

# Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting

February 23, 2004<sup>1</sup>

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Freddy Johnson, Sr. The monthly dinner meeting was hosted by Chief Richard Bullard and the Beaver Dam Fire Department.

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Mike Casanova led the opening prayer and blessing of the food.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 22 Departments and 8 Associate members present.

**Members Absent:** Stations – 5, 11, PAFD

**Associate Members Absent:** -- Forestry, SHP

**Approval of Minutes:** President Johnson stated that the copy of the minutes passed out should be reviewed because of a malfunction with the tape recorder. He had used notes and memory to create the working copy. Any changes will be noted and approval will be made at the next scheduled meeting. Chief J L Hall stated under the **Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid Committee** there was a no report entry that should have noted that he had presented information that was tied together with Colonel Doc Nunnery's report on the mapping problem. Major Kenny Curry pointed out that he gave information on Train The Trainer class to be held March 4 & 5 at the DSS Building.

**Meeting Next Month:** The next Chief's meeting will be held **March 22, 2004** at Fayetteville City Fire Station 5. This is the new station located behind Bordeaux Holiday Inn. Please use the parking area between the station and Holiday Inn. Dinner will be served.

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Vendors:** None

**Guests:** Dr. Reed, Cumberland County Medical Director.

**President's Report:** President Johnson briefed the association on the following issues:

- President Johnson stated that he had received no information from Mr. Parks, CEO Cape Fear Valley Hospital about representation from the association on the formulation of the Hospital Authority. It will probably be March or April before this will happen.
- President Johnson stated that the FEMA Fire Grant Program would open around March 1, 2004. A new requirement for a DUNS (Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System) Number. This may be obtained from the Internet web site.

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- President Johnson informed the association there would be two (2) subscriptions to the NFPA Fire Code to be shared countywide. Each station will be provided with the password to go directly into the NFPA database for information. This should happen within the next 30 days. Information will be forthcoming.
- President Johnson asked Fayetteville and Fort Bragg about the file server connection. Fort Bragg Chief Miller said there might be problems connecting to their system due to Network Security.
- President Johnson will inform Ray Hunt that Chief Miller will be the association's representative at the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting.
- The location of the **MAY 2004 CCFCA** meeting has changed. The meeting will be held at the new Lafayette Village Fire Department located on Bailey Lake Road.

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## OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson asked Colonel Doc Nunnery for information on the Hyde County issue. Col. Nunnery stated that the problems have not been solved. Currently the Hyde County Court System is meeting at Swan's Quarters Fire Station. Hyde County did not have sufficient insurance to cover the damages sustained in Hurricane Isabella. Hyde County has received a total of \$37,862.00 of disaster relief and there is no possibility of them getting any more money. Cumberland County alone sent a bill for \$33,035.00 and Hyde County said they had forwarded a payment of \$8,605.00. This money cannot be verified and Colonel Nunnery stated we probably have received all the money we will get. He will continue to pursue getting additional funds. He stated we might want to review our policies for giving assistance, possible limiting the involvement in the future.
2. President Johnson asked Col. Nunnery to address the mapping issue. Col Nunnery passed out information on Automatic aid points that can be gained by following the guidelines on Inter-Department Training. This will apply for only first alarm structure fire incidents. Changing Mutual Aid to Automatic was addressed so ISO will recognize a 6-mile district at 9S rating. The 9S rating for some stations is being held up because of this issue. Cumberland County is probably already performing automatic aid. If changes are made there will be additional responsibilities with each station responsible for maintaining proper personnel training, pump test records, hose test records, inventory records and equipment maintenance records. Responding stations must send equipment listed on the run card or substitute equipment that matches or exceeds the capacity of the listed equipment. President Johnson stated that the mutual aid agreement must be updated to reflect automatic aid and be approved by the Board of Directors/City Councils so a legal constituted agreement is in effect. Colonel Nunnery is to have Gloria prepare the agreement and email to each department. Each governing body must approve and a copy signed by the Board/Council members and the fire chief is sent for filing in the Cooperate File. It is very important that each department makes sure this is completed. President Johnson set a suspense date of April 1, 2004 for completion.

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Chief J L Hall made a motion to change our mutual aid agreement to read automatic aid. Chief Mike Middleton seconded the motion. Chief Benny Nichols stated that Fayetteville Fire Department will not claim automatic aid and it will not have any effect on anyone else. Motion passes on a roll call vote **Twenty-One (21) for and One (1) abstain.**<sup>3</sup>

3. Colonel Nunnery stated at this time there are only two (2) unresolved District lines and requested if anyone has a problem with the maps to let him know.
4. President Johnson brought up the Eastern Fire Seminar. Encouraged each station to support this seminar with requested equipment. Jeff Fogle and Steve Hurley will contact individual fire chiefs about equipment.
5. President Johnson handed out copies of the By-Laws that he had made updates and changes on. Please read and either email him or be prepared to bring up questions or changes at the next meeting. President Johnson requested approval be made at the next Chief's only meeting in April

## **COMMITTEE REPORT:**

### **TECHNOLOGY/AUTOMATION COMMITTEE (FIREHOUSE)**

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- Nothing

### **I D CARD COMMITTEE**

- No report.

FYI Reminder that Chiefs need to contact Tara Johnson at 424-0694 or e-mail at [tara@stonepointfire.com](mailto:tara@stonepointfire.com) to schedule Pictures for I D Cards

### **FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- Smoke Detectors are available at Lafayette Village Fire Department. They are intended for the low-income families and each station should request directly from Lafayette Village and complete the required accountability paperwork and return it to the provider of the alarms.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** Chief K Hall

- Absent **Reminder P L Codes are to be installed for countywide activation 1 April**

### **STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE**

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- No Report

**TRAINING & TRAINING STANDARDS COMMITTEE** Chief John House

- Absent

**MOBILE & STATIONARY AIR SYSTEMS**

- Filling responsibilities for March 2004 is with Fayetteville City Fire Department

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** Chairman Deputy Chief Blackburn

- Chief Blackburn updated the members on the annual memorial service to be held in conjunction with the Eastern Fire Seminar on Saturday March 13, 2004 at 11 AM at the memorial site at FTCC. President Johnson urged all members to participate in this special event in honor of our fallen members.

**AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE** Chairman J. F. Hall

- Covered under Presidents Report/Old Business

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Chairman Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr.

- Absent

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- No Report

**ASSOCIATION PROPERTY – FIRE SAFETY TRAILER**

- No Report

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT:**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR** Colonel Nunnery

- Already presented everything during earlier parts of the meeting

**ECC-911** Major Curry

- Major Kenny Curry stated the Train-The-Trainer for the FIT Test for Advantage 1000 Hazmat Masks will be held March 4 and 5, 2004 at DSS Building. This is a one-day class and can be taken either day and Brian Combs from the health department will be the instructor.

## **EMS Colonel W. Ainsworth**

- OMS has a grant program for rural access to emergency services.
- Mr. Parks and Wally met a couple of weeks ago to do a study to see if it is worthwhile to set up EMS's own amenity. A lot of hidden support is provided by the hospital such as personnel staffing, accounts receivable, and insurance on vehicles. If a separate amenity is set up these costs are going to be involved and it may not be financially feasible. They are looking too possible setting up an advisory board that could include personnel from the chief's association. The key is to be able to manage the system including data management and computerizing the run reports.
- Wally brought up EMS getting out of the Rescue Business. This has been discussed for several months now and if needed he is prepared to make a formal recommendation to that effect. He wants to have the standards committee set up guidelines and standards for rescue equipment and vehicles. He stated that in addition to standard rescue power tools there are air bags, extra cribbing and other pieces of equipment. Eastover is interested in taking Rescue 104. The equipment is county owned however the hospital board will have to declare it surplus in order for it to be transferred. Wally's concern is for all to work with the standards committee to assure this equipment is made available countywide. The equipment can be service tested before transfer and if something needs fixing they will fix it. President Johnson is to set up a committee at next month's meeting to look at the rescue situation. It is to be looked at for countywide availability when the need arises.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- WMD meeting to be held 1 P.M., Feb. 26, 2004 at Medical Arts Building. Col Nunnery stated that Wayne Raynor, Director of Health Department has almost been talked into taking the chairmanship of this activity.

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## **HAZMAT Chief Nichols, FFD**

- Chief Nichols said that the N C State Health Department does not want field tests (ANTHRAX) to be taken by the fire department. He disagrees and will continue to do it.

## **FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger J. Johnson**

- Not Present. President Johnson noted that Forestry is in gross violation of the Association By-Laws by not being present at our meetings. Action may be taken at the next monthly meeting

## **FTCC Ernest Ward**

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- Ernest reported that some classes on the upcoming Eastern Emergency Services School to be held at FTCC March 12, 13, & 14 are borderline due to the lack of students signing up. Chiefs are to check for certificates for their stations located on the table up front.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler**

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- No Report

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- Not Present

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova:**

Chaplain Casanova Questioned how many fire departments have people going to the Chaplain Certification Program? This program is hard to get, if anyone is interested please contact Chaplain Casanova as soon as possible. Chaplain Casanova also informed the membership about Chief Terry Riley who had undergone shoulder surgery. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Tal Baggett**

- Commissioner Baggett reported on the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cumberland County to be celebrated on March 26, 27 and 28 around the old courthouse on Gillespie Street. There will be all kinds of activities to include children rides. There is no charge for this activity and he encouraged each station to help in getting this information out. He displayed an 1884 map of Cumberland County that included Hoke County. He provided each station with a poster of the event.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Chaplain Casanova reminded everyone about the Worship Service to be held on March 14, 2004 at FTCC cafeteria.
- Chief J F Hall reminded that the PL code is supposed to go into effect April 1, 2004. President Johnson wants to postpone the effective date for 60 days because of upcoming annexation. There is no reason for Lake Rim and LaFayette Village to have to install the code for the short period if they are annexed. President Johnson will have this issue brought up at the March meeting.
- President Johnson announced Stoney Point has a pumper, tanker and brush truck for sale. If interested contact him.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chief J. F. Hall and seconded by Col. Wally Ainsworth

Meeting Adjourned at 2145 P M

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy L. Johnson Sr.*

Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Sr.  
President

*Harold Shirley*

Assistant Chief Harold Shirley  
Secretary

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