the membership on the Volunteer Workforce Solution (VWS) progress. He thanked Fire Commissioner Keefe for coordinating a free space for our recruitment booth and everything with the fair went good. He stated that during the fair about 80 interest cards were completed and he is under the impression that about 10 will actually follow through. He thanked all the departments that assisted with manning and staffing our booth with recruitment efforts. He asked all the chiefs to please assist with getting the monthly reports in. The reports are due on the first, whereas we have to submit the data to the IAFC. He also informed the chiefs that if they need additional hand-outs and material to please let him know and he will get it out.
- Chief Nobles also reinforced the upcoming Pride and Ownership – Chief Rick Lasky – The Love for the Job Class coming up this weekend in Stedman starting at 8 am until 5 pm with lunch served. Registration is open starting at 0715 and he thanked FTCC for funding the class. Chief Nobles stated that Chief Lasky is flying in from Lewisville, Texas on Friday and returning on Sunday. He is a renowned speaker and everyone should enjoy the class. The class will be held at the Stedman PH Church located at 423 Hillsborough Street in Stedman.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Tracy Jackson – Interim Director), E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- ES Interim Director Tracy Jackson thanked all the chiefs for their efforts during Hurricane Florence and emphasized the challenges that we face during storms. He credited all of our departments and members for our responses. He also stated that having worked several storms this one (Florence) was one of the best executed and credits combined efforts to the overhead teams, fire strike forces, and swift water teams. He realized that we did not have the opportunity to come into the EOC during the

storm response period but internal EOC operations were smooth and again thanked each of us for our efforts during the storm period and working with the EOC.

- Adam Johnson, 9-1-1 Center supervisor informed the membership that they tried to do things a little different in order to assist and lessen our response burden by diverting in excess of 700 calls for trees down directly to the Department of Transportation and or utility companies in order to keep us off the roads. He talked about the difference in stacked calls between Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and Hurricane Florence which was handled much more proficiently. He also thanked everyone for their support of the 9-1-1 operations.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- Ranger Gottfried updated the membership concerning fire issues and any assistance needed.

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

- No Report

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

- 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

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us

- Captain Devane (No Report)

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

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe

- Fire Commissioner Keefe provided some details about the storm response and provided details about the National Weather Service. He particularly outlined one that came in about several days into the storm where they announced that the Cape Fear River will rise to about 65 feet. The day the message came out the Cape Fear River was at about 11 feet that day. So the EOC had to process this information whereas many times the first information is not the best information. Because of the large increase in the rise of the river Tracy and Gene actually went back to the National Weather Service and asked them to recalculate their river calculations. Once again they confirmed their river flooding calculations and sent a NWS representative down to our EOC from Raleigh. They were correct and the Cape Fear River rose to flood levels above Matthew and rose about 50 feet in about four (4) days. He stated there was a lot new technologies, new apps, social media etc. He commended and thanked the City of Fayetteville for their much needed assistance when we experienced radio issues and were able to join their system and maintain continuity. He stated that Fort Bragg was a great partner with resources and we got much more support from Fort Bragg during Florence versus Matthew.
- He stated at one point there was a danger of closing the bridges and the Hospital was ready to set up Triage on the other side of the river to serve those cut off by the floodwaters. To assist in those efforts the Hospital made arrangements to have their helicopter down here as well as arranged with Fort Bragg to have six (6) Black Hawks for use as medavac birds.
- In closing he stated that we did pretty well but we can always do better, it's important to capture and memorialize our efforts / data and learn from it. Coordination and communication is key in all our combined efforts. He thanked all the partnerships for coming together.
- Keeping with his tradition he recognized Chief Justin Nobles for his recruiting efforts as Chairman of our Volunteer Workforce Solution (VWS) committee.
- President Johnson thanked Fire Commissioner Keefe for his support and dedication to our association and provided a quick story on how Fire Commissioner Keefe was recommended by out-going Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin and how President Johnson asked Commissioner Keefe to get more involved versus just attending meetings.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Stoney Point FD, starting this weekend is conducting their annual "Trail of Terror" fund raiser. The fund raiser will run every weekend through October 31st, Halloween.
- Fire Chief Scott Bass talked about a big event coming up in his area on Saturday October 13, "The Trojan Challenge" info@trojanchallenge.org – Consisting of an obstacle course with all proceeds going to the Gary Weller Foundation, with Commissioner Keefe providing inside information.
- Fire Chief Jason Autry reminded the membership concerning their annual BBQ fund raiser also coming up on Saturday October 13, 2018 at the Bethany Fire Department. Please come out and support their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Fire Chief Gary Brock and seconded by Assistant Chief Richard Bradshaw. The meeting was adjourned at 2105 hours.

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

4 Enclosures

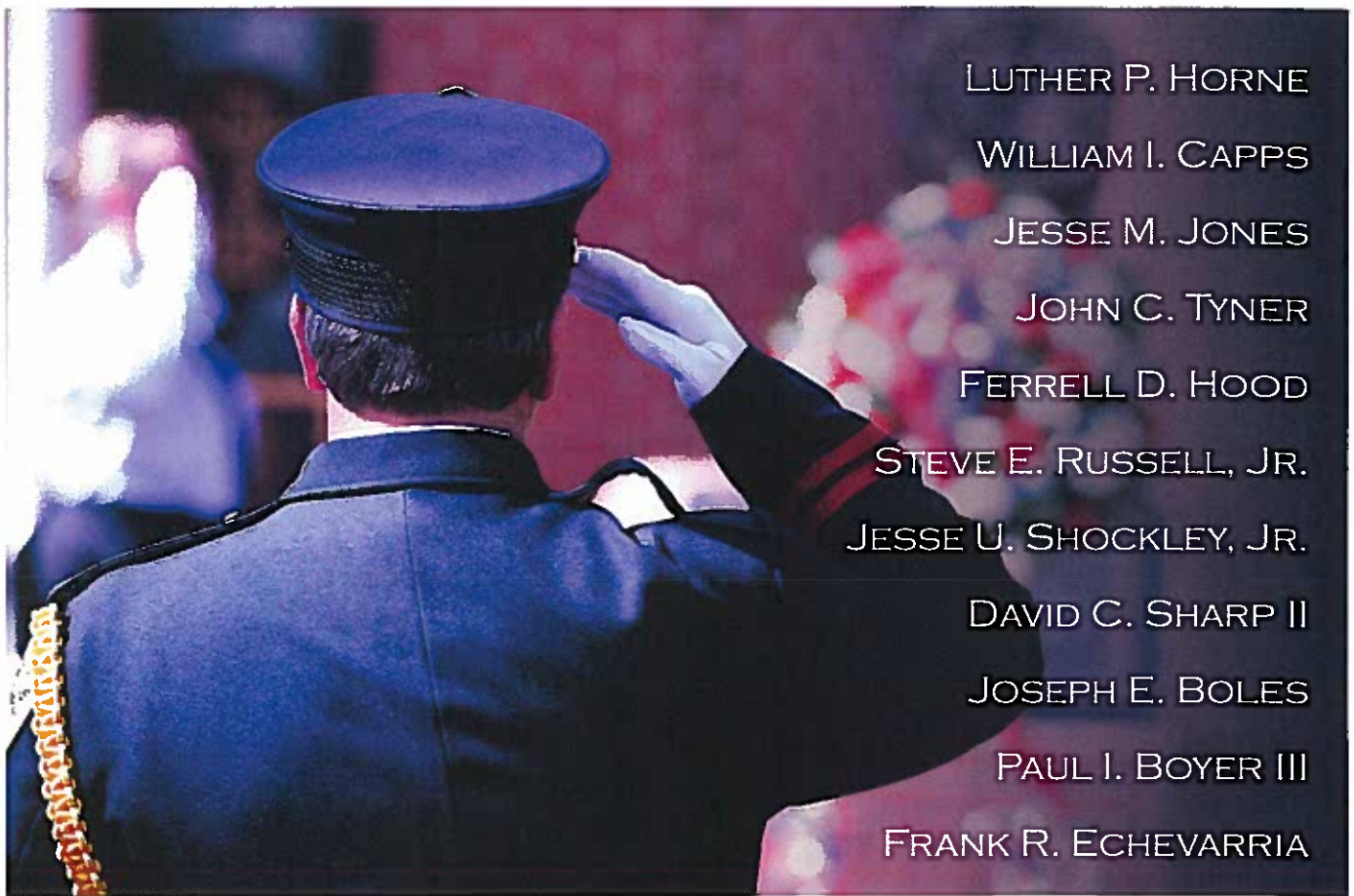
1. Saturday 13 October 2018 CCFCA Memorial Service Flyer
2. Saturday September 29, 2018 – Chief Rick Lasky – The Love of the Job – Seminar Flyer
3. Bethany Fire Department Annual BBQ Fund Raiser Saturday October 13, 2018 Flyer
4. The “The Trojan Challenge” Flyer Saturday October 13, 2018 Sturtz Family Farm – Linden

CCFCA Monthly Attendance Roster

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

Special Notes:

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



LUTHER P. HORNE

WILLIAM I. CAPPS

JESSE M. JONES

JOHN C. TYNER

FERRELL D. HOOD

STEVE E. RUSSELL, JR.

JESSE U. SHOCKLEY, JR.

DAVID C. SHARP II

JOSEPH E. BOLES

PAUL I. BOYER III

FRANK R. ECHEVARRIA

18TH ANNUAL CUMBERLAND COUNTY
**EMERGENCY SERVICES
MEMORIAL**

All are invited to attend this annual memorial service to honor
Firefighters and EMS workers who have sacrificed their lives serving
the citizens of Cumberland County and Ft. Bragg.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018 AT 11 A.M.

Fayetteville Technical Community College
2201 Hull Road
Next to Cumberland Hall



If you would like to purchase a brick or have one placed in
the memorial walkway, please visit www.BravetheFire.com
and click on the Honor Guard tab.



Questions?

BC David Richtmeyer @ drichtmeyer@ci.fay.nc.us or 910-624-5042

Chief Rick Lasky
"Pride and Ownership – A Firefighter's Love of the Job"
www.prideandownership.com

Pride and Ownership: The Love for the Job

Ignite Your Love for the Job

Pride and Ownership holds no punches. Chief Rick Lasky takes a hard look at the fire service and finds it short on the only element that makes it effective: passion. Chief Lasky gives an upfront and honest criticism about the need to reignite the love of the job on every level, from chiefs on down.

Do you have what it takes? Not everyone is cut out for the fire service. It takes only the best to serve the public when people need help most. *Pride and Ownership* calls for men and women with honor and integrity to measure up to the task.

There's nothing else in the world like being a firefighter. Every day Chief Lasky remembers why his job is the best in the world and he brings that passion to *Pride and Ownership*. Chief Lasky revisits the proud history and tradition of the fire service and reflects on the family values and brotherhood that have made firefighting a truly family-oriented vocation.

Program Features:

- Our Mission
- The Firefighter
- The Company Officer
- The Chief
- Our Two Families
- Sweating the Small Stuff
- Changing Shirts-The Promotion
- What September 11th Did To Us and For Us
- Ceremonies That Stoke the Flames of Tradition
- Marketing Your Fire Department
- Making It All Happen and Taking Care of Number 1
- Have You Forgotten?



Location: 423 Hillsboro Street, Stedman, NC 28391
Date: 09-29-2018 - Class registration 0700 - Class Start Time 0800
Please pre-register to Chief Justin Nobles at jnobles@stedmanfire.com 910-729-0873

**BETHANY
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BBQ

Saturday October 13th

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

**Plate & Bake
Sale**

**2140 Wade Stedman Rd
Stedman NC 28391**

\$7.00 PER PLATE

OR

\$5.00 PER POUND

Local Delivery Available for 10 plates or more

**The Gary Weller
Foundation**

The Trojan Challenge
OBSTACLE COURSE

Cross-Country Course Full of Mud, Sweat and Fears!

ALSO TRY OUR "TROJAN IN TRAINING" COURSE

Lots of fun and all the Mud!

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Linden, NC



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OCTOBER 13, 2018

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