

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association
Minutes of November 24, 2008 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was held at Station #15. We thank Chief Moore and his staff for their hospitality and fine dinner.

Opening Prayer: Bill Knowles provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 20 Departments and 8 Associate members present.

Members Absent: Pope AFB, Bethany #12, Hope Mills # 21, Stedman # 23

Associate Members Absent: HazMat, Christian Firefighters

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October 2008 were approved as presented

Guests: Francis Gilipin Fayetteville Observer & News

Vendors Present: John Moody, Paige Lacy, Emergency Response Maps made a presentation on mapping programs. Rodney Adkins of CTS, demonstrated a new high pressure foam pump and skid unit.

Treasurer's Report: Document enclosed in handout material

Meeting Point of interests:

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held December 15, 2008 at **Cumberland County Sheriffs Detention Facility**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- President Johnson passed out the following informational papers;
 - Treasurers report
 - Legal Briefs
 - Safety vest information
 - Call Volume for the Month of October and Year to date
 - ISO changes
 - Service Improvement team memos
- President Johnson briefed the members on the safety vest changes. Your old vest can still be used, just update to the new standards when you purchase new ones.
- President Johnson advised that the foam trailer shelter at Fire Station #23 was recently damaged in the severe storms. VFIS is being contacted to determine how to proceed with the replacement of same.
- President Johnson asked that all members review the changes being proposed by ISO.

- Director Currie advised that the Viper Study will be reviewed by the Communications Committee and discussed at the January meeting. It appears at this time that WT coverage is at 99% coverage. The County is awaiting a proposal from Motorola for a switchover to the Viper system.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Director Currie asked that all Chiefs please express to their personnel that the CC is not trying to take over fire suppression activities from the local departments.
- Chief Johnson advised that the purchase of the clothing for the Honor Guard was made by using the Stoney Point Fire Department credit card. Payment from the Chiefs Association will be made back to SPFD. The items will be hand receipted to the Honor Guard.
- The RIT issues will be followed up on by Chief Johnson. He apologized for not having the information necessary for the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business discussed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- **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 tara@stoneypointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- No report

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- No report.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE Chief K. Hall (Cumberland Road) Chairperson

- Chief Ken Hall has received 1 proposal for the Helicopter LZ SOP. He will continue to work on same and have it available for the January meeting.
- A reminder that the Command Procedures will go into effect on January 1, 2009.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- No report.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief S. Blackburn (Ft. Bragg) Chairperson

- No report

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- No report

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

- No report

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- No report

EASTERN FIRE SCHOOL Chief R. Marley (Pearces Mill) Chairperson

- Chief Marley advised that the EFS will be cancelled for 2009 and will not be actively pursued any further.

EMS DIRECTOR: Michael Roye, Director

- Mr. Roye advised the members on some issues with the CIS program at OEMS. EMS is looking into alternative transport methods for DOA's, dialysis patients, and patients that can be seen at an Express Care facility. These alternatives would free up units to respond to true field emergencies.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Curry, Director

- Scotty Harris handed out inspection reports.
- Susan McLeod was introduced as the Communications Supervisor.
- Chief Marley requested that the FMO send out a letter to the alarm companies on the proper procedures for testing of the various systems. This would hopefully cut down on the number of unintentional alarms being responded to.

HAZMAT Capt. Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1432

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger J. Johnson

- Greg Arnette advised the members that it would not take two hours for a tractor unit to respond.

FTCC Ernest Ward

- No report

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Chief Deputy Hinson expressed the efforts by all parties in the recent arson incidents.

HIGHWAY PATROL

- First Sgt. Johnson advised the members that NCDOT would be doing some repaving on I-95 in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova

- No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2040 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy Johnson
Fire Chief Freddy Johnson
President

Mark A. Melvin
Deputy Chief Mark Melvin
Secretary