



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association
Minutes of February 25, 2013 Monthly Meeting



The meeting was hosted by Beaver Dam Fire Department and we thank Chief Bullard and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Retired Fire Chief J.F. Hall, provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 5 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire Departments: CRFD Sta. 5 and Fort Bragg

Associate Members: FTCC, NCSHP, Life Link

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from January 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Guests:

- (1) Mr. Randy Brewington presented a short program talked about Awnings and Community Gardens.
- (2) Retired Cumberland County Fire Marshal Ricky Strickland and Fire Captain Reggie Singletary spoke about starting a combined Chaplain Program for all Fire Departments. They also discussed forms and individual requests for arrangements during deaths and funeral's. Anyone interested or if you have a Department Chaplain please have him/her contact Ricky or Reggie.
- (3) Ms. Julie Slusser (FTCC) spoke about CPR awareness program and asked if any department would be interested in helping with the use of their buildings for the public to learn CPR.

Vendors Present: None.

Treasurer's Report: N/A Presented during Chief's Only Meetings

Meeting Point of interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be March 25, 2013 hosted by the Fayetteville Fire Department at Station # 17 located on Bailey Lake Road. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served.

- President Johnson advised that the Grays Creek Fire Department # 24 will pick up air truck coverage and duties in March 2013 followed by Vander Station # 2 in April.
- President Johnson provided a packet with legal briefs and various informational materials.
- President Johnson briefly updated the membership on the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT's) installation.
- President Johnson briefly talked about on-going pension fund issues, as well as the on-going Worker's Compensation Issue. He also stated that the Community College System is again attempting to charge local Emergency Service Personnel Tuition fees for EMS, Rescue and Fire related certification courses.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson briefed the members about the 800 MHz P-25 re-banding and upgrade project. He stated that Hoke County is being upgraded during the month of April and Cumberland County was several months down the road. It appears that the State is paying for the upgrades. This will convert our radios over to the digital capabilities.
2. President Johnson talked about the ISO class provided at the NCAFC mid-winter conference. The class was conducted by ISO representatives but the North Carolina Rating Board has not adopted the ISO changes but is expected to do so within the next several months. Most of the changes we have already discussed, the rating procedures have been updated with dispatch seeing the biggest changes. The new ratings are performance based standards based on NFPA Standards.
3. President Johnson asked Chief Hill (FFD) to have Chief Mike Allen at the next month's Fire Chief's meeting so we can present him with his Retirement Plaque. Chief Allen has already retired.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I D CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Whitman (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@stonepointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Retired Chief J.F. Hall, Chairperson

- Retired Chief J.F. Hall briefly updated everyone on Fire Prevention and Education Initiatives.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Ake (Beaver Dam) Chairperson

- No report.

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

- No report.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson

- No report.

BULK PURCHASE COMMITTEE Chief Pearce (EMS) Chairperson

- No report.

FIREHOUSE / MCT COMMITTEE Chief TJ McLamb (Spring Lake) Chairperson

- No report

SPECIAL RESPONSE TIME COMMITTEE - Chief Hill (WCFD/FFD) Chairperson

No report.

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE (Emergency management Officer Gene Booth)

- Gene provided a quick update on the progress of the Knox box committee and their On-going process – He will keep us informed.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Randy Beeman, Director)

- Timmy Mitchell talked about Utilities and their desire to assist with getting our automation project working like it is supposed to.
 - Communications – Susan no report
 - Emergency Management – Gene Booth no report

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director

- Joe Crowder Training Coordinator for CFVEMS talked about current protocol changes and standardization. He also handed out new EMS Protocol DVD's for all departments in attendance. He stated for additional questions please don't hesitate to contact him at EMS Base.

HAZMAT BC Calvin Bishop, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- No report.

FORESTRY DISTRICT Vacant, County Ranger

- President Johnson recognized Bill Hellmuth advised the membership that Forestry Will be conducting pack tests and anyone wanting to come out please contact Forestry.

FTCC Ernest Ward, Director

- No Present

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- No report.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova

- No report.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL

- No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson and Chief Wayne Lucas thanked the association for their support of the Godwin Falcon Fire Lieutenant that lost his home due to a fire. Chief Lucas stated that the support has been overwhelming.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief TJ Mclamb seconded by Retired Fire Marshal Ricky Strickland. The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson

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Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

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No Enclosures