



# Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the June 25, 2018 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by Fort Bragg Fire and Emergency Services. We thank Chief Melvin and his staff for their hospitality. We also thank Seth Newton with Newton's Fire and Safety for sponsoring the evening meal.

**Opening Prayer:** Judge Tal Baggett provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 7 associate members present.

**Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: EMS

Associate Members: CC Commissioners, Retired Fire Chiefs

**Approval of Minutes:** The May 2018 minutes were approved.

**Guests:**

Caitlyn Evans, candidate for District Court Judge seeking support  
Tal Baggett, District Court Judge seeking re-election support

**Vendors Present:** Seth Newton, Newton's Fire and Safety

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Meeting Point of Interests:**

*Next Chief's Meeting will be Monday July 23,, 2018. The meeting will be hosted by Pearce's Mill Fire Department. This is a Chief's only meeting. Snacks will be served.*

- Grays Creek #24 has the air truck responsibilities during the month of July 2018 followed by Vander FD in August.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
  - Letter from Amy Cannon on funding
  - ESO / Firehouse information
  - Several thank you cards
  - Extreme weather matrix
  - Injury prevention material
  - GS Statutes updates
  - Safety talks
  - Communications Committee minutes
  - Flyer to celebrate Timmy Mitchell's retirement
  - NC workforce recruitment document

## OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson discussed a change in the hosting of our web page. Due to enhancements in technology Strategy Performance our web-page master, has recommended some changes to our hosting platform. We should see some new benefits with the changes along with a small price reduction for our monthly hosting fee.
2. President Johnson gave an update on the new command bus. President Johnson stated that some of the new parts that were received were damaged. This has delayed the repairs to the bus.
3. President Johnson provided information on the ID Tag project. He asked all departments that have not submitted their listed ID Tag name request to submit them electronically broken down by color code as soon as possible. Production of the tags should begin next week. A special site will be set up in the future to electronically order replacement or new ID Tags based on our approved ID Tag Identification System.
4. In the absence of Chief Nobles, Chairman of the VWS (Recruiting & Retention) Committee, President Johnson updated the membership on the Volunteer Workforce Solution (VWS) grant through the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) utilizing our association as the regional grant host. Chief Nobles will be in contact with all VFD's as we move forward.
5. President Johnson advised that AFG grants were delayed due to a Congressional inquiries. We are in a wait and see status.
6. President Johnson advised the members that the PSTF meeting date has been moved to late August or early September and once a final date is set everyone will be notified. Until then there will not be any further meetings this fiscal year.
7. President Johnson discussed and stressed the Valor awards and recognition breakfast coming up on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Manna Church on Cliffdale Road sponsored by the Greater Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast event will begin promptly at 0730 hours. The class "A" uniform is the recommended dress for this event. He asked that each represented department display a Fire Apparatus or marked department vehicle. Each department that confirmed attendance has two (2) seats reserved through the CCFCA.
8. President Johnson discussed Legislative Day on June 13 in Raleigh NC. He stated that they did not know that the Firefighters were coming on this day. They were able to get some business accomplished. Four (4) Cumberland County Chief Officers represented the CCFCA in Raleigh.
9. President Johnson discussed equipment that we need to look at purchasing for our active violence program. This PPE will provide protection to our responders in the form of vests, plates and helmets. All of the equipment has been ordered. An additional LED helmet headlamp will be purchased in addition to the other needed items.
10. The transition to air cards from the Rockets will take place soon to save some additional funding and provide a better service. Please contact President Johnson ASAP if you have rockets that are still in service.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson discussed the new Arson laws and provided a handout on same.
2. President Johnson asked that if a Chief Officer or a Chief Officer's wife or children still residing in the household are hospitalized to please reach out to the Association to let us know so that we can provide you with support.
3. President Johnson urged all Chiefs to pay close attention to the upcoming SAFRE conference in Raleigh during the week of August 8 through 11. There have been some voting procedure changes that we need to be aware of and we need to ensure that we vote. Voting is important. We will discuss and update during our July meeting.

## **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.spfd@gmail.com](mailto:cjohnson.spfd@gmail.com)
- No Report

### **FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE** (To Be Determined)

E-Mail: [JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No report.

### **STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE** A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson,

E-Mail: [kmurphy1903@gmail.com](mailto:kmurphy1903@gmail.com)

- Chief Murphy discussed the severe weather matrix.

### **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,

E-Mail: [pmfd0301@nc.rr.com](mailto:pmfd0301@nc.rr.com)

- Chief Marley advised everyone that this year's event will be Saturday October 13, 2018.

### **AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE** Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson,

E-Mail: [gcf24@nc.rr.com](mailto:gcf24@nc.rr.com)

- No Report

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson,

E-Mail: [spfd1302@nc.rr.com](mailto: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)

- No report.

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

- Chief Hodges advised everyone that minutes were in the packets. Chief McLamb discussed the issues with the Freedom App. President Johnson asked any Chief Officer that is interested in downloading the Freedom App on his or her smart phone to please let him know.

**KNOX BOX COMMITTEE** - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: [wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- Mr. Booth discussed using the Knox boxes at all schools. All schools are equipped with Knox Boxes and every Fire Department has a key issued to fit the Knox box. Further information on a Knox box program will be forthcoming

**FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE** – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson, E-Mail: [tmclamb@spring-lake.org](mailto:tmclamb@spring-lake.org)

- President Johnson stated that we received the itemized invoice from ESO Firehouse Software for our annual maintenance contract. He reminded the members that CCFCA furnishes FH Web Edition which provides one user per fire district. Additional users as well as additional specialty modules such as Firehouse Inspections, staffing, mapping or FH analytical modules are the responsibility of the requesting fire district for which they will be billed. Our annual FH Service Maintenance Contract for the up-coming Fiscal Year 2018-19 costs \$ 44,145.00.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** (Tracy Jackson – Interim Director), E-Mail: [tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- Director Beeman announced that he would be taking the Directors job for Durham City / County Communications. He thanked everyone for their support over the last 6 years. Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson will serve as the interim Director. President Johnson thanked Director Beeman for his years of service with Cumberland County and our Association and wished him well in his new endeavors in Durham.

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com)

- No report.

**HAZMAT:** AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 584-9550, E-Mail: [rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No report.

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: [craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov](mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov)

- No report.

**FTCC** Steve Drew, E-Mail: [drews@faytechcc.edu](mailto:drews@faytechcc.edu)

- Mr. Buckey discussed the upcoming active violence classes

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

- No report.

**NC HIGHWAY PATROL** – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.

E-Mail: [fjohnson@ncshp.org](mailto:fjohnson@ncshp.org)

- Major Johnson advised everyone about a commercial that he saw in Horry County SC on volunteer recruitment.

**COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE** – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson E-Mail:

[tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- No report.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner John Keefe

- No report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Chief Hodges invited all of the departments to participate in the Hope Mills 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Line up on Cameron Road and be on site no later than 0915.
- Chief Melvin advised the members that Fort Bragg had opened two new fire stations to better serve Fort Bragg. He also advised the members that the department would be undergoing inspections and audits during July and August 2018. He advised the Chiefs that they may be called and questioned about the automatic aid contracts with Fort Bragg as part of the audit. Chief Melvin also advised the members that Fort Bragg Fire and Emergency Services will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September 2018.
- Have safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday -

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Harris seconded by Deputy Chief Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 2035 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

**1 Enclosures**

1. Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association – Attendance Roster 2018



## CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION ROLL CALL 2018



MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	18	17	17	16	16	18								
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT (9)	5	8	9	6	7	7								
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Department's / Organization's	Jan 22, 2018	Feb 26, 2018	Mar 26, 2018	Apr 23, 2018	May 21, 2018	Jun 25, 2018								
<b>Departments</b>														
BEAVER DAM, STATION 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P								
BETHANY, STATION 12	P	P	P	P	P	P								
COTTON, STATION 4	P	P	P	P	P	P								
CUMBERLAND ROAD, STATION 5	P	P	P	P	P	P								
EASTOVER, STATION 1	P	P	P	P	P	P								
EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	P	P	A	P	A	A								
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P								
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P								
GODWIN – FALCON, STATION 17	P	P	P	P	P	P								
GRAYS CREEK, STATION 18	P	P	P	P	P	P								
GRAYS CREEK, STATION 24	A	P	A	A	A	P								
HOPE MILLS, STATION 21	P	A	P	A	P	P								
PEARCE'S MILL, STATION 3	P	P	P	P	P	P								
SPRING LAKE, STATION 22	P	A	P	P	P	P								
STEDMAN, STATION 23	P	P	P	P	P	P								
STONEY POINT, STATION 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P								
VANDER, STATION 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P								
WADE, STATION 16	P	P	P	A	P	P								
WESTAREA, STATION 15, 20 & 25	P	P	P	P	E	P								
<b>Associate Organization's</b>														
CC COMMISSIONERS	E	P	P	A	E	A								
CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P								
FORESTRY	P	P	P	A	P	P								
FORT BRAGG EMS	A	P	P	P	A	P								
FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P								
HAZMAT	A	P	P	A	P	P								
HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P								
RETIRED FIRE CHIEF'S	P	A	P	P	P	A								
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	A	P	P	P	P	P								

**Special Notes:**

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