

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

April 26, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Freddy Johnson, Sr. The monthly meeting was held at EMS Base.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Mike Casanova provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 16 Departments and 7 Associate members present.

Members Absent: Stations – 3, 5, 11, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24

Associate Members Absent: Forestry-Excused, Sheriff Office-Excused

President Johnson recognized FTCC, as they needed to leave early. Ernest Ward introduced Tracey Morris acting coordinator for EMS activities. Tracey addressed the association outlining some changes in Con Ed Classes. For information and requirements for Con Ed Classes call Tracey Morris.

Approval of Minutes: There were no additions, correction or deletions to the minutes and President Johnson approved the March minutes as presented.

Meeting Next Month: The next Chief's meeting will be held **May 24, 2004** jointly hosted by LaFayette Village and Lake Rim Fire Departments and held at the new LaFayette Village Fire Department, located on Bailey Lake Road.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Johnson presented the CCFCA Balance Sheet showing a balance of \$ 126,763.23 with itemized income and expenses. Motion by Chief Patty Strahan to accept the report, and was seconded by Chief Roger Miller. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vendors: None

Guests: None

President's Report: President Johnson briefed the association on the following issues:

- President Johnson addressed the Eastern Fire Seminar problems. The committee has met and decided a complete face-lift is needed. The changes will include a new date, the third weekend in October while the Fort Bragg Fair is here. Support from all the chief officers is needed to make it a success. There was some discussions as to what classes will be offered and anyone wanting a specific class should let the committee know.

- President Johnson stated that the Cumberland County Server has a Bulletin Board. Also if anyone needs a class on how to use the programs offered on the server contact Station 13. If enough people are interested a class will be scheduled. If anyone needs to access the NFPA codes call Stoney Point Fire Department and they will set up access, until the issue is finalized.
- President Johnson stated he had not heard anything from Mr. Parks of Cape Fear Valley Hospital about the hospital board that was supposed to be set up. Wally stated that a meeting was held last week that discussed finances of setting up a separate EMS Authority. They are looking at how much it will cost and it does not make sense to change if it is going to cost more. One of the things causing a loss of money was patient transfer between the two hospitals. Highsmith Rainey's change to a long-term acute care facility will make most of the patient transfers go away. An advisory board is being looked at as a possibility. President Johnson is to make an appointment with Mr. Parks to discuss finances.
- President Johnson asked Major Kenny Curry about fit testing of WMD equipment. Classes were given for proper fit testing and if needed more classes will be offered. Those interested should call Gloria with a number of personnel to be trained. Kenny stated some confusion occurred about storage of the Haz Mat items and the city has storage space at the present time. Departments are encouraged to make arrangements with the city to pick up samples for fit testing. The law enforcement personnel will be issued protective equipment to be carried in their vehicle. A question was raised as to the fire department personnel arriving on the scene and having to wait for protective equipment. Fire personnel will have their protective turn out gear and SCBA units that will offer some protection. Training is vital to recognizing the hazards of the incident and when it is safe to enter a WMD incident site. A task force developed the entire Cumberland County community WMD equipment list that addressed the entire county's needs.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Johnson presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 requesting \$201,750.00. Motion to accept budget as presented was made by Chief Kevin Herndon and seconded by Chief J. F. Hall. Motion passed by voice vote.
- President Johnson stated that the CCFCA Fire Prevention/Public Education Committee Chairman position is open and needed a chairman. A list of the 2004-2005 Committee and Chairmen was passed out. Note a Rescue/EMS committee has been established.

1.	Technology	Chief Johnson Sr.
2.	ID Card	Lieut. T. Johnson – Stoney Point
3.	Prevention	Capt. Morrey – Fayetteville
4.	Communications	Chief B. Bullard – Stedman
5.	Standards	Chief K. Hall – Cumberland Road
6.	Training	Chief P. Strahan – Westarea
7.	Memorial	Chief S. Blackburn – Fort Bragg
8.	Auto/Mutual Aid	Chief J. Hall – Bethany
9.	Finance	Chief F. Johnson Jr. – Stoney Point
10.	LEPC	Chief R. Miller – Fort Bragg

11. Eastern Fire Seminar Chief T. Marley – Pearces Mill
12. Rescue Chief F. Johnson – Stoney Point
13. Public Relations Executive Committee

- Rescue Policy was discussed. Rescue Committee Chairman Johnson passed out a Rescue Equipment Survey and requested it be returned by May 13, 2004. This survey is an effort to better coordinate and gauge rescue capabilities in Cumberland County. The intent is to assist each district as needed with heavy rescue equipment and capabilities.
- Chief Hodges, Hope Mills Fire Department recommended a Bomb Threat Cost Recovery Fee be set up. President Johnson referred this to the Standards and Policy Committee for a draft proposal and report back to the association. Discussion was such an Ordinance would have to be approved by Commissioners or City Council

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson asked Maj. Curry to address the mapping issue. This plan should be finalized this week and go to Raleigh for review. When approved by Raleigh the issue will be sent to the county commissioners for approval.
2. President Johnson handed out copies of the By-Laws that had been updated. Discussion raised a question about dues and at the present we do not collect dues. If needed in the future dues may be collected. Para 3.1 line 7 was changed to read “considered delinquent if not paid with one hundred eighty (180) days of the due date established by the”. Motion was made by Chief Bill Bullard to approve the presented by-laws as corrected and seconded by Chief Mike Middleton. The motion passed by roll call vote with 16 Yes votes.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

TECHNOLOGY/AUTOMATION COMMITTEE (FIREHOUSE) Chief F. Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- Nothing

ID CARD COMMITTEE-Lieutenant Tara Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- FYI Reminder that Chiefs should contact Tara Johnson @ 424-6094 or e-mail at tara@stonepointfire.com to schedule pictures for ID Cards

FIRE PREV./EDUCATION COMMITTEE Capt. Chris Morey, (Fayetteville) Chairperson

- No Report

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- P L Code procedures and EOC Dispatching problems were again discussed. Chairman Bullard is going to follow-up on the problems.

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

- No Report

TRAINING & TRAINING STANDARDS COMMITTEE Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- Expressed concern about availability of FTCC Classes

MOBILE & STATIONARY AIR SYSTEMS Executive Committee as needed

- No Report

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Blackburn (Ft. Bragg) Chairperson

- No Report

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

- Nothing

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

- Presented Financial Report Earlier in meeting.

LEPC Chief R. Miller (Fort Bragg) Chairperson

- No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Executive Committee)

- No Report

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

- Discussed during new business.

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

- Chief Marley was absent and President Johnson briefed the association during the presidents report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT:

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR Colonel Nunnery

- Already presented everything

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND ECC-911 Major Curry

- Already presented everything.

EMS Colonel W. Ainsworth

- Announced that they are getting a disaster trailer for equipment and supplies needed to take care of people in case of a large incident.
- Anthony Davis has been hired as training officer and is a level II instructor. To be recertified each EMT must be signed off on by a level II instructor. If anyone needs certification please forward the information (certified by department training officer) 60 days in advance so any conflict that may arise can be resolved.

HAZMAT Chief Nichols, FFD

- Already Presented Report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger J. Johnson

- Absent

FTCC Ernest Ward

- Report Presented at the beginning of the meeting

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Absent

HIGHWAY PATROL Trooper F. Johnson Jr.

- Urged using Cautioned when approaching an traffic accident involving a K-9 unit

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova:

- Nothing

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Tal Baggett

- Nothing

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson reminded everyone about reporting incidents to Kim Dorman at Office of State Fire Marshal. If having problems let him know and station 13 will assist.
- President Johnson announced Piedmont Association is Meeting April 27 in Ashboro
- Stoney Point Fire Dept Open House June 26 from 1 to 4 PM 40th Anniversary

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chief P. Strahan and seconded by Chief J F Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 2050 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy Johnson Sr.
Fire Chief / President

Harold Shirley
Assistant Chief / Secretary