

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association
February 28, 7:00 PM

Note: Their was no meeting in January due to weather.

Called to order by President Jimmy Hall at 7:00 PM with 17 members and 8 associate members present. Meeting held at Grays Creek Fire Department, Station #18.

Opening prayer provided by Christian Firefighters- Mike Cassanova.

Vendors: President Hall recognized Don Koonce, Sales Manager of PiedmontCheerwine Bottling Company. Mr .Koonce introduced Chris Bowman of Aqua Force Sports Drink. Mr. Bowman talked about his product and asked if departments would try it. Gave samples too all chiefs.

Charlotte Equipment Sales, Roger Millikin was available for personnel desiring equipment from his company.

Reading of Minutes: President Hall asked that the Secretary hit the "high spots" on the reading of the minutes due to the agenda for the evening. No Objections noted.

1. High Spot was on the presentation of Dr. Henderson on Automatic Electronic Defibrillation (AED):

Note: President Hall at this point asked the secretary to read a letter dated February 9, 2000 from Dr. Henderson in which he stated that an Advanced Life Support Continuing Education session was to be cancelled at a fire department within Cumberland County. His letter stated the importance of the program and that all agencies are permitted to attend any of the sessions. Program should continue as scheduled.

2. High Spot was on Fire/EMS Memorial:

Note: President hall recognized Chief Mike Middleton stated memorial would not be ready for dedication during the Eastern Fire Seminar. Plans are for dedication on May 7, 2000 at 2 PM. A picture of the memorial was passed around to show completed memorial.

President Hall recognized Assistant Chief Allan Nobles who requested a list of all addresses on families and relatives who should be notified of the dedication. Fire departments with names on memorial must be responsible for this and to provided escorts for the immediate family members.

3. High Spot was on EMS: Wally Ainsworth stated that he was looking into prices on backboard purchases from Iron Duck Board. To get prices.

Note: President Hall recognized Wally Ainsworth; prices range from \$135.00 - \$150.00 if anyone is interested in purchasing one see Wally for complete information.

4. High Spot was on For The Good of The Association to support Senate Bill #1941 (H.R. 1168) "Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement" (FIRE) Act. President Hall asked Chief Barnes to draft a generic letter to support the FIRE act.

Note: President Hall recognized Vice President Chief Barnes. Chief Barnes read a letter of response from Senator Helems who stated he would support efforts to increase fire prevention on the state and local level – provided a new federal bureaucracy is not created. Chief Barnes also had a letter from Senator Edwards who is not on the committee, but would consider support if it comes before the full Senate. Currently neither Senator is on the support committee.

Chiefs asked that generic draft letter be sent again, copies not plain.

President Hall asked if there were any changes to the "High Spot" of the minutes: None Noted.

Old Business: None

New Business: President Hall stated Chief Johnson had passed out the Audit of the Association and you signed for it. Go over and bring comments to meeting in March.

Eastern Fire Seminar: President Hall recognized Assistant Chief Allan Jones. Allan is working on the equipment needed for the seminar. Contact is being made for equipment. Trying to hold classes at the station of the equipment if possible.

President Hall asked if someone was spreading the news that the seminar had been cancelled. Not so! Attendance is down this year, but at present 600+ have signed up for this year. A lot of seminars are now going on, with attendance low also.

Emergency Management: 1. Copies of Resource Manual 2000, (2 Copies each). Make corrections and return if needed on equipment etc.

2. Memorandum on Volunteers with Four Wheel Drive Vehicles, Expanding the pool for severe weather. If interested, please fill out and return.

3. 18 Months ago Cumberland County requested and was selected for 400 (Initial Issue) Alert Warning Systems NOAA Weather radios. A radio will be issued tonight to all fire departments. Remainder will be given to Nursing Homes, Daycare Centers Hospitals.

FTCC: President Hall recognized Ernest Ward. Ernest stated New Director was to be here tonight but was unable. His name is Butch Trimmer.

An ERT workshop will begin 1st week in April, runs 2 months

A Hazmat Tech class scheduled for the last week in March into April.

Stedman holding night Academy classes.

Class schedules will be mailed if not already.

Committee Reports: None

Emergency Communications Center: President Hall recognized Doc Nunnery. Doc stated a lot of remodeling going on at present. When complete they will have capabilities of 800 MHZ

Doc noted that some pager tones went off over the weekend. If yours went off for no reason call Doc. Systems needs tuning.

EMS: President Hall recognized Wally Ainsworth. Wally addressed the Memorandum on the Contaminated Waste. Attached was a copy of the regulated waste regulation. Copy was given out by the Fire Marshal.

Fire Marshal: President Hall recognized Ricky Strickland. Rickey stated he had given out a Letter from EMS on Contaminated Waste.

Ricky stated he was still receiving calls on Fayetteville Professional Firefighters Association. A letter was sent by the Fire Marshal's office with no response. A letter was then sent from the county Attorney's Office

Asking for a response. Mr. Buddy Prevatte notified the Fire Marshal that he too had received calls on the actions of the marketing organization conduct. He stated he would take care of this. They had new employees working for them. This was on smoke detector letter.

Henry has the new server in the Fire Marshals office. Cost \$12,000.00.

When server is running and Raleigh gets lines in Fire House reports can be sent direct.

Chief Barnes asked about NFPA Codes and Procedures. Can they be established as read only files? YES

Forestry: Not Present.

Hazmat (CERT): Not Present.

County Commissioners: Ed Melvin, Breeden Blackwell, Talmage Baggett attended. President Hall recognized Mr. Baggett. Mr Baggett had nothing.

CCSD: President Hall recognized LT Bruce Morrison. Bruce handed out Annual Task Force Case Dispositions. He thank all for there support.

Christian Firefighters: President Hall recognized Mike Cassanova. Mike requested support for the seminar and the Sunday service would be held in cafeteria at 7AM.

Requested support for Chief's conference in August Want 2000 present.

For the good of the Association: President Hall recognized Chief Middleton. Mike stated department with 751 on their run cards need to remove it. Being sold. Chief Sudia, Hope Mills FD stated he didn't mind his going on the run cards.

President Hall recognized Chief Marley. Ronnie stated we needed to get back to our county standards. (i.e. electrical plug pig tails: air tools).

President Hall recognized Freddie Johnson Jr. Freddie stated Fire House statistics weren't adequate. Printed out wrong. Must go in to file data and rebuild every month to get correct reports.

President Hall recognized J.F. Hall On Mutual Aid response, department with 1 man responding release to get back in district ASAP.

Chief Middleton made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Chief Barnes at 9:25PM

Respectfully Submitted by:


Deputy Chief Terrence Rielly
Secretary

funding. They are in Microsoft Word.

Choose the one you like. Feel free to change anything you wish. You are safe since my literary ability is not considered good enough to be copy written.

Write to:

Senator Jesse Helms
403 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3301
jesse_helms@helms.senate.gov

Senator John Edwards
825 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
Senator@edwards.senate.gov

Please let me know if you have any problems and good luck to all of us.

Mark Barnes, Fire Chief

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Senator (full name)
(Address).
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Honorable (Name), Senator:

I am writing to ask for your support and co-sponsorship of Senate Bill #1941 (H.R. 1168) the “Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement” (FIRE) Act. Senators Christopher Dodd (D-CT) and Mike DeWine (R-OH) introduced this bill on November 17, 1999. The bill has been drafted to begin addressing a desperate lack of federal support for the local fire service – often the first emergency response agency to arrive and positively impact the outcome of a tragedy.

Each year our federal government wisely commits over 11 billion dollars to the needs of law enforcement. No doubt much of this is directly responsible for the relatively safe lifestyle enjoyed by Americans. However, when the terrorist does attack or when Mother Nature decides to change the face of our planet, it is the fire service that is expected to deal with the initial disaster. From cats to catastrophe, your local firefighters are expected to handle the situation with expertise and professionalism. And yet, unlike law enforcement, we are also expected to raise the funds to provide even a minimal level of services through local taxes and self-inspired fund raising campaigns.

When was the last time you saw your local law enforcement agency hosting bingo or holding a car wash to raise funds for a new police car? This is, unfortunately, a typical event in our profession. One that often drives potential volunteer firefighters from the local community away from an otherwise noble profession.

This is but one of many problems that are a simple matter of financing. An issue that can easily be addressed with the support and implementation of the FIRE act. The (your) Fire Department is asking for your support on behalf of America’s Fire Service and the citizens that we proudly serve.

Sincerely,

(Your Name, Title)

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On April 6, 1999 two volunteer firefighters, 28 and 30 years old, died while trying to escape a wildland fire burning outside of Morehead, Kentucky. The victims were part of a 10-person, initial attack firefighting crew from the Route 377 Volunteer Fire Department. Subsequently, two Safety and Occupational Health Specialists from the National Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Division of Safety Research, investigated the incident. They concluded that, to minimize similar occurrences, fire departments engaged in wildland firefighting should:

Provide firefighters with wildland personal protective equipment (PPE) that is NPFA 1997 compliant and monitor the ensure its proper use.

Equip firefighters with approved fire shelters and provide training on the proper deployment of the shelter at least annually with periodic refresher courses during the year.

Learn, communicate, and follow the 10 standard fire orders as developed by the National Wildland Coordinating Group (NWCG).

Cumberland County is recognized as a leader among our peers in North Carolina. However, I can assure you that even we are not able to meet this basic recommendation and it is typical through out our profession. One answer to saving our firefighters lives is a simple matter of financing. An issue that will begin to be addressed with the implementation and support of the FIRE act. The (your) Fire Department is asking for your support on behalf of the fire service and the citizens that we proudly serve.

Sincerely,

(Your Name, Title)

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(Address).
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Business managers often ask the question, "what if there was a fire and nobody came?" They are often referring to how an administrative emergency might be overlooked in their business. In our business, this question is asked literally. Nationwide, there has been a steady downturn in the percentage of citizens willing or able to volunteer in their community. It shows in the number and size of local service clubs.

The volunteer fire service is no exception. One of the reasons is that the firefighter's position has become a cornucopia of emergency response requiring a very wide array of training. Unfortunately, this calculates into more nights and weekends away from home. Not an enticing allure for people that are already busy with professions, child rearing and family obligations.

We too are desperate for trained personnel, especially during the day. Passage and realization of the FIRE act would allow local communities to put on full-time personnel to assure that your call is answered in a timely and therefore life saving manner. The (your) Fire Department is asking for your support on behalf of the fire service and the citizens that we proudly serve.

Sincerely,

(Your Name, Title)

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JOHN EDWARDS
NORTH CAROLINA
(202) 224-1154

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3201

COMMITTEES:
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URBAN AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
SMALL BUSINESS

January 4, 2000

RECEIVED
1-13-2000

Mr. Mark L. Barnes
Fire Chief
Westarea Volunteer Fire Department
4820 Rosehill Road
Fayetteville, NC 28311-6937

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Thank you for contacting me and sharing your support for S. 1941, the Fire Investment and Response Act (FIRE Act). I appreciate your taking the time to write.

As you know, S. 1941 would amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards. The FIRE Act would be an important tool for both volunteer and professional firefighters.

S. 1941 has been referred to the Committee on Commerce. Although I am not a member of this committee, should this, or similar legislation come before the full Senate, I will be certain to keep your support in mind.

Again, thank you for writing. I hope you will keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,



John Edwards

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3301

RECEIVED
2-18-00

February 9, 2000

Mr. Mark Barnes
Westarea Volunteer Fire Department
4820 Rosehill Road
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I genuinely appreciate your contacting me about the Fire Investment and Response Act of 1999.

As the son of a fire chief, I understand the need to educate young people about fire prevention. That background along with the knowledge of your strong support — lead me to support efforts to increase fire prevention efforts on the state and local level — provided a new federal bureaucracy is not created.

Thanks again for taking the time to write to me about this important issue.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



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**EARL R. BUTLER, SHERIFF
CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**



A Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

TO: *Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association*

FROM: *Lt. Bruce Morrison, Arson Task Force Commander*

RE: *Annual Task Force Case Dispositions - Fire Chief's Meeting*

DATE: *February 10, 2000*

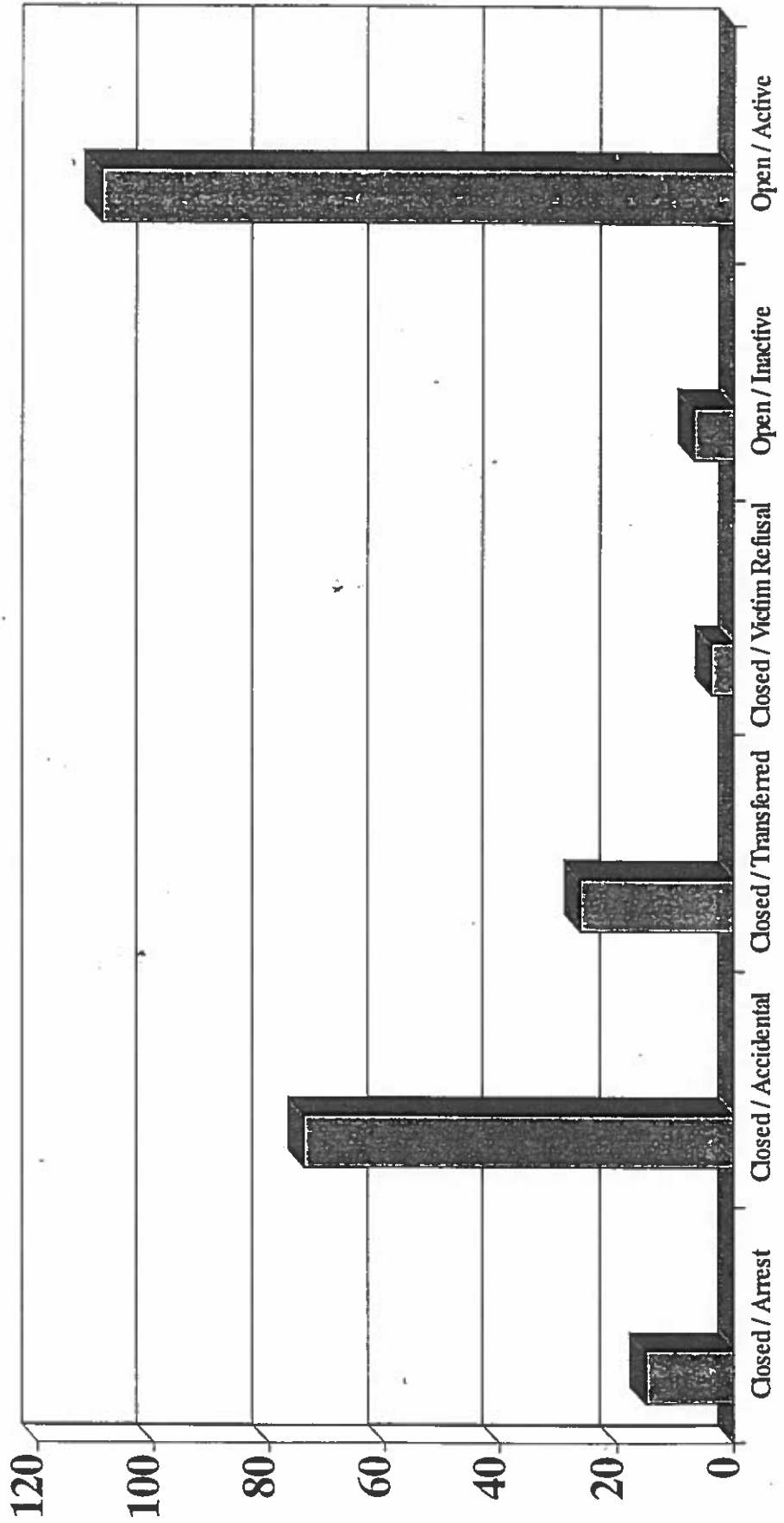
The last year of the 19th century was once again a busy year for the Arson Task Force (ATF). We initiated and investigated over 235 fire/arson investigations in 1999. As always, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and the Arson Task Force, we would like to thank the Cumberland County Chief's Association for their past and continued support of the Arson Task Force.

Without the financial support from the Chief's Association, our job would be more difficult. Your support assists us with paging capabilities, as well as forensic, equipment, and training opportunities. By doing this we, the Arson Task Force, can provide you with the best fire investigations unequalled by others. During the last year we investigated 3 fire fatalities within Cumberland County and in November we investigated the Cape Fear High School Fire, which resulted in the arrest of several suspects, bringing to close one of the biggest Arson cases in recent years.

Again, thank you for your support, and we are looking forward to working with the Association during the new millenium. Attached you will find the Annual Arson Task Force Case Dispositions. I have included the total calls for each fire department as well as the total calls by category. Also attached is a graph of each of these for the entire year of 1999. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to present them to me.

cf: *Accreditation
Captain F. Johnson*

**Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Arson Task Force
Case Disposition Summary
1999**



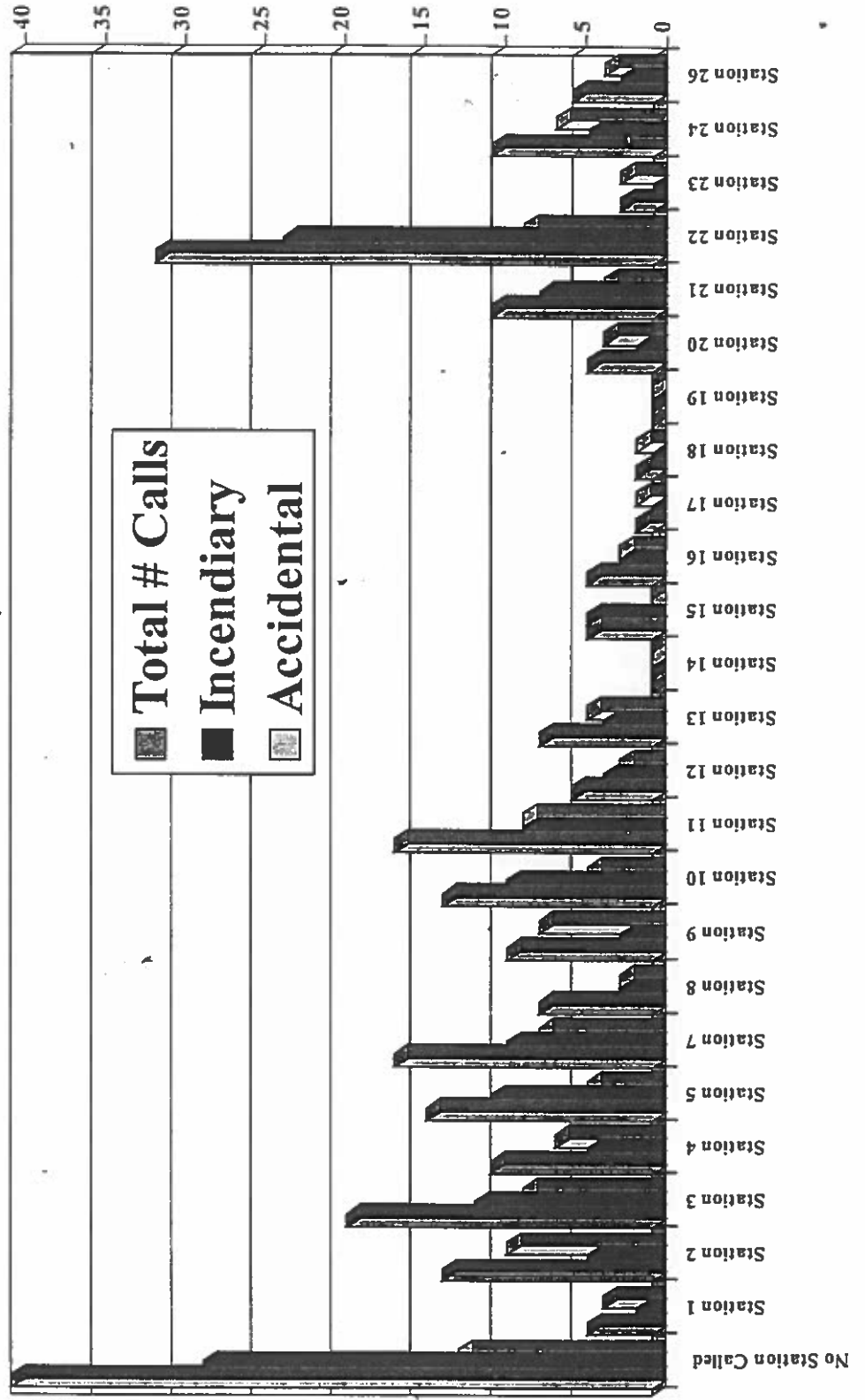
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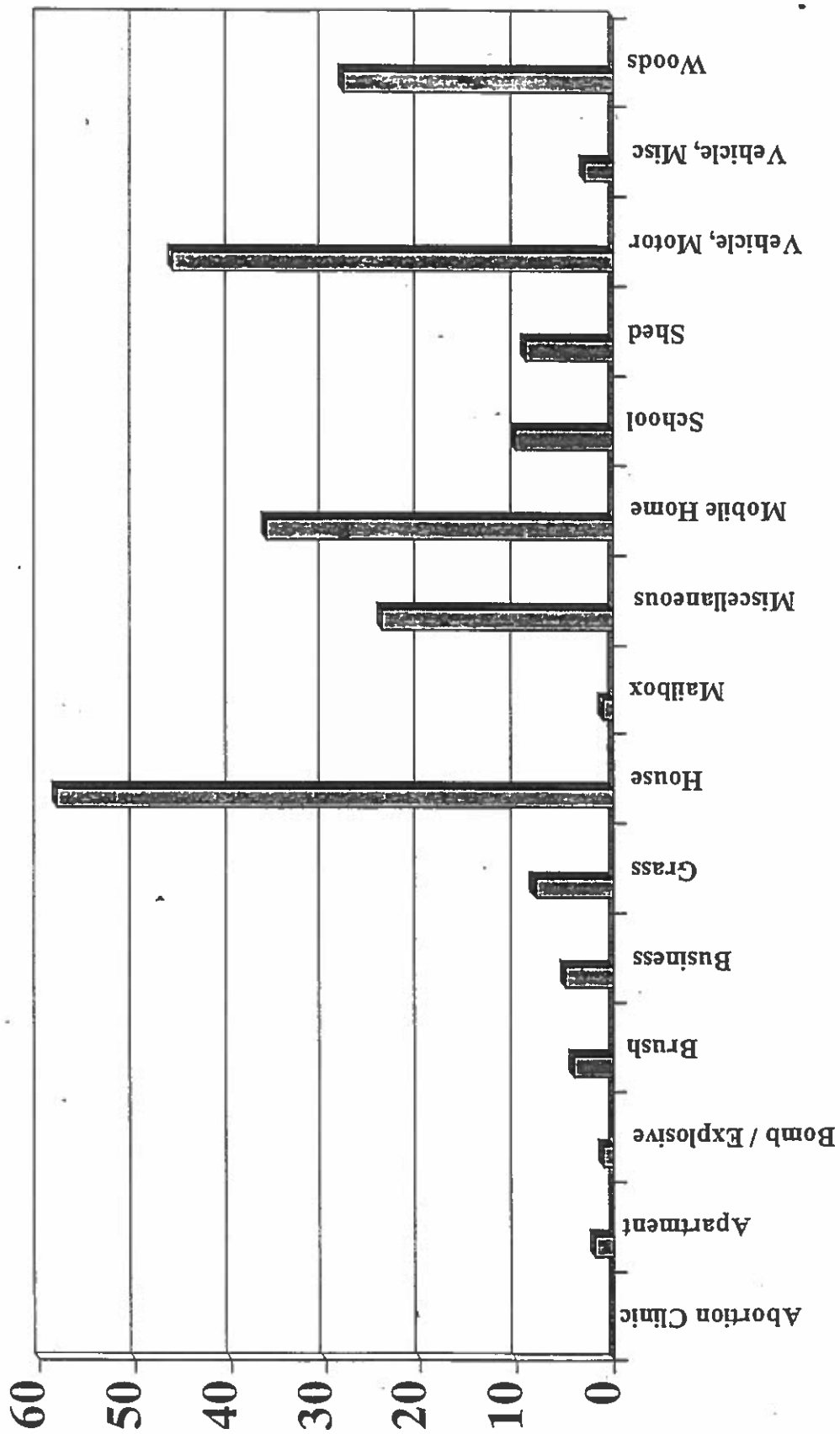
Total Calls By Fire Department

Incendiary / Accidental

1999



Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Arson Task Force
Calls By Category
1999



CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Arson Task Force
1999 Report

***Total Calls By Fire Department
Incendiary / Accidental***

Station	Total # Calls	Incendiary	Accidental
* 00	40	28	12
01	4	1	3
02	13	4	9
03	19	11	8
04	10	4	6
05	14	10	4
07	16	9	7
08	4	2	2
** 09	9	2	7
10	13	9	4
11	16	8	8
12	5	3	2
13	7	3	4
14	0	0	0
15	4	4	0
16	4	2	2
17	1	0	1
18	1	0	1
19	0	0	0
20	4	1	3
21	10	7	3
22	31	23	8
23	2	0	2
24	10	4	6
26	5	2	3
TOTAL	235	136	99

* Not Requested by Fire Department (Other)
** Station 9 only County FD portion of 1999

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Arson Task Force
1999 Report (Continued...)

Case Disposition Summary

Case Disposition	Disposition Type	Total Number
Closed	By Arrest	15
Closed	Accidental / Exceptional	74
Closed	Transferred to Other Agency	26
Closed	Victim Refused to Cooperate	4
Inactive	No Leads	7
Active	Still Open – Under Investigation	109
	Total	235

Calls By Category

Call Type	Total Calls
Abortion Clinic	0
Apartment	2
Bomb / Explosive	1
Brush	4
Business	5
Grass	8
House	58
Mailbox	1
Miscellaneous	24
Mobile Home	36
School	10
Shed	9
Vehicle, Motor	46
Vehicle, Misc	3
Woods	28
TOTAL	235



GRAINGER R. BARRETT
COUNTY ATTORNEY

COUNTY of CUMBERLAND

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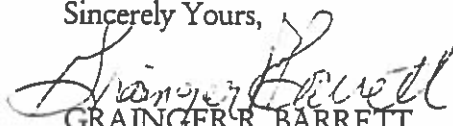
Mr. Buddy Prevatte, President
Fayetteville Professional Firefighters Association
152 N. McPherson Church Rd.
Fayetteville, N.C. 28303

Dear Mr. Prevatte:

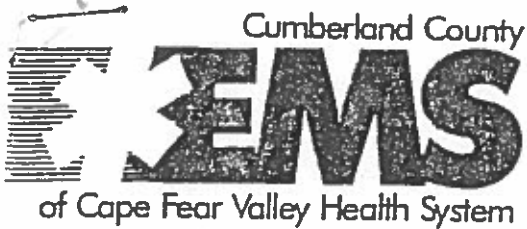
You have failed to respond to Cumberland County Fire Marshall Strickland's December 8, 1999 letter to you demanding that you desist from involving his office in endorsement of your association. He advises that he continues to receive complaints about your organization's misleading marketing tactics.

Irrespective of the deep concerns about the validity of your organization's marketing of smoke detectors, Cumberland County does not endorse your organization or its marketing efforts. I would appreciate your confirming to my office no later than February 1, 2000 that your organization has desisted from doing so. If you do not do so, one alternative which the County would have to consider is providing public the correct information that the County does not endorse or support your marketing effort.

Sincerely Yours,


GRAINGER R. BARRETT
Cumberland County Attorney

cc: Clifford G. Strassenburg, County Manager
Ricky Strickland, County Fire Marshall
Mr. James Hall, President, Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association



- READ -

Memorandum

DATE: February 10, 2000
TO: All Cumberland County Fire Chiefs
FROM: Ronald D. Rombs, Training Officer
RE: **Contaminated Waste**

Recent inquiries from several Fire Departments regarding the disposal of contaminated waste has caused concern about the use of the "RED" biohazard trash bags.

OSHA requires that items with caked on or dried blood or body fluids be identified for disposal. These items require different types of sanitation and disposal.

The "RED" trash bags are only to be used to identify contents of greater than 20 ml's of blood or body fluids. These bags must be sanitized prior to disposal and are not allowed in the landfill. The red bags are nothing more than an "RED FLAG" for land fill workers that the contents could be a potential hazard.

Blood and body fluids less than 20 ml's only need to be identified as a potential hazard. The common method of identification is the use of white trash bags with the orange biohazard symbol on the sides. The bags may go to the landfill with regular trash.

When disposing of the white biohazard bags, place the white bag inside of a black trash bag and dispose in normal trash.

Enclosed is a copy of the regulated waste regulations.

Further information or questions may be directed to Charles Whittenton, Solid Waste Specialist, Cumberland County Solid Waste Management, phone 910-483-4897, extension 26.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

REGULATED WASTE

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & NATURAL RESOURCES:

- Defines regulated medical waste as: "blood and body fluids in individual containers in volume > 20 ml, microbiological waste and pathological waste."
- This portion of the wastestream requires treatment before it can be sent to the landfill.
- All regulated medical waste must be treated prior to disposal. Acceptable methods are:
 - blood and body fluids in individual containers in volumes >20 ml - incineration or sanitary sewer systems, provided the sewage treatment authority is notified;
 - microbiological waste - incineration, steam sterilization or chemical treatment;
 - pathological waste - incineration.

OSHA Regulations:

- Do not impose federal guidelines on how medical waste is to be treated or how it is to be disposed of after it leaves the health care provider facility.
- OSHA definitions of regulated waste designates waste which poses a threat in the workplace, and may include waste such as bloody gauze, blood-saturated dressings, used gloves, or tubing.
- Applying this definition to disposal would constitute imposing treatment requirements to additional categories of medical waste. Experience with the Medical Waste Tracking Act has show that requiring treatment of very broad categories of medical waste may increase waste management costs by up to 700%, while providing no benefit for the environment or public health.

Generators who apply OSHA definition of regulated waste to designate waste for treatment by incineration or other means may unintentionally incur additional expense.

References:

- N.C. Department of Environment, Health, & Natural Resources (NCDEHNR) Division of Solid Waste Management, "Solid Waste Section Regulatory Assistance - Medical Waste Disposal in North Carolina", 7/1/92.
- Ernie Lawrence, NCDEHNR Division of Solid Waste, 7/1/96.
- Karen Hoffman, RN, MPH, Statewide Infection Control Program, UNC at Chapel Hill, 7/1/96.

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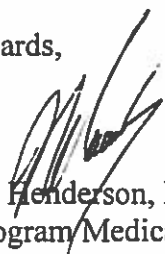
February 9, 2000

Anita McIntosh, EMS Coordinator
Fayetteville Technical Community College
Continuing Education Program
P.O. Box 35236
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Dear Ms. McIntosh:

It was recently brought to my attention that an Advanced Life Support Continuing Education session was to be cancelled at a fire department within Cumberland County. This apparently was at the request of a Fire Chief. Please be aware, that as we have changed the Continuing Education Program to allow all participants in the Advanced Life Support Program to attend, that Advanced Life Support Continuing Education should be taught as scheduled. Please be reminded that ALS Providers from any and all agencies are permitted to attend any of the Continuing Education sessions are given by FTCC at any participating Advanced Life Support Provider. We would be unable then to cancel Con-Ed as ALS participants may show up from other stations for that Con-Ed when scheduled. If you have any further questions or dilemmas regarding this or wish for me to discuss this with any Fire Chief in particular, please do not hesitate to call me and ask me to do so. Thank you for your continuing good work.

Best regards,



Keith F. Henderson, DO, FACEP
ALS Program Medical Director

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cc: ✓ James Hall, President of Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association
Katie Talk, ALS Performance Specialist
Steven DiMartino, RN, ALS Nurse Liaison

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