

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
Cumberland County, North Carolina
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President James E. Hall at 19:40 hrs. in Westarea Fire Department. Invocation was given by Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler. President Hall thanked Chief Terry Reilly and his department for the fine meal and hospitality.

Roll was called: 20 departments were represented and 8 associate members were present.

Secretary's Minutes for the January 25, 1999 meeting were approved with the following correction:
Emergency Management Director, Cheri Grabowski stated that the request for D.O.T. Guidebooks should include the number needed for training.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Freddy Johnson stated that Haigh, Byrd & Lambert have completed the necessary corrections in the 1997-98 audit. He stated that there are still some original copies unaccounted for and that the corrected copies would not be distributed until these were turned in. Chief Kevin Herndon recommended that this be tabled until the March meeting, everyone agreed.

President Hall recognized Cheri Grabowski who read a quote received from Safe Air Systems for a 5 stage 6,000 psi air compressor. The quote was for \$17,514.08.

Chief Terry Reilly made a motion that Emergency Management advertise for sealed bids. Bids to be opened at the March meeting at Lake Rim Fire Department. Motion was Second by Chief Lee Sudia and passed by roll call vote.

Fire Marshal Ricky Strickland stated that he has not had a reply from the most recent foam test.

Chief John House stated that he has not heard any change with the retirement bill and will keep the association abreast of any changes.

President Hall stated that the Retired Firefighters Association had contacted him requesting to assist with the "Fallen Firefighters Memorial". He stated that they could also acquire land for the memorial if it could not be placed on the FTCC campus. After some discussion it was agreed upon to turn the memorial project over to the Retired Firefighters Association.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Roddy Bullard stated that we are behind the times and need to get with the program. Other agencies are improving their radio communication systems and we have done nothing to improve nor upgrade ours. A more serious look at our communications systems is needed in order to communicate with other agencies. After a lengthy discussion, this was turned over to Chief John House, Chairman of the Communications Committee.

Chief Bullard made a motion that the committee investigate three options 1) upgrade the current system, 2) upgrade to 800mhz system using the Fayetteville towers, 3) system must be expanded to meet future needs. The system also must meet all ISO requirements. Motion was second by Chief Danny Matthews and passed by show of hands.

Chief House ask that anyone interested in serving on this committee contact him as soon as possible .

Chief Terry Reilly gave a demonstration of Personnel Accountability System used at the Westarea Fire Departments. He stated that the association needed a standardized system. President Hall passed this on to Chief Ronnie Marley, the Standards Committee Chairman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management - Cheri Grabowski reported on the IEMC class held in Emmitsburg earlier in the month and advised that there would be an after action review at the Sheriff's Department on Thursday, February 25, 1999 at 9:00 am.

Cheri also advised that this is Severe Weather Week and that all Cumberland County Schools will be conducting tornado drills on Wednesday, February 24, 1999.

Cheri advised that she had attended a Y2K conference in Atlanta and briefed the association on several concerns facing the turn of the century.

Fire Marshal - Ricky Strickland stated that his office has received numerous calls regarding tele-marketing for the Professional Firefighters Association. Concerns were that these marketers are misleading the public. After some discussion, it was decided to place a disclaimer add in the Saturday Extra. Chief John House will see that this is accomplished.

Ricky also reminded those present of the NCFIRS class at Cotton Fire Department Saturday, February 27, 1999, beginning at 8:00 am.

Ricky stated that A.C. Daniels had conducted a Class 9 inspection for the Manchester Fire District served by the Spring Lake Fire Department; the district passed with ease.

Ricky discussed local ordinances pertaining to smoke detectors and the possibilities of including the new standards in the Fire Prevention Ordinance.

Sheriff's Office - Chief Freddy Johnson discussed command responsibilities at a bomb threat. He stated that this is a criminal act and that law enforcement is in charge until a device detonates, at that time it becomes a fire scene and command is assumed by the fire departments.

Seminar - Chief Larry Wilson reported on the progress of the seminar and urged chiefs to get their departments' registrations in as classes were filling up fast. He thanked those departments for providing apparatus and equipment for the various classes.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

President Hall stated that we had received a check from the Bonnie Doone Fire Department and it has been passed on to the Treasurer.

The being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:00 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

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Secretary

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Lieutenant Steve Parlette
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RE: Surplus radios

Lieutenant Parlette,

At last months Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association meeting, Fire Chief Freddy Johnson stated that the Sheriffs' Department had completed their transition to 800mz. He advised that the Sheriffs' Department would be surplusing their UHF radios and stated that an inter-governmental transfer of these radios may be possible through a formal request. A motion was passed at that meeting to formally request an inter-governmental transfer of excess radios from the Cumberland County Sheriffs' Department.

Please accept this letter as our formal request for any radios that may be obtained through a governmental transfer to the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association.

Should you have any questions you may contact Chief Freddy Johnson, President James E. Hall or myself. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully

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