

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of December 21, 2009 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was hosted by the Cumberland County Sheriffs Office and was held at the Cumberland County Detention Center. We thank Sheriff Butler and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Sheriff Butler provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 20 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent: Eastover, EMS, Pope, Spring Lake

Associate Members Absent: NC Forestry, SBI, FTCC, Lifelink, FBEMS

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were approved as presented.

Guests: None.

Vendors Present: None.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Point of interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be held January 25, 2010 and hosted by **EMS**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at EMS Base. This is a Chiefs only meeting

- President Johnson gave a report on Wallace Smith, retired Arson Team Member and a current 40 year veteran of the Stoney Point Fire Department. Wallace is no longer receiving cancer treatments and President Johnson asks that everyone remember the Smith family in their prayers.
- President Johnson also asked that all members remember Chief Strahan who buried her mother today. Loosing a parent is difficult and the current holiday season compounds the problem.
- President Johnson has the foam trailers at Fire Station #19 being serviced and refilled with the new foam. They will be delivered after the first of the year. Station 17 and 24 already picked up their portion of the old foam. Both provided containers to off load old foam. President Johnson stated that he will contact the other members that requested foam and any foam left over would be taken to FTCC for future Foam Training Classes.

- Please begin filling out the ID card information sheets that are enclosed in your packets. Please complete all blocks, whereas incomplete forms will be returned. This information will be loaded into the new ID card program in order to speed up the process. He stated that Station 26 has returned their forms and we will start the issue with Beaver Dam sometimes next month and then go from there.
- President Johnson thanked the members for their work this year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

OLD BUSINESS:

- No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Johnson advised the membership that January 2010 was an election year for all the members of the Executive Committee. He had spoken with a couple of Chief's about leading the Nomination Committee but had no one to get back to him about the process. He offered any Chief Officer in the association that wants to serve as the Nomination Committee Chair, or anyone that wants to serve on the Nomination Committee to contact him before the 1st of the Year and they would be appointed to the task. However if no one accepts the challenge he stated we would do it the old and parliamentary way of opening the nomination for offices and accepting nominations from qualified members straight from the floor. A valid process that meets the indent of our By-Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I D 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@stonepointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- Chief J.F. Hall inquired about the purchase of a Fire Prevention Education video for the new Safety House. President Johnson advised Chief Hall that he would send him the link to the Surrey Fire Safety House Company. There are Video Programs out on the open marked to purchase that will meet our needs. President Johnson asked Chief Hall to check this out and to look at all ages in order to have flexibility and have a several recommendations ready by next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- There will be a CAD and viper system meeting sometime after the new year. The standards and communications team members will be notified.
- President Johnson asked Susan to assign Viper Channels to more departments on county calls only to test the system for capacity. He stated that Hoke County Fire & EMS services switched to VIPER and experiencing capacity problems which have a negative affect on the operations. We need to insure the system can handle the Cumberland County Fire Service demand without frequent busy signals. He stated lets not wait until we switch to find out that problems exist lets work through them now. (Susan stated she would let Kenny know).

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

- No report.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) 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 Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- No report

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

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Currie, Director

- No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: Michael Roye, Director

- No report.

HAZMAT BC Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger (TBD)

- No report.

FTCC Ernest Ward

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Sgt Hodges thanked the membership for their support to the Arson Division. He also briefed that the related arrests and closure rates are up above the national averages.

HIGHWAY PATROL

- First Sgt. Johnson advised everyone to drive safely during the holidays.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Cassanova

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Happy Holidays

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief J.F. Hall, seconded by Deputy Chief T. Smith. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2115 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson

Freddy L. Johnson Sr. CFO
Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

Mark Melvin, CFO
Deputy Fire Chief / Secretary

1 Enclosure: 2009 Attendance Roster.