

**Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association**  
**Minutes of August 25, 2008 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting was held at Westarea Fire Station #10. We thank Chief Strahan and her staff for their hospitality.

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplin Mike Cassanova provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 23 Departments and 8 Associate members present.

Members Absent: Pope AFB FD

Associate Members Absent: Forestry, SBI

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the July 2008 were approved.

**Guests:** Wayne Goodwin, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, requested support from the association on the Junior Fire Marshal standards. Please provide any concerns or thoughts that you may have to Mr. Goodwin. He briefed everyone on the matching grant program and offered his continued support.

Sheryl Lewis requested support in her quest for a position on the Board of Education representing district six.

Jimmy Keefe requested support for his quest for a position on the Board of County Commissioners

Diane Wheatley requested our continued support for her re-election to the Board of County Commissioners

Sheriff Butler introduced Paul Hinson as the new Chief Deputy and Steven Hodges as the new Commander of the Arson Task Force. He pledged his departments continued support to our association.

**Vendors Present:** Ted Spencer with Applied Industrial Technologies had a display of tools and accessories that can be used in the fire service.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Meeting Point of interests:**

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held September 22, 2008 at **Bethany Fire Department Station # 12**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

- President Johnson passed out the following informational papers;
  - Chiefs Association FY 08 reconciliation report
  - Benefit for Chief Harris of Cotton Fire Department
  - Numerous training opportunities at various locations
- President Johnson advised that the Memorial Service will be held in October 2008. Chief Blackburn and the memorial committee will be bringing the final information and dates to the September meeting. All stations are encouraged to support this event
- President Johnson advised that the N.C. matching grant program is due in October 2008.
- Chief Owen Harris is at home and is doing well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- No new business discussed

**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@stonepointfire.com

**FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- No report

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

- President Johnson is working the radio antenna issues with Amerizon.

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

- No Report but the committee is working on the review and update of the Incident Command Procedure Policy.

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

- No report

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

- Chief Blackburn will have more information at the September meeting

**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

- Mr. Ward advised that everything was moving well. The books are in draft form and will be printed and distributed in the very near future.

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Colonel Wally W. Ainsworth

- Major McLaurin advised that EMS is looking into the “Walkabout “oxygen cylinders with the built in regulators. Any department that is interested in these cylinders is encouraged to contact Major McLaurin

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**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

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

- Scotty Harris distributed the Fireman’s Relief Fund paperwork, inspection paperwork and fit testing information to the departments. He requested that all of the NIMS information be forwarded to Greg Phillips by Friday August 29, 2008

**HAZMAT** Capt. Steve Drew, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1432

- No report

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Ranger J. Johnson

- No report.

**FTCC** Ernest Ward

- Gail Staley was introduced as the new coordinator for law enforcement in service training

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- Sgt. Steven Hodges advised the association that he looked forward to working with the departments in his new role as the Arson Task Force Commander

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- First Sergeant Johnson advised all Chiefs to use caution and be safe during this Labor Day weekend.

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS** Chaplain Cassanova

- No report

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

Ken Bramble was introduced as the new Assistant Fire Chief of Grays Creek Station #18. Pearce's Mill Fire Department will be hosting the entire Firefighter I & II program. Hope Mills Firefighter Association will be hosting a Shotgun Run September 13, 2008. Westarea Station #10 will host a safety day and Spaghetti dinner on September 27, 2008 beginning at 10:00 am

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2030Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy Johnson*  
Fire Chief Freddy Johnson  
President

*Mark A. Melvin*  
Deputy Chief Mark Melvin  
Secretary