



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the March 25, 2019 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs meeting was hosted by the Cumberland Road Fire Department. We thank Chief Parrish and his staff for their hospitality and dinner.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Tatum provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the members with the pledge of allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 8 associate members present.
- Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: Stedman

Associate Members: County Commissioner, County Managers Office, Fire Commissioner, Fort Bragg EMS

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: None.

Special Guests: None.

Vendors Present: Cynthia Robinson, First Bank, discussed banking options.
Paul Miller, Brian Whitaker – State Wide Insurers, discussed insurance options.
Dani Cyr, Edward Jones Investments, discussed financial planning strategies with the group.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be Monday, April 22, 2019 at Pearce's Mill FD. Snack will be served.

- Vander FD has the air truck responsibilities during the month of April followed by 1981 Stoney Point FD in May 2019.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Update on Federal Legislation Initiatives
- ✓ NC DOI Smoke Alarm Canvassing Grant System
- ✓ PNCFA Meeting Flyer

- ✓ 2018 NFIRS Data Required NLT 4-1-2019
- ✓ NFPA Public Education Lesson Plans Handout
- ✓ Fire Safety at your home away from home handout
- ✓ Fire Safety during Winter Storms Handout
- ✓ Greater Fayetteville Chamber – Valor Awards Handout
- ✓ Thank You Note – The family of Assistant Chief Phil Taranto

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson stated that the new Command Bus will be on display at the April meeting. He will be working with the Communications Director to establish the dispatch card for same.
2. President Johnson reminded everyone about the Valor Awards Program scheduled for June 25, 2019 starting at 0730 hours at Manna Church on Cliffdale Road. He informed the chiefs that the deadline for award nominations is April 1, 2019 and there is still time to make nominations of deserving members within your organizations. He sent around a registration form to see who was planning to attend the breakfast, whereas the Chiefs Association will furnish two (2) breakfast tickets for each association partner agency. Selected award recipients will receive two courtesy ticket for themselves and one guest. Eighteen (18) association agencies have signed up to attend the Valor Breakfast.
3. President Johnson updated the members on the 1985 Seagrave Engine Company that is going to be donated to the CC Schools Fire Academy program. The apparatus is currently at Atlantic Emergency Solutions (AES) for some needed repairs. Once complete we will need to outfit the truck with some serviceable equipment and set up the donation ceremony.
4. President Johnson updated the members on the progress with the Caisson Unit restoration. Work on the apparatus has started. His staff is working on the apparatus as time permits but significant progress has already been made. The truck will require complete re-painting and customization for our intended purpose. We will place graphics and lettering on the truck minus a department name. A magnetic matching color and lettering scheme will be acquired for each partner agency so when utilizing the unit it will match the department's name. The apparatus is in great running condition and will serve our departments well into the future, if properly stored and taken care off.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson congratulated Chief Hill on his selection as the Interim Fire Chief for the City of Fayetteville.
2. President Johnson reminded everyone that there will be an open house for the new building purchased by Cumberland County for the new county Emergency Operation Center (EOC) as well as a proposed 9-1-1 Communication Center. The almost 18,000 square feet building formerly occupied by the United States Army offers many essential infra-structure features needed for both an EOC and a community 9-1-1 communication center. There is some required re-modeling of the facility prior to occupation. Emergency Services will open the building on Saturday April 6, 2019 from noon (12 pm) until complete for any of our association members to tour the facility. Lunch and snacks will be available for those who have signed up to attend.

3. President Johnson reminded the members that we have access to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) subscription service. We have a multi user license with up to ten (10) log INS at the same time. The NFPA offers tremendous amenities to our members. Anyone that lost or forgot our log in information please call or email President Johnson.
4. President Johnson discussed the upcoming Federal Legislation that would allow the State to open up its retirement membership for local fire departments to join. Currently only a hand full of volunteer departments are part of the North Carolina State local Retirement System with federal legislation being introduced to clear the path to join the retirement system. Please contact your federal representatives both in the house and senate to support this critical legislation.
5. Adam Johnson gave an overview of the accreditation model that the 911 center is seeking to obtain along with the requirements and personnel needed for the steering committee. A total of two (2) committees will be formed with membership from our association required. A dispatch steering committee and a dispatch review committee. The next meeting of the steering committee will be on Thursday April 18, 2019 at 10 am in the county EOC. The next dispatch review committee meeting will be announced at a later date. Please contact President Johnson if you want to serve on either committee. Adam, has requested 3 members on each committee.

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
 - President Johnson asked the members to please 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. So when members leave a department do not give the ID Tags and clips to the departing member, instead take up the clips.

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE E-Mail: JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us

- Chief McLamb stated that he is organizing a Cape Fear Region of Fire Code Officials and Public Educators to discuss issues relating to the prevention aspects in the area.

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

E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- No report (Current Active Shooter training assessment sheet was placed in each Chiefs meeting packet)

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

E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- Chief Marley stated that the committee in the near future will start discussions about moving the current memorial to the new regional FTCC Fire & Rescue Training Center on Tom Starling Road.

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: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

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

- Chief Hodges informed the membership that a committee meeting will be scheduled next month and he will inform everyone via email.

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services)

Chairperson, E-Mail: wbooth@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 GRANT – COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23)

Chairperson. E-Mail: jnobles@stedmanfire.com

- No report.

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- Chief Bradshaw discussed that the committee is organized and has looked at a needs assessment and way forward. They feel that the primary need is to establish liaison positions at the respective Unified Command Post's.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – 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

- No Report.

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

- No report.

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

- Assistant Chief Brinson reported that he is looking into some training classes with Pipeline Company in an effort for the local firefighters to have a better understanding of the pipeline operations.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson stated the Bethany Fire Department is having a BBQ plate sale this Saturday on March 30th starting at 11 am until at the Fire Department. Please support their fund raising effort.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Assistant Chief Dove and seconded by Chief Brock. The meeting was adjourned at 2040 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. Roll call

