

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 25, 1999

The quarterly Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President James E. Hall at 19:10 hrs. in the old Cumberland County Court House. Invocation was given by Chief J.F. Hall.

Roll was called: 20 departments were represented and 4 associate members were present.

Secretary's Minutes for the December 21, 1998 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Should have been recorded that Benny Nichols reported on the recent drill conducted at the airport, not Wally Ainsworth.

Chief James Hall stated that it should be clarified that only those departments who previously had mutual aid agreements with Bonnie Doone Fire Department contact Chief Williams to insure that alarm cards were properly changed over.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Hall reported that results from the foam tests had been returned from Angus and showed that the foam was good. He stated that Foam Unit #2 was placed back in service.

Fire Marshal Ricky Strickland stated that Walt Snyder stated that the foam tested good with no problems found and that Mr. Snyder also stated that Angus would stand behind the ten (10) year warranty. A sample would be returned to the initial tester for a re-test.

At the request of the Chiefs' Association, Mike Osborne of the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board was present to discuss the Enhanced 911 numbering system. He explained the difficulties that his office has experienced while accomplishing this task. He advised that renumbering of street addresses should be completed in the year 2000. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Osborne recommended notifying the residents of each fire district individually, he felt that this would reduce the amount of confusion to the public. Chief Mike Middleton discussed the various advertising mediums that we could use and requested that the Joint Planning Board be responsible

for all ads. Doc Nunnery stated that his office would absorb any cost accrued for advertising.

Chief John House advised that Senator Tony Rand was taking the retirement bill to senate this coming Wednesday and that he would keep the association abreast of the progress.

Chief Ronnie Marley, Chairman of the Standards Committee, stated that the air system committee had met recently to discuss the status and policies of the county air units. Chief Marley briefed the board on the contents of the meeting and stated that currently there are three stationary systems in the county; Westarea, City of Fayetteville and Town of Spring Lake. He also stated that there are four mobile systems in the county; Vander, Fayetteville, Stoney Point and Lafayette Village. Chief Marley reported that the committee was advised by Safe Air Systems that because of its condition, the compressor in 281 should only be used in emergency situations.

Chief Marley stated that the committee was recommending the following:

1) that the air compressor on 281 be repaired or replaced. Chief Marley read quotes received from vendors thus far.

2) that current policies be followed when requesting an air unit.

3) that the Chiefs' Association absorb the cost of annual service testing to include normal operating costs of the four mobile air systems currently in service. These units are 1361, 100, 281 and 761. He pointed out that this does not include the operational costs of the vehicle.

The board discussed all recommendations by the committee.

The board discussed cost effectiveness of replacement of the compressor verses repair of the unit. Also discussed was the future replacement of 281 (vehicle).

Emergency Management Director Cheri Grabowski stated that with projected budget cuts, maintenance of the air units may be cut from her budget. It was suggested that the association prepare to assume all operational costs and insurance of the county units because of these cuts.

Chief Marley stated that the current policy states that air units should be called during the emergency, not upon returning to the station. Air units may also be requested during non-emergency situations when prior arrangements have been made.

Chief Mike Middleton made a motion that we accept the recommendation of the committee and replace the air compressor system on 281 with a new 24 cfm compressor using the lesser of the quotes received from the vendors. The motion was Second by Chief Kevin Herndon. Motion Passed by roll call vote.

Chief Mike Middleton made a motion that the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association assume all compressor maintenance and service cost of the county air systems. Motion was second by Chief Richard Bullard. Floor was opened for discussion, after discussion Chief John House made a motion to table the motion until further maintenance costs could be obtained. Motion was second by Chief Terry Reilly. Motion passed by show of hands.

Chief Marley stated that currently the unit is mechanically fit but based on recommendations from Safe Air, the association should plan for the replacement of the vehicle in the near future.

Chief Marley raised concerns that departments were not following standards when requesting an air unit. After some discussion, President Hall requested that Chief Marley review the current standard and report back at the next meeting.

Chief Lee Sudia stated his board has advised him that Hope Mills units will not respond outside the county as a county or municipality until current mutual aid agreements have been established.

Cheri Grabowski stated that existing agreements are currently under revision.

President Hall stated that the County Sheriff's Department has approximately 300 UHF mobile and portable radios that they will be disposing of in the near future and that the chief's association could request them in an inter-governmental transfer.

Chief Lee Sudia made a motion that the Secretary submit a written request of intent to the Sheriff through Lieutenant Steve Parlette for these units. Motion was second by Chief John House. Motion passed by show of hands.

The Annual Audit was distributed among Board members, after reviewing the audit it was noted that the audit stated that software and server had been purchased and was located in the Fire Marshal's Office. It was noted that the server has not yet been purchased. Chief Kevin Herndon made a motion that the report not be accepted until this was corrected. Motion was seconded by Chief John House. Motion passed by roll call vote.

President Hall stated that there was a vacancy on the Finance Committee, he ask for a volunteer to serve in place of Chief Jimmy Goodman for the remainder of the year.

Chief J.F. Hall volunteered to fulfill the position on the committee. All members present were in favor of Chief Hall fulfilling this position.

Chief Ken Jolly thanked all chiefs and the association for their support during his tenure as Fire Chief for the Manchester Fire Department. He stated that the Corporation was in the process of clearing their books and it was anticipated that on June 30, 1999, Manchester Fire Department would be closed.

President Hall spoke on behalf of the association and thanked Chief Jolly and the members of the Manchester Fire Department for the fire protection that they provided their community over the past 30 years.

President Hall stated that Ernest Ward could duplicate a training tape for the FireHouse Software program through the media center at FTCC.. Chief J.F. Hall made a motion to purchase enough blank cassettes for each station to have a copy of the FireHouse program. Motion was Seconded by Chief Lee Sudia. Motion passed by show of hands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management - Cheri Grabowski requested that all departments contact her office with a needed number of D.O.T. Guide Books. She reiterated that this request should not include books training.

She also announced upcoming ICS classes and the Governors Hurricane Conference in March.

Fire Marshal's Office - Ricky Strickland distributed copies of the new smoke detector laws for 1-2 family dwellings to take effect in July 1999.

Ricky stated that ISO is behind, those departments expecting an inspection should continue to prepare.

Ricky announced the Firefighter and Fire Officer of the Year, they were: Firefighter Robert Land of Lake Rim and George Gahagan of Lafayette Village.

Ricky reported that the State has released the final draft for Officer Certification that copies of the standards will be available through the community colleges.

Ricky also reminded all departments of the upcoming FireHouse Software class being held at Cotton Fire Department on Saturday, February 27, 1999.

EMS - Wally Ainsworth stated that Medic units are having difficulties maintaining adequate numbers of back boards on the units. He requested that departments who provide first responder service pick up only the boards that they have used from their units.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Larry Wilson thanked the departments that responded to the recent apartment fire. He stated that one area of concern during the fire was the differences in, lack of, or use of accountability systems. He suggested that the association look at a system that would be compatible for all departments.

Chief Terry Reilly introduced the new District Chief for Westarea Fire Departments - Mark Barns.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 22:00 hours.

Respectfully

Larry A. Wilson
Secretary

REPLACEMENT
OF
AIR COMPRESS

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE

Date: January 25, 1999

Recommendation/Proposal: MOTION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE AND REPLACE THE COMPRESSOR SYSTEM ON 281 WITH A NEW 74 CFM COMPRESSOR USING THE LESSER OF SUBMITTED QUOTES

Motion by: Chief Mike Middleton Seconded: Chief Kevin Herndon

DEPARTMENT	FOR	AGAINST	DEPARTMENT	FOR	AGAINST
EASTOVER			CARVERS CREEK		
VANDER	✓		WADE	✓	
PEARCES MILLS	✓		GODWIN-FALCON	✓	
COTTON	✓		GRAY'S CREEK #1	✓	
CUMBERLAND ROAD	✓		LINDEN	✓	
LAFAYETTE VILLAGE	✓		HOPE MILLS	✓	
CEDAR CREEK	✓		SPRING LAKE	✓	
BONNIE DOONE			STEDMAN	✓	
WESTAREA		✓	GRAY'S CREEK #2	✓	
LAKE RIM	✓		BEAVER DAM	✓	
BETHANY	✓		FAYETTEVILLE		
STONEY POINT	✓		POPE AFB		
MANCHESTER			FORT BRAGG		

TOTALS

FOR: 18

AGAINST: 1

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE

Date: January 25, 1999

Recommendation/Proposal: MOTION THAT ANNUAL AUDIT NOT
Be Accepted UNTIL ALL CORRECTIONS WERE CORRECTED

Motion by: Chief Kevin Herndon Seconded: Chief John House

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COTTON	✓		GRAY'S CREEK #1	✓	
CUMBERLAND ROAD	✓		LINDEN	✓	
LAFAYETTE VILLAGE	✓		HOPE MILLS	✓	
CEDAR CREEK	✓		SPRING LAKE	✓	
BONNIE DOONE			STEDMAN	✓	
WESTAREA			GRAY'S CREEK #2	✓	
LAKE RIM	✓		BEAVER DAM	✓	
BETHANY	✓		FAYETTEVILLE		
STONEY POINT	✓		POPE AFB		
MANCHESTER			FORT BRAGG		

TOTALS FOR: 18 AGAINST: _____