



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Grays Creek Fire Department #18. The meeting format was restricted due to COVID 19 issues. Refreshments were served. We thank Chief Herndon and his staff for their hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** L. Herndon conducted the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent:

- Fire/EMS Departments: **Hope Mills, Wade**
- Associate Members: **CC Emergency Services, County Manager, Retired Fire Chiefs**

Approval of Minutes: The August 2020 minutes were approved.

Guests:

Congressman Hudson gave an update on the state retirement issue and the associated federal fix. He requested support in his re-election campaign. Dr. Francis Jackson is running for State House Seat 45, and requested our support. Diane Wheatley is running for State House Seat 43, and requested our support. Senator Kirk Deviere provided a legislative update and also asked for support in his re-election campaign. Representative John Szoka requested our support for his re-election campaign. Wesley Meredith is running again for State Senate and has requested our support. Commissioner Keefe and Boose requested our support in their re-election bid to continue to serve as County Commissioners. Fire Chief Johnny Joseph, Hoke County Fire Chiefs Association President

Vendors Present: Carl Edwards, Columbia College gave an overview of their programs.

Treasurer's Report: None

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for Pearce's Mill Fire Department on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

- Fayetteville FD will assume air truck rotation during the month of October 2020 followed Gray's Creek #24 in November 2020.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Assorted handouts in your packets.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Valor awards program has been postponed until October 13, 2020 at 1100 hours at Manna Church on Cliffdale Road No food will be served. Due to COVID-9 only award recipients, their Chiefs and presenters will be allowed to attend the ceremony which will be recorded and made available to all departments.
2. President Johnson gave an update on the storage building that was constructed at SPFD 19 to house association assets. We are still pending the 10 foot concrete apron and that should be completed as soon as we fix the drainage issue associated with the downspouts on the building in order to re-direct rain water run-off from the building's roof.
3. President Johnson updated the membership on the radio phase I grant opportunity. A total of 158 radios have been received. He will begin assigning numbers and work with Adam on the Viper ID's. We received some additional TAC channels on the Viper system and we will need to re-program the radios to match the new channel assignments. Chief Scott Bass inquired about neighboring counties that provide mutual aid. TAC Channels associated with specific departments that work across the county line can share the Tactical Talk Channel with their out of county mutual aid partners. It will require a code plug configuration. President Johnson stated that with the purchase of the phase one radios and the associated programming requirement this is the best time to re-configure our radios. The additional radios will also require a specific code plug per station.
4. President Johnson advised the members that the foam survey has been turned into OSFM. This is an expensive endeavor and we will be looking at assistance from NC or the Federal Government. The old foam will require disposal which will come at a cost. In the mean time we will only use our current foam for a true emergency. This is work in progress. President Johnson is planning on meeting with representatives from our local delegation to see if assistance from the state is available, since this is statewide issue with most volunteer departments throughout the state that are not financial able to address this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson has re-scheduled the Finance Meeting until 6 pm on October 26, 2020 at Pearce's Mill FD.
2. President Johnson gave an update on the CARES ACT FUNDING. Each Department will receive defibrillators, atomizers to DECON the station and equipment and funding for COVID PPE supplies. In order to receive this funding please return the W-9 and requested Secretary of State Screenshot showing that your department is active in North Carolina to Kelly Autry in County Finance. If all are returned a budget/contract amendment will be approved by the Commissioners and the funds will be released to each department. He stressed that this is important whereas we need this equipment now.
3. Fire Chief Johnny Joseph (Puppy Creek & Hoke County Firefighters Association President) provided an overview on the continuing fight for non-profit volunteer fire departments to join the North Carolina State Local Retirement System.
4. President Johnson touched on the increasing Cyber and Hacking attacks on businesses, municipalities, county governments and also fire departments. He asked the chiefs to insure that their systems are secured and to discuss the issue with their information technology representative.
5. President Johnson stated with COVID virtual meetings have become extremely popular. Depending on what Governor Cooper will do when considering opening the state back up, we will continue to offer call in and zoom meetings. He will contact the chiefs to see which stations can provide the technology and adjust accordingly with hopes of starting a modified meeting rotation schedule back up. More to come during a future meeting.
6. President Johnson reminded the chiefs that we are still in Hurricane season with almost two (2) months left. The season has been active with more storms forthcoming. Please maintain a state of preparedness at all time and not just for hurricanes but for any natural or man-made disaster. Earlier this month our western part of the state was hit with an unexpected earthquake in addition with hurricane remnants. He asked the chiefs to please assign someone WEB EOC responsibilities and participate in the monthly training drills. These drills are designed to master WEB EOC and during emergencies or disaster WEB EOC will be part of our protocol for resource requests and overall situational awareness.

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.spsfd@gmail.com
 - President Johnson again asked the members to please continue to recycle or return the clips used for our ID Cards. These clips are extremely expensive and we need to reuse them as much as possible in order to hold down costs. Please collect clips when your members leave a department and recycle

the clips. He also reminded the membership that we do not print blue tags, which are considered temporary tags only.

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE E-Mail: Chief T.J. McLamb jmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson,
E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- No report.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,
E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- The Memorial Service is cancelled due to COVID issues. A radio announcement and moment of silence is being contemplated.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson,
E-Mail: gcf24@nc.rr.com

- No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson,
E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- No report.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: cf402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

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

- No report

SMOKE ALARMS / KNOX BOX COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowder (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (FFD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: tmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

NC WORKFORCE SOLUTION GRANTS – COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: Jnobles@stedmanfire.com

- Chief Nobles stated that CCFD's were still working with Tracy Mosley on the workforce solutions.

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – A
Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson
E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director),
E-Mail: gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- *Director Booth* - No report.
- *Emergency Management Director Hendrix.* – No report.
- *FM Lowder* – No report.
- *Adam Johnson* - No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: bpearce@capefearvalley.com

- No report.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov

- Ranger Gottfried introduced Justin Hobson as the new Forestry 7.

FTCC Steve Drew, E-Mail: drews@faytechcc.edu

- No report.

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

- Sgt. Hodges advised that 2 detectives would be going to the Fire Investigation Technician class in the coming months.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us
(Captain Jay Devane) jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

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

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail sean.johnson@ncdps.gov

- Major Johnson thanked Commissioner Boose for his assistance in reaching their monetary goal to dedicate the bridges for fallen troopers in Cumberland County.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. County Commissioner Representatives Jimmy Keefe and Michael Boose.

- President Johnson asked both Commissioners Keefe and Boose to again on behalf of the association thank all the commissioners on our behalf with the CARES Act vote. All our departments will be enhanced as a result of the BOC's action. Thank You.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson reported that Bethany VFD and Stedman VFD will be having BBQ plate sales in October. Flyers are in your packets.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Williams and seconded by Chief Brock.
The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

Freddy L. Johnson Sr., CFO
Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

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Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 1.

1 – September 2020 Attendance Roll Call



CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY - ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE
2020



		17	17	19	19	19	17	18	16	17			
MEMBERS PRESENT (19)		17	17	19	19	19	17	18	16	17			
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)		08	08	06	06	07	06	08	09	07			
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		51	60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	49			
CC Fire Chiefs													
DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION													
Chief's Only Meeting		27-JAN-20- PMFD	24-FEB-20- GCFD-18	23-MAR-20- Telecon	27- APR-20 Telecon	18-MAY-20 - Telecon	22-JUN-20- Telecon	27-JUL-20 - Telecon	31-AUG-20 - Telecon	28-SEP-20 - GCFD 18	26-OCT-20 -	23-NOV-20	21-DEC-20 -
MEMBERS		MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P			
06	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SVC	A	A	P	P	P	A	P	A	P			
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P			
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A			
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P			
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P			
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
18	WADE STA 16	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A			
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS													
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A			
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	P	P			
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	E	A	A	P	A	P	P	A			
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
05	FORESTRY	E	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P			
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P			
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	A	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P			

Special Notes:

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