



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the November 23, 2020 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Pearce's Mill Fire Department. The meeting format was restricted due to COVID 19 issues with some members participating by teleconference. Refreshments were served. We thank Chief Marley and his staff for their hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Assistant Chief Murphy conducted the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments:

EMS

Associate Members:

County Managers Office, Retired Fire Chiefs, Sheriff's Office

Approval of Minutes:

The October 2020 minutes were approved as presented.

Guests:

Senator Deviere thanked the members of the association for his support and is ready to work on our priorities.

Representative Szoka thanked the members of the association for his support and discussed the State budget and asked to submit any priorities before the start of the session. (CCFCA – Priority is the FTCC Regional Fire Training Center Built out)

Vendors Present:

Randy Campbell, Bound Tree (Zoll) defibrillators gave a demonstration of the companies G5 Semi-Automatic ICPR-S product.

Treasurer's Report:

None

Meeting Points of Interests:

*Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for Pearce's Mill Fire Department on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served. **DUE TO COVID THE DECEMBER 2020 CHRISTMAS MEETING IS CANCELED. EMERGENCIES WILL BE HANDLED VIA VIRTUAL OR ZOOM MEETINGS.***

- Vander FD #2 will assume air truck rotation during the month of December 2020 followed by Stoney Point FD in January 2021.
- Due to internal issues there was a change in leadership at the Spring Lake Fire Department when the City Manager replaced Chief Jason Williams with Deputy Chief

Jonathan Richardson. The City Manager was released by the Town Board during our Chiefs Meeting.

- President Johnson is looking to have a meeting on December 16th with the Chiefs that support the Air Truck responses at 1400 hours at Pearce's Mill FD.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Assorted handouts in your packets.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson gave an update on the storage building that was constructed at SPFD 19 to house association assets. We are still pending the 10-foot concrete apron and that should be completed hopefully by the end of January after downspout to control water runoff are installed to re-direct tremendous water flow coming off the building during storms.
2. President Johnson updated the membership on the radio issues. He needs you to talk to Assistant Chief Sean Johnson about how you want the out of county code plugs updated and ordered. Sean explained the way the system needs to be set up correctly with Operations and TAC channels. After a discussion amongst members, a **MOTION** was made by Deputy Chief Hank Harris and **SECONDED** by Chief Marsh to change Operations Channels to TAC channels and the TAC channels to the Operations channels. The motion was **APPROVED** by a roll call vote. (See Enclosure #2)
3. President Johnson advised that the foam issue is on-going. He completed the online survey to OSFM – This is a high dollar expense and a statewide issue – Maybe we can solicit some assistance from the state as another one of our priority issues. This is a statewide issue. – It is not just the new foam; it is also about discarding the old foam.
4. President Johnson informed the Chiefs that the Committee working on our Defibrillator issue found certain shortfalls with the CR2 Stryker product. This was discovered after the Committee received a capability briefing at EMS on the CR2 defibrillator. The capabilities briefing was attended by President Johnson and EMS Chief Brian Pearce. As a result, the product was misrepresented. Committee members brought this to the attention of President Johnson who in turn stopped the order. The committee in the interim looked at the Zoll G5 Semi-Automatic Defibrillator and found the product acceptable both in terms of performance, warranty, and pricing. With both the COF and VFD's purchasing the same defibrillators we will address equipment interoperability across Cumberland County. After a demonstration of the Zoll G5 defibrillator product and a constructive discussion amongst all members a **MOTION** was introduced by Fire Chief Scott MacKenzie to purchase the *Zoll G5 Semi-Automatic Defibrillators package consisting of (3) Sets of Intellisense CPR Feedback Adult Defib Pads, (1) Set Intellisense Pediatric Defib Pads, (1) Intellisense Battery, (1) USB Cable, (1) Semi-rigid case, (1) G5 User Guide, for \$1,741.83 along with (1) G5 AED Trainer with ICPR per station for \$424.50 each, minimum G5 AED spare batteries at 289.01each and (1) AED Cabinet, Surface Mount, W/Alarm and Strobe per station at \$234.72 each.* The motion was **SECONDED** by Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw and unanimously **APPROVED** by a roll call vote by all departments subject to CARES Act funding. (See Enclosure #3) President Johnson will submit the necessary Purchase Orders/Invoices per station to Bound Tree the parent company for Zoll.

5. President Johnson reported that with Bi-partisan Congressional assistance the North Carolina specific retirement bill is now out of committee and should be voted on when congress goes back into session. We will need the same Bi-partisan assistance from our house and senate representatives. Both Representative Szoka and Senator Deviere have pledged their future support once the federal legislation is enacted.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson stated that with the alarming increase of COVID related cases both local and at the state level, virtual meetings have become a reality. Each department will be looked at to see if they can support these meetings so that we can get back on a station rotation starting the first of the year 2021. This will allow the executive committee and a minimum number of chiefs to attend while others zoom or call in. More will be announced at a future meeting.
2. President Johnson advised everyone to continue to utilize COVID 19 guidelines to prevent the spread throughout your agency. Please keep up with your receipts in case reimbursement money becomes available.
3. President Johnson made another push for the NCAFC license tags. The NCAFC is currently short sixty (60) tags with 440 orders received but we need 500 officers to apply. NC DMV will not produce the tags until at least 500 plates are ordered for mass production. The numbers are up and just shy so please let your officers know that they can apply as well. You do not have to be a member of the NCAFC to order a tag for the first 500 allotment needed.
4. President Johnson and Assistant Chief TJ McLamb advised every one of the Cumberland County Smoke Alarm Campaign in conjunction with the Cumberland County School System. More information will be forthcoming. We are also looking at all funding opportunities to acquire smoke alarms for the program. President Johnson advised that we did not utilize budgeted funding for the annual Fire Safety Day at the Cross Creek Mall due to COVID and can shift these funds towards the county-wide schools smoke alarm campaign.
5. With the Christmas Holidays starting next week, President Johnson advised everyone to “Keep the Wreath Red” during the month of December. All departments were furnished the applicable wreaths and lights to accommodate this worthwhile fire safety campaign.
6. President Johnson and Vice President Marley on the associations behalf presented plaques to the Commissioners during their November 16, 2020 meeting for their support to our association in terms of, new county contract and funding, bequeathing approximately 30 acres of land and \$10,000,000 in funds to build a new state of the art regional fire training center on Tom Starling Road and support through funding from the CARES Act opportunity.

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.safd@gmail.com

- President Johnson again asked the members to please continue to recycle or return the clips used for our ID Cards. These clips are extremely expensive, and we need to reuse them as much as possible in order to hold down costs. Please collect clips when your members leave a department and recycle the clips. He also reminded the membership that we do not print blue tags, which are considered temporary tags only.

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE E-Mail: Chief T.J. McLamb jmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- See new business for report on the county-wide schools smoke alarm campaign.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson,
E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Three polices were presented to the members. Confined space, Trench and Water Rescue. This will be the first reading of same. President Johnson reminded the Chiefs that during incidents of Confined Space, trench and building collapse the COF (RRT-3) comes in with the technical advice and equipment to mitigate related calls in support of your incident.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,
E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- No report.

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`](mailto:cfd402@nc.rr.com)

- See Standards Committee Report on presented on rescue related policies.

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD), Chairperson, E-Mail: clhodges@townofhopemills.com

- No report.

SMOKE ALARMS / KNOX BOX COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowder (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (FFD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: tmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

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

- No report.

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard
Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

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

- No report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director),
E-Mail: gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- *Director Booth – Public Health Survey needs to be sent out on the vaccine, contract tracing was discussed, Increase in COVID numbers in the County. ERG books were distributed.*
- *Emergency Management Director Hendrix.* – No report.
- *FM Lowder – Re-emphasized support for the smoke alarm campaign.*
- *Adam Johnson* - No report.

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

- No report.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us
(Captain Jay Devane) jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us

- 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.
- Commissioner Keefe thanked everyone for their support and stressed how important it was to communicate for monies as it is related to the budgets.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

COVID call issues were discussed as far as response to known cases. President Johnson will meet with EMS this week on same.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Assistant Chief Murphy and seconded by Chief Bradshaw. The meeting was adjourned at 2100 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

Enclosures – 3.

- 1 – November 2020 Attendance Roll Call
- 2- Roll call vote for radio channel designations
- 3 –Roll call vote for defibrillators purchase.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



	MEMBERS PRESENT 19	17	17	19	19	19	17	18	16	17	18	18	00
	ASSOCIATES PRESENT 10	08	08	06	06	07	06	08	09	07	08	7	00
	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	51	60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25	00
	CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting	27-JAN-20-PMFD	24-FEB-20- GCFD-18	23-MAR-20- Telecon	27- APR-20- Telecon	18-MAY-20- Telecon	22-JUN-20-IP-Telecon	27-JUL-20 – IP-Telecon	31-AUG-20 – IP-Telecon	28-SEP-20 – IP-GCFD 18	26-OCT-20 – IP-Telecon	23-NOV-20-IP-Telecon	21-DEC-20 – Canceled – Due to COVID-19
	MEMBERS	MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	N/A
06	CFVEMS MEDICAL SVCS.	A	A	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A	N/A
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
09	GODWIN – FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	N/A
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	N/A
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	N/A
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
18	WADE STA 16	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	N/A
19	WESTAREA STA 15–20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS												
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	N/A
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	N/A
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	E	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	A	A	N/A
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
05	FORESTRY	E	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	N/A
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	A	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	N/A

Special Notes:

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

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
VOTE ROLL CALL 2020

1. MOTION: A **MOTION** was made by Deputy Chief Hank Harris to update our radios and change our Operations channels to TAC channels and our TAC channels to Operations channels.

After a general discussion the **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chief Marsh and **APPROVED** by a roll call vote .

MEMBERS PRESENT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (20)												
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION * Chief's Only Meeting	27 January 2020	24 February 2020	23 March 2020	27 April 2020	25 May 2020	22-June 2020	27-JULY 2020	24 August 2020	28 September 2020	26 October 2020	23 November 2020	21 December 2020
MEMBERS												
BEAVER DAM STA 26 - 27											No	
BETHANY STA 12											No	
COTTON STA 4											Yes	
CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5											Yes	
EASTOVER STA 1											Yes	
EMS-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES											Absent	
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT											Yes	
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT											Yes	
GODWIN-FALCON STA 18											Yes	
GRAYS CREEK 18											Yes	
GRAYS CREEK 24											Yes	
HOPE MILLS STA 21											Yes	
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3											Yes	
SPRING LAKE STA 22											Yes	
STEDMAN STA 23											No	
STONE POINT STA 13 - 19											Yes	
VANDER STA 2 - 8											Yes	
WADE STA 16											Yes	
WESTAREA STA 15 – 20 - 25											No	
EMERGENCY SVC DIRECTOR											Abstain	
TOTAL YES VOTES											14	
TOTAL NO VOTES											4	
MOTION CARRIED											Yes	

Special Notes:

CODES: (YES) – Voting in the Affirmative (A)-Absent (N/A) - Vote Does Not Appear
 (NO) - Voting against

(Chief Brock had a question concerning if Sampson County was able to switch from TAC to Ops at the time of the vote – President Johnson asked Assistant Chief Sean Johnson to call Chief Brock and address his question)

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
VOTE ROLL CALL 2020

1. MOTION: A **MOTION** was made by Chief MacKenzie to purchase the Zoll G5 Semi-Automatic Defibrillators as specified within the presented Bound Tree quote.

After a general discussion, the **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chief Bradshaw and **APPROVED** by a majority roll call vote.

MEMBERS PRESENT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (20)												
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION	27 January 2020	24 February 2020	23 March 2020	27 April 2020	25 May 2020	22-June 2020	27-JULY 2020	24 August 2020	28 September 2020	26 October 2020	23 November 2020	21 December 2020
* Chief's Only Meeting												
MEMBERS												
BEAVER DAM STA 26 - 27											Yes	
BETHANY STA 12											Yes	
COTTON STA 4											Yes	
CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5											Yes	
EASTOVER STA 1											Yes	
EMS-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES											Absent	
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT											Yes	
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT											Abstain	
GODWIN-FALCON STA 18											Yes	
GRAYS CREEK 18											Yes	
GRAYS CREEK 24											Yes	
HOPE MILLS STA 21											Abstain	
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3											Yes	
SPRING LAKE STA 22											Yes	
STEDMAN STA 23											Yes	
STONEY POINT STA 13 - 19											Yes	
VANDER STA 2 - 8											Yes	
WADE STA 16											Yes	
WESTAREA STA 15 – 20 - 25											Yes	
EMERGENCY SVC DIRECTOR											Yes	
TOTAL YES VOTES											18	
TOTAL NO VOTES											0	
MOTION CARRIED											Yes	

Special Notes:

CODES: (YES) – Voting in the Affirmative (A)-Absent (N/A)- Vote Does Not Apply to Organization
 (NO) - Voting against