

# **CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

Cumberland County, North Carolina

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## ***MINUTES OF MEETING***

*December 16, 1996*

The meeting was hosted by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office at the Fayetteville Light Infantry Museum. President James E. Hall opened the meeting at 19:30 hours. On behalf of the association, President Hall thanked Sheriff Butler and his staff for their hospitality.

Roll was called: 25 departments were represented and 8 associate members present.

Secretary/Treasurers Reports were approved with one correction to the Secretary's report; discussion pertaining to open burning regulations should read: a representative of the Department of Natural Resources, Air Quality Division will respond to any complaints.

### ***GUEST:***

Elliot Rich introduced Pat Webb, from the State Office of Emergency Medical Services. Ms. Webb discussed the ALS and EMT-D Expansion Program.

### ***OLD BUSINESS:***

Response of the Sheriff Department's Chaplain was discussed, Departments were encouraged to have an alternate in the event that the chaplain was unavailable.

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

President Hall presented Marshall Faircloth with a Commemoration Plaque on behalf of the Cumberland county Fire Chiefs' Association for his dedication to the fire service.

President Hall announced that Ed Melvin is the Fire Liaison Officer for the County Commissioners.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS:***

*Fire Marshal's Office:* Rickey Strickland responded to a question raised from the floor; some difficulty has been experienced in weekend responses from Dept of Natural Resources. A letter from the Fire Marshal's office requesting an emergency contact for weekend responses.

*Fayetteville Tech.:* Bill Vile reminded those present that the school will be closed from December 16, 1996 through January 2, 1997.

*Emergency Management:* Cheri Grabowski introduced Brian Thompson as the newly appointed Assistant Director of Emergency Management.

*Forestry:* Joe Johnson stated that there is a current effort to obtain financial aid through the state for the smoke chaser which the association currently funds. He also stated that a private contractor has been hired to clear hurricane damage from fire breaks. Anyone knowing of areas in their districts should contact Joe.

*Sheriff's Office:* Lieutenant Johnson announced the recent break ins at fire departments and stolen fire department property. Departments were reminded that the Arson Task Force was investigating these crimes and should be notified as soon as possible.

*C.E.R.T.* Has had a portable radio stolen. Assistance in locating would be appreciated.

*E.M.S.* Elliot Rich stated that his department will assist anyone interested in expanding to ALS.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:05 hours.

***The January Meeting will be hosted by Grays' Creek Fire Department at Station 18***

Respectfully

Larry A. Wilson  
Secretary

*Application For The  
Arnold J. Koonce  
Firefighter  
of the  
Year  
1996*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Person: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has nominee been in the fire service: \_\_\_\_\_

**Accomplishments in the fire service:**

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**Community involvement (church, clubs, etc.):**

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**Other helpful information:**

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