



# Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by Pearce's Mill Fire Department. We thank Chief Marley and his staff for their hospitality.

**Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Tatum provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 5 associate members present.

**Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: Grays Creek #24.

Associate Members: CC Commissioners, Fort Bragg EMS, HazMat, and Sheriff's Office

**Approval of Minutes:** The December 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

**Guests:** Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manager thanked everyone for the work on the Public Safety Task Force and the progress made in 2017.

**Vendors Present:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Johnson reported a balance of \$460,465.70 with outstanding liabilities pending

**Meeting Point of Interests:**

*Next Chief's Meeting will be Monday February 26, 2018. The meeting will be held at Grays Creek Fire Department #24. Dinner will be served.*

- Fayetteville FD has the air truck responsibilities during the month of February 2018.
- Public Safety Task Force meeting scheduled for February 7, 2018 at the AG building at 1000 hours.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
  - CC Memorial Committee minutes from December 4, 2017
  - FTCC Survey
  - Combined Honor Guard Patch

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. President Johnson reminded the membership that he will have a photographer at the February meeting at Grays Creek Station 24 to take pictures of the members in an effort to update our website photographs. Chief Johnson is seeking maximum participation for this event. The goal is to have 100% participation and all pictures taken in the Class "A" Uniform if you have one. Two (2) photos

will be taken of each member, consisting of a shoulder and head shot as well as a full individual stand-up photo. The individual stand-up photo will be applied to a group photo with the Cumberland County Court House as a back-ground. This is for all Chief Officers and Associate members. Associate members should wear their class "A" work uniform or appropriate coat and tie. There will room set aside to change clothing at Station 24.

2. President Johnson discussed the purchase of an accountability label machine that we previously discussed. Pricing research shows that the purchase of a machine allows us to be self-sufficient in terms of crafting our own accountability tags instead of purchasing the individual tags from a contractor. The association would benefit from a tremendous cost saving by purchasing and producing our ID-Tags / Labels in-house. There was no objections from the membership and President Johnson will pursue the purchase and supplies, and send out an e-mail with the pertinent information as it becomes available. He will also address operational protocols, housing and training requirements associated with the new equipment.

3. The new Command bus has been delivered to Chief Marsh's Cabinet shop for interior refurbishing and the installation of workstations, meeting space and associated cabinets. The bus has been fully serviced at Gregory Poole. President Johnson along with members from ES met with representative from VERIZON who provided recommendations and prices for the communications needs. President Johnson would like for CC Emergency Services to budget to encumber for monthly subscription services associated with our field emergency and tactical communications requirement. Lastly a response policy for this new Communication and command bus will developed. He reminded the membership that this new asset belongs to all of us.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Director Beeman reported that all the departments in the County that just completed their 9-S inspections passed all aspects. The OSFM inspector was very pleased with the process and the professionalism displayed by our organizations.

2. President Johnson talked about how all of the Chiefs need to support the training program county wide. We do not have enough of students to justify basic classes being conducted at every fire station, but working together especially on required Firefighter, Driver Operator and other certification classes and pooling our resources these classes will make. The training committee Chairman and staff along with each departments training officer can put this piece in fruition, benefitting all of us.

3. President Johnson encouraged all Fire Chiefs to attend the upcoming NCAFC Mid –Winter Fire Chiefs conference. He reminded the Chiefs that all of us are members of the NCAFC and that the MWC is an excellent opportunity for networking with Chief Officers from across North Carolina, catch up on statewide emerging issues and attend the various professional development classes at the Chief Officer level. The conference concludes with the annual awards banquets on Saturday night. The Mid-winter Conference is being conducted in Concord NC January 31<sup>st</sup> - February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at the Embassy Suites.

4. President Johnson reported that SPFD will be supporting LEO training in the use of air packs in a smoke filled environment for the Sheriff's Office in order to deal with an active shooter incident where fire is also introduced within the crime. The FPD will be invited to participate also.

5. President Johnson is finalizing a regional AFG grant for departments that are in need for NFPA compliant PPE. AFG submission this year are at a record high, therefore the selection process will be extremely competitive.

6. President Johnson will be updating our committees for 2018-2019. If you or any of your staff is interested in a particular committee, please let him know ASAP. He will be formulating the 2018 – 2019 Committee assignment roster and present the same during the February 2018 meeting.

7. President Johnson is working with Brian Pearce to seek a surplus but operationally functional ambulance that can be used for standby purposes during acquired structure live fire training. This is an NFPA requirement and due to EMS staffing and current call volume in the County, Brian cannot guarantee an ambulance will be available for this type of standby when requested.

8. President Johnson addressed the membership and thanked the membership for their support during the past two (2) years to our association and the executive committee. He thanked the members of the executive committee for their dedication and strive on behalf of the association. He talked about accomplishments as well as emerging challenges that lie ahead. He announced that the current executive committee remains steadfast and committed and will continue to serve if that is the pleasure of the membership. With that he opened the floor for any nominations for positions on the Executive Committee. A **MOTION** was made by Chief Scott Bass (West Area Fire District) to keep the current Executive Committee for the up-coming 2018-2019 term. The motion was **SECONDED** by Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point Fire District) and was unanimously **APPROVED** by a roll call vote. President Johnson thanked the membership for their continuing support and confidence. The 2018 -2019 Executive Committee members are: President - Freddy Johnson Sr., Vice – President - Ronnie Marley, Treasurer – Freddy Johnson Jr. and Secretary – Mark Melvin, and Chaplain Kenneth Tatum.

## **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](mailto:cjohnson.spsfd@gmail.com)
  - No Report

**FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE** BC Martin – Chairpersons, FF Jamie Everitte  
E-Mail: [JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No report.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** EMS Chief Brian Pearce – EMS - Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com)

- No report

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

- Because we do not have a current inclement weather policy that addresses response during severe weather, President Johnson tasked Assistant Chief Murphy the Chairman of the Standards Committee to devise a policy. Assistant Chief Murphy briefly discussed the development of a new inclement weather policy that will address safety issues as well as a reduced response protocol. He will send this out by email very soon so that the first reading can take place at the February meeting.

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

- Vice-President Marley would like the Memorial Committee to be appointed as a standing committee of the Chiefs Association. Anyone wishing to join the Memorial Committee, please contact Chief Marley as soon as possible in order to appoint members to the committee by our February 26, 2018 meeting.

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

- No Report

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

- No report.

**RESCUE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [cfd402@nc.rr.com](mailto:cfd402@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

**DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE** Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD),  
Chairperson, E-Mail: [clhodes@townofhopemills.com](mailto:clhodes@townofhopemills.com)

- Chief Hodges has received no issues in the last few months but is preparing to schedule a meeting in the upcoming month.

**KNOX BOX COMMITTEE** - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services)  
Chairperson, E-Mail: [wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- Gene Booth advised that the Knox Box representative will be in the Fayetteville area on February 6<sup>th</sup> and a tentative meeting has been scheduled for 1800 hours that evening. President Johnson advised that this may be in conflict with another meeting already scheduled. He will work with Gene to figure out a schedule that can cover both meetings. More to follow very soon.

**FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE** – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [tmclamb@spring-lake.org](mailto:tmclamb@spring-lake.org)

- Assistant Chief Williams updated the membership about a possible meeting forthcoming on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM to discuss some firehouse software issues. More to follow via IAR and e-mail.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** (Randy Beeman, Director),  
E-Mail: [rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- Updated the members on the 9S inspections being completed satisfactorily.

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com)

- Stated that he will look into the feasibility of a stand-by Medic Unit for structure live burn training evolutions.

**HAZMAT:** BC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 584-9550,  
E-Mail: [rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No report.

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: [craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov](mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov)

- Ranger Gottfried reported that he is expecting an above average spring fire season due to a low water table. He also reminded the group that he is one ranger short, and his other ranger is still in training and cannot respond alone at this time. If you think their service is needed, please call for them early.

**FTCC** Steve Drew, E-Mail: [drews@faytechcc.edu](mailto:drews@faytechcc.edu)

- No report.

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

- No report.

**NC HIGHWAY PATROL** – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.  
E-Mail: [fjohnson@ncshp.org](mailto:fjohnson@ncshp.org)

- Major Johnson advised the members to please use caution and be safe during your travels. The State is seeing an increase of drivers going the wrong way and causing fatal accidents on some of our major highways.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner John Keefe

- No report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Chief Melvin reported to the group that the Government shutdown will not affect any automatic or mutual aid requests from his department. They are still staffed in the operations section.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Hodges seconded by Chief Parrish. The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy L. Johnson Sr.*

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

*Mark A. Melvin*

Mark A. Melvin, CFO  
Fire Chief / Secretary

**3 Enclosures**

1. Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association – Attendance Roster 2017
2. CCFCA voting document for the Executive Committee Positions 2018 - 2019
3. Letter dated January 14, 2018 addressed to EMS Director Brian Pierce – Surplus Medic Unit.



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## Roll Call Vote Document

Motion A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHIEF BASS TO KEEP  
THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN PLACE FOR 2018-2019.  
PRESIDENT - FREDDY JOHNSON SR., VP - RONNIE MARLEY, TREASURER - FREDDY  
JOHNSON JR., SECRETARY - MARK MELVIN. SECONDED BY CHIEF MURPHY

DEPARTMENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	OTHER
Beaver Dam #26	✓			
Bethany #12	✓			
Cotton #4	✓			
Cumberland Road #5	✓			
Eastover #1	✓			
EMS	✓			
Fayetteville FD	✓			
Fort Bragg FD	✓			
Godwin-Falcon #17	✓			
Grays Creek #18	✓			
Grays Creek #24				ABSENT
Hope Mills #21	✓			
Pearce's Mill #3	✓			
Spring Lake #22	✓			
Stedman #23	✓			
Stoney Point #13 & 19	✓			
Vander #2 & 8	✓			
Wade #16	✓			
Westarea #15, 20, 25	✓			

Date 1-22-18 Motion Carried ✓ Motion Denied \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary  
**Jimmy Keefe**  
Fire Commissioner  
**Kenneth Tatum**  
Chaplain

January 14, 2018

Mr. Brian Pearce, Director  
Cape Fear Valley EMS  
610 Gillespie Street  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306

Reference: Surplus Ambulance / Medic Unit

Director Pearce:

I'm writing this letter to inquire about the achievability of your EMS department donating one (1) Ambulance / Medic Unit that is scheduled to be retired but still operationally useful to the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association.

This unit would be utilized exclusively to meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1403 standard pertaining to Live Fire Training Evolutions. Section 4.11 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) requires that basic life support (BLS) emergency medical services SHALL be available on site to handle injuries. This requirement generally can be managed by the fire department conducting the life burn training evolution.

Section 4.11.1.1 states that for acquired structures BLS emergency medical services with TRANSPORT capabilities SHALL be available on site to handle injuries. Here in Cumberland County in order to meet this critical task, our departments have to rely on your agency. I realize this places and undue burden on your agency, would probably require over time or remove an active unit from service, thus diminishing your operational readiness.

The donation of a surplus but functional Medic Unit to our organization would allow us to be self-sufficient in terms of meeting the applicable NFPA standard. The unit would only be used for this purpose and would only be operated by qualified members of our agencies, following established EMS protocols.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and discuss this request further at a time and place suitable with your schedule. Thank you in advance for your consideration on behalf of our association, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely;

*Freddy L. Johnson Sr.*  
FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR.  
President / Fire Chief



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