

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association
March 27, 2000, 7:00 PM

Called to order by President Jimmy Hall at 7:00 PM with 18 members and 8 associate members present. Meeting held at Westarea Fire Department, Linden Station #20.

Opening prayer provided by Christian Firefighters- Mike Cassanova.

Roll Call and Reading of Minutes: President Hall asked that the Secretary to have Roll Call and read the minutes of the February meeting. A thank you card from Joe Marsh and the Wilson Marsh Family was read thanking the association for the floral spray sent honoring their father. Minutes accepted as read.

Vendors: None

Candidates for Political Office: President Hall recognized Mrs. Juanita Gonzales, who introduced Mr. Michael Boose, who is running in May 3rd primary for District Court Judge. Would appreciate your vote.

President Hall recognized Mr. Kenneth Edge who is running for County Commissioner. Would appreciate your vote.

Judge John Dickson was recognized and stated he was running in May 3rd primary for District Court Judge. Would appreciate your vote.

Break in Meeting: President Hall called for a 10-minute break so Chief's could look at children's safety trailer. Chief Barnes requested that all chiefs inspect trailer for damage that has occurred. (i.e. leaking windows, broken latches, water damaged interior walls).

President Hall called the meeting back in order at 8:20 P.M.

Old Business: President Hall stated the Eastern Seminar had 700+ attendees; a written report and count would be available at next month's meeting. President Hall thanked all departments who helped make it a success.

Memorial: President Hall recognized Chief Mike Middleton. Mike stated the dedication is set for May 7th 2000, 2 PM at FTCC's Horris Sisk Gymnasium.

Asked that all fire department in Cumberland County commit two firefighters to assist and represent your department for this service. They will be standing in a formation during part of the service, and will form the line across Hull Road when the service moves from the gym to the memorial area.

Chief Nobles stated all personnel would be in the gym for the speaking portion of the dedication and when that portion was complete families would be escorted to the dedication area. Chief Nobles requests that each fire department that is represented on the memorial, furnish escorts for the families from their department. Invitation packets of 25 have been made up. Any department needing more may contact Alan by April 1st. White ribbons will identify fallen firefighter's immediate family members.

At present, this is the only memorial of its type in North Carolina.

President Hall had a donation from Cairns & Brothers of a 1010 helmet at a cost of \$348.00. Cairns & Brothers could not make a monetary donation, but donated the helmet for us to do as we saw proper.

Raffle of 1010 Helmet: A motion by Chief Lee Sudia to raffle the 1010 helmet for \$1.00, with 1000 tickets to be made. (More can be made if needed). The drawing would be held at the Chief's meeting in Spring Lake on June 26th, 2000. Motion was 2nd by Chief Mark Barnes. Vote was carried by membership on a voice call.

Fallen Firefighter: President Hall recognized Deputy Chief Hall of the Fayetteville Fire Department. Chief Hall thanked everybody for the support shown during the loss of firefighter David Sharp. We will all miss him.

President Hall expressed sincere condolence to the family of David Sharp and the Fayetteville Fire Department.

Fire Bill President Hall recognized Chief Barnes. Chief Barnes stated a House Subcommittee is scheduled to hear public testimony on the FIRE Bill on April 12th.

Fire Marshal: ISO class scheduled for April 25th, 26th, and 27th at Vander Fire Department Station #2. This class is put on by Department of Insurance.

If your Fire Department is soliciting for "anything", call him and let him know so when he gets called he can direct the individual to the department responsible for it.

Server is in his office, what is to be done next? Make arrangements to install software. The money has been previously authorized.

New Business: Chief Hall recognized Chief Barnes. Chief Barnes asked the association what to do as far as repairs on the Children's Safety Trailer? Window to be repaired by Joe Cox Glass. Other repairs are needed for leaks and replacements. Change fans to 110 volts. Clean carpet. Chief Lee Sudia made a motion to send the trailer for repairs to Stedman Housing Mart. 2nd by Kevin Herndon. Not to exceed \$500.00.

President Hall recognized Chief John House. John stated no action had been taken on the Retirement System, talked with Mia Morris about moving the legislation on.

President Hall recognized Chief Lee Sudia. Lee stated that a state certified class on Fire Inspector Level I would run from April 24th to the 28th. Class would run all day each day and cost \$45.00.

Christian Firefighters: President Hall recognized Mike Cassanova. Mike stated next meeting would be held at Westarea Fire Department Station #10 on April 11th. Also reminded the association of the Fan club coming in May. Those who want to donate fans may do so anytime. Cost approximate is \$20.00.

President Hall recognized Freddie Johnson, Jr. Freddie stated that E-mail is on **Sprint ONLY**. Tell your people not to change this service. Bill runs approximately \$850.00 per month. Mike Middleton stated he has a \$.75 cent call back bill.

Committee Report's: President Hall recognized Chief Ron Marley. Chief Marley reminded everyone on the Standards. ADT Alarms.

Emergency Communications Center: President Hall recognized Doc Nunnery. Doc stated that ECC is designing a Website that can be found as a link to Cumberland County's at www.co.cumberland.nc.us. If any department has their own website and would like to have it linked to ECC's, please let him know ASAP.

Chief Barnes expressed displeasure with the lack of content of the County Fire Service web site (www.ccfca.org). No photos, history, directory, statistics... He stated this would be a good place to use the photos taken of each department for last years fair.

Emergency Management: President Hall recognized Harold Beverage. Harold stated that there are a number of E.M. classes available and that he is faxing the to all departments. If interested, fill out and return.

Forestry: President Hall recognized Joe Johnson. Joe had nothing. Joe was asked when Forester Mike Hodges might be ready to provide the training he received in Colorado last year. Mike is preparing a power point presentation to show the association.

FTCC: Not present

EMS: President Hall recognized Wally Ainsworth. If you want backboards they are costing between \$160.00 - \$170.00. Can get for \$146.00. Head blocks and straps will be furnished by EMS. \$3.00 per board for lettering "EMS"

Hazmat (CERT): Not Present.

County Commissioners: Breeden Blackwell, Talmage Baggett attended. President Hall recognized Mr. Baggett. Mr. Baggett stated that a resolution would be adopted and read into the record for the memorial.

If you desire to hear the reading it will be at 9 AM in Commissioners chambers. You should have no problems with the budget this year. Power point presentation was big factor in last years meeting. Other counties are looking at our presentation. Also, some counties have requested a copy of the video for use to format their presentation.

CCSD: Nothing.

Hazmat: Not Present.

For the good of the Association:

Chief Barnes asked about copies of the pictures taken of all the stations. Ricky stated he would contact the individual that took them for an answer.

Mr. Bullard has asked about the county fair for this year. Are we going to provide equipment and manpower?

Ron Marley stated they needed the Sheriff's department to assist on fire calls because people are driving through traffic cones. Also have the Utilities personnel come to the IC on incidents.

Next meeting will be held at the LEC Assembly Room instead of the Old Courthouse.

Chief Middleton made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Chief John House at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Deputy Chief Terrence Rielly
Secretary

VOTE

KENNETH
EDGE

COUNTY
COMMISSIONER



The **EDGE** our county needs!

Judge John
Dickson
District Court Judge

MICHAEL
BOOSE
JUDGE

3/20/2000

To all members of the Fire
Chiefs Association -

My family & I would like
to express our sincere
thanks to you for sending
the beautiful floral spray
honoring my father.

Your kind gesture and
support during our time
of sorrow is greatly
appreciated.

Joe W. Marsh
and the Wilson Marsh
Family



Warmest Thanks



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Panel Will Hear Testimony on FIRE Bill and Other Fire Service Legislation

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National Volunteer Fire Council

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Major fire service organizations have been able to secure a joint Congressional Hearing which will be held by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the House Committee on Science on April 12th.

The panel will hear testimony on current fire service legislation in front of Congress, most notably on H.R. 1168, the Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act.

The Fire Bill was introduced in the House by Representatives by Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and Curt Weldon (R-PA) on March 17 and in the Senate by Senators Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and Mike DeWine (R-OH) on November 17, 1999.

This legislation would help correct the history of the federal government's lack of commitment to the fire service. It will attempt to give firefighters the level of funding the federal government has provided to law enforcement, educators, and other professionals.

For fiscal year 1999, the federal government will spend approximately \$32 million on fire prevention and training. Comparatively, the federal government will spend over \$11 billion on law enforcement.

The FIRE Bill would authorize \$5 billion in competitive grants to fire departments over 5 years. It would provide grants to fire departments for training, EMS expenses, apparatus, communications, wellness/fitness programs, PPE, infrastructure modification, personnel, certification of fire inspectors, fire prevention programs and public education.

The grants would be available to volunteer, paid, and combination departments and fire departments would have to match 10 percent of the grant to be eligible.

The panel will also discuss H.R. 3155, the Firefighter's Local-Federal Assistance for

The Bills

- [HR 1168](#)
- [S 1941](#)

Online Resources

- [NVFC: About the Bill](#)
- [Bill Overview](#)
- [How to Contact Congress](#)
- [Open Letter to President](#)
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Management of Emergencies (FLAME) Act.

The FLAME Act, introduced on October 27 by Rep. George Gekas (R-PA), would help volunteer fire companies struggling to pay enormous debts for equipment by establishing an \$11 million per year grant program to provide assistance to emergency response organizations in states that have in effect an emergency response loan program.

The FLAME act would distribute federal grants through these programs of up to \$15,000, or equal to what the company receives through voluntary contributions and local government and municipality grants. Available FLAME Act funds would total \$22 million and would be drawn from existing accounts under the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Tentative starting time for the hearing is at 1pm.



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