

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of October 27, 2008 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was held at EMS base. We thank Mr. Royal and his staff for the use of their facility.

Opening Prayer: Chaplin Cassanova provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 21 Departments and 6 Associate members present.

Members Absent: Pope AFB, West area #15, Westarea # 20

Associate Members Absent: HazMat, Highway Patrol, Forestry, SBI

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the September 2008 were approved as presented

Guests: Commissioner Diane Wheatley

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: No report

Meeting Point of interests:

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held November 24, 2008 at **Westarea Fire Department Station # 15**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- President Johnson passed out the following informational papers;
 - Chiefs Association meeting change flyer
 - NIMS paperwork
 - Sand Hills Community College Seminar Brochure
 - Call Volume for the Month of September and Year to date
- President Johnson thanked everyone who supported and participated in the Memorial Service.
- President Johnson advised that the VFIS meeting will be November 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Pearces Mill FD #3. This is for VFIS members only. Dinner will be served.
- President Johnson asked that the stations with decon and foam trailers to please ensure that your personnel are fully trained in their operation and to train multiple members to insure call out availability. He stated that the Spring Lake Fire Department has a complete protocol on the Decon Operations and is available to assist with training as needed. Interested personnel should contact Captain Thomas with the SLFD.

- A BRAC meeting will be held at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church on 10-30-2008 at 10:00 am to discuss some of the impacts that will occur in Cumberland County with the addition and changes being made in our local Armed Forces

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chief Johnson advised that he will make every effort to have the funding draft ready by the November meeting.
- Chief Johnson asked the association to consider a request for the purchase of clothing items for the FFD Bag pipe players. These personnel are available for events that we may need them for. A motion was made by Chief Lucas and seconded by Chief Strahan to authorize \$1,716.66 for this purchase. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed. Chief Hill will contact the Honor Guard to let them know that their request was approved.

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@stoneypointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- No report

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- Chief Bullard advised the members that VIPER study conducted by Motorola for the city/county will be reviewed and discussed in the coming meetings.

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

- A recommendation was made to look at Helicopter LZ procedures and to re-visit our accountability programs. Chief Ken Hall will report back in the coming meetings. Anyone who has or would like to provide some information on these areas is asked to contact Chief Ken Hall.
- A motion was made by Ken hall and seconded by Chief Hodges to adopt the Command Procedures with an effective date of January 1, 2009. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- A discussion regarding the RIT program for Cumberland County firefighters was brought forth. President Johnson, Chief Strahan and Captain Whiteside FFD Training Officer will meet to discuss this issue and provide further details at the November meeting.

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

- No report

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

- Chief Marley advised the committee was working hard on the school program and decisions were needed very soon as to whether or not the school would be able to go forward. President Johnson will send out information about the school before the next meeting for any time sensitive items that need to be addressed. President Johnson is requesting that we as Chief Officers strongly support our school so our local firefighters will be able to attend a local venue.

EMS DIRECTOR: Michael Royal, Director

- Mr. Royal advised the members that UNC Air Care expressed that CCFD were the best at setting up the LZ's for helicopter landings.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Curry, Director

- Scotty Harris will have inspection reports at the November meeting.

- Director Currie expressed his thanks to everyone who worked on the Memorial Service. He stated that the service went very well and that everyone should be proud of their accomplishment.

HAZMAT Capt. Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1432

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger J. Johnson

- No report.

FTCC Ernest Ward

- No report

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Steven Hodges gave a brief overview of the past months call volume and schools that the staff were participating in.

HIGHWAY PATROL

- No report.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova

- No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2015 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy Johnson
Fire Chief Freddy Johnson
President

Mark A. Melvin
Deputy Chief Mark Melvin
Secretary