

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 26, 1998

The Board of Directors Quarterly meeting was held at the "old" Cumberland County Court House. Meeting was called to order by President James E. Hall at 19:10 hours; invocation was given by Chief J.F. Hall

ROLL was called: 21 departments were represented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT was approved as presented.

Bill Vile introduced his replacement; Robin Gurgainus. Mr. Gurgainus stated that he would continue to support the chiefs in any way possible and anyone having any questions should feel free to contact him. Mr. Vile and Mr. Gurgainus departed after the introduction.

President Hall stated that there was some opposition as to who should be in attendance at the directors meetings. There was some discussion, Attorney Neil Yarborough stated that the Board of Directors was not a "public body" therefore could be closed to anyone not invited. However, he felt that the association meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Law were open to the public. He stated that the Secretary should annotate the type meeting in the minutes. Chief Middleton stated that all affiliated organizations (ie. EM, EMS, ECC, FM, Attorney & County Commissioner's Liaison) should be in attendance at the Board of Directors Meetings. This would eliminate a time delay in questions that may arise during those meetings, All Chiefs present agreed by show of hands.

Chief Reilly made a motion that the attorney research the By-Laws regarding this matter. Motion was seconded by Chief Bill Bullard. President Hall also suggested that the By-Laws be reviewed and brought up to date. Motion passed by show of hands. Mr. Yarborough stated that he would bring copies to the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT was presented by Chief Freddy Johnson Sr. Chairman Johnson presented each chief with a copy of the financial report covering October 1997 through December 1997. Chiefs also received a copy of the current balance, account summary and transaction report. Chief Johnson reviewed the report and answered questions concerning the report.

Chief Johnson distributed a letter received from the 3-M Company concerning the 600 gallon foam bank. Chief Johnson explained that 3-M had discontinued the Foam Bank Program and was recalling the 600 gallons of foam. He advised that in the letter 3-M had given the option to purchase the foam at \$10.00 per gallon or \$6,000 for the 600 gallons; this foam normally retails for \$21.00 per gallon.

He explained that the offer was good only through December 31, 1997.

President Hall and the Executive Committee were contacted, and approved the purchase in the best interest of the association. Chief Johnson advised that in order to make the purchase legal and binding, a motion was needed for the purchase of the 600 gallons of foam. Chief Middleton made a motion to purchase the 600 gallons of foam from 3-M at a cost of \$10.00 per gallon as approved by the Executive Committee. Motion was Seconded by Chief Reilly. Motion passed by show of hands.

Chief Reilly made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented by Chairman Johnson. Motion was Seconded by Chief Middleton. Motion passed by show of hands.

President Hall signed the Quarterly Financial Report along with the accompanying bank statements indicating approval of the report.

Chief Johnson advised that the Finance Committee must submit our budget to the County Commissioners by the end of February.

Treasurer Freddy Johnson Jr. addressed the Board of Directors concerning the Annual Dues. He advised that all dues were currently being placed in the savings account. Prior to implementation of the 3% monies, dues were utilized to purchase flowers and other items used by the association. Assistant Chief Johnson stated that the association now receives sufficient funds to sustain our requirements and that the collections of dues could be discontinued until such time as deemed necessary to be reinstated.

Chief Middleton made a motion that the association discontinue the collection of dues for all members and associate members as of January 1, 1998, until such time as it is deemed necessary to resume collection of dues. Motion was Seconded by Chief Reilly. Motion passed by show of hands.

Chief Johnson informed the members that all departments should have received a survey regarding the computers. That survey was due today. He explained that all departments need to be operating with the same programs before we can move on to the next step. Chief Johnson advised that Prober chief has sold out to FireHouse. He stated that this is an excellent program and meets all our projected needs. Chief Johnson recommended that the association adopt the FireHouse program as a our standard fire service computer program. Chief Naylor and Chief Reilly spoke highly of this program.

Chief Middleton made the motion that the association use the FireHouse Software for Widows 95 as our standard. Motion was Seconded by Chief Naylor. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Chief Johnson stated that he will initiate the purchase and installation of the program. He advised that our first priority will be to get e-mail and grow from there. Chief Johnson also advised that he will coordinate with the telephone company to start the installation of phone lines. He reiterated that once the telephone lines are installed we will begin receiving a bill for those lines.

Chief Johnson stated that he would request Henry Swartout to attend the February meeting to discuss pricing of e-mail and other options for the association.

V. President J.F. Hall advised that he is establishing goals for the upcoming year and requested that anyone having suggestions contact him so that they may be included.

V. President J.F. Hall discussed the organization of committees for the upcoming year. After some discussion it was decided that only a chairman would be selected. As the need for the committee to act arose, the Chairman would select the number of members needed to successfully accomplish the task.

Committees were established and are as follows:

- Training and Education - Chief Terry Reilly
- Standards - Chief Ronnie Marley
- Planning and Research - Chief Bill Bullard
- Nominations - Executive Committee
- Finance Committee - Chief Freddy Johnson Sr.
- Communications - Chief John House
- Public Relations - Chief Larry Wilson

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:45 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Larry A. Wilson
Secretary

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE

Date: January 26, 1998

Recommendation/Proposal: Use "Fire House" Program as standard County Program.

Motion by: MIKE MIDDLETON Seconded: MERRILL NAYLOR

DEPARTMENT	FOR	AGAINST	DEPARTMENT	FOR	AGAINST
EASTOVER			CARVERS CREEK		
VANDER			WADE	✓	
PEARCES MILLS	✓		GODWIN-FALCON	✓	
COTTON	✓		GRAY'S CREEK #1	✓	
CUMBERLAND ROAD	✓		LINDEN	✓	
LAFAYETTE VILLAGE	✓		HOPE MILLS	✓	
CEDAR CREEK	✓		SPRING LAKE		
BONNIE DOONE			STEDMAN	✓	
WESTAREA	✓		GRAY'S CREEK #2	✓	
LAKE RIM	✓		BEAVER DAM	✓	
BETHANY	✓		FAYETTEVILLE		
STONEY POINT	✓		POPE AFB		
MANCHESTER	✓		FORT BRAGG		

TOTALS FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____