

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Cumberland County, North Carolina

P. O. Box 2592

Fayetteville, North Carolina 28302-2592

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 27, 1998

The meeting was held at the "Old" Cumberland County Court House. President Hall called the meeting to order at 19:10 hours.

Roll was called: 17 departments were represented and 5 associate members present.

Secretary's Report was approved as presented.

Treasurers Report was presented by Chief Johnson (treasurer had been excused to go to work). Chief Johnson made the motion to accept the report as presented, motion seconded by Chief Herndon. Motion Passed. President Hall reviewed and approved the previous statements for the quarter.

GUEST:

Ron Brown, ISO, advised that the Commercial Risk Services was no longer an accreditation program and will not replace the Insurance Services Office, however, it may enhance your ISO rating. He stated that ISO operates on a 15 year cycle program; meaning that ISO should visit each station on a 15 year cycle. Districts serving 25,000 or more are evaluated every ten years. He also stated that the governing body of a municipality or the Fire Marshal could request an evaluation at any time. A lengthy guest and answer session followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Marshal Ricky Strickland showed a video on the OSHA 2 in/2 out Ruling and disseminated literature. Chief Nobles stated that DOI would be holding question and answer sessions in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Freddy Johnson gave a brief presentation on the status of our current budget and then presented the proposed 1998-99 Budget.

Chief Johnson stated that he had received a Letter of Request from Joe Johnson requesting the association fund the "Smoke Chaser" position again this year. Chief Goodman made a motion to support the position this year. And that a letter should be sent to Forestry stating that this would be the last year that we fund this position. Motion was seconded by Chief House. After discussion, the motion passed by a roll call vote.

Chief Johnson stated that \$7,500 had been allotted for the Cumberland County Arson Task Force and requested the association to continue supporting the task force. Motion was made by Chief House to approve funding for the task force and approve the budget as presented, motion was seconded by Chief Herndon. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Chief Middleton suggested that we should bring someone in to teach the FireHouse software program. He suggested that one representative from each station attend. After discussion, Chief Middleton placed this in the form of a motion, seconded by Chief J.F. Hall. Motion passed by show of hands. The Fire Marshal will set this up through FTCC.

Chief Johnson stated that due to recent events in the area that a Clandestine Drug Lab class should be offered for all chiefs. After discussion it was agreed to have an SBI agent give a presentation at the July meeting at Cumberland Road Fire department (Station 5).

Chief Reilly made a motion to change meeting locations due to the closing of Bonnie Doone Fire Department,
May: Cotton F.D. Hosted at Bruce & Mickey's on Legion Road.
June: Bonnie Doone F.D
July: Board of Directors, Old Court House
August: Cumberland Road F.D.

Motion seconded by Chief Jolly. Motion passed by show of hands.

Chief Middleton stated that alarm cards should be reviewed and changed to reflect the appropriate equipment. He also stated that the phone lines installed for the computers could be used for voting polls during elections.

Cheri Grabowski advised that any changes to the Emergency Preparedness Plan should be given to her as soon as possible, this would assist in preparations during the next update. She also stated that anyone having resources not listed in the Guide should send them to her office to be placed in the Resource Manual during the next update.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 22:20 hours.

Respectfully

Larry A. Wilson
Secretary

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE

Date: April 27, 1998

Recommendation/Proposal: Motion made to fund the new Task Force for the fiscal year 1998-99 and approve the budget as presented by the Finance Committee Chairman

Motion by: Chief John Hesse Seconded: Chief Kevin Henderson

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: _____ AGAINST: _____

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

RECORD OF ROLL CALL VOTE

Date: April 27, 1998

Recommendation/Proposal: Forestry request funding of Smoke Chaser for fiscal year of 1998-99 - Motion made to support position this year and send letter to fire department stating that the association would no longer support funding.

Motion by: Chief Jimmy Goodman Seconded: Chief John House

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

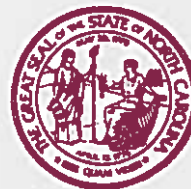
FOR: _____

AGAINST: _____



**EARL R. BUTLER, SHERIFF
CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

131 DICK STREET
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28301-5793



April 27, 1998

**Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association
P.O. Box 2592
Fayetteville, NC 28301-2592**

**Attn: Chief Freddy L, Johnson, Sr., Chairman
CCFCA Finance Committee**

Dear Chief Johnson:

I am requesting that strong consideration be given for continued funding of your Cumberland County Arson Task Force.

Monies received from the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association is used to purchase vehicle, equipment, communications and provide funding for training.

The loss of these funds would severely hamper the overall operations of the Arson Task Force since the Sheriff's Office budget funds are limited and cannot provide the funds fully needed to support the 20 member Task Force, therefore, I am requesting that current limits of funding be continued in the next fiscal year.

Sincerely,

**Lieutenant Bruce W. Morrison,
Arson Task Force Commander**

BWM/ar

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES



JAMES B. HUNT JR.
GOVERNOR

WAYNE McDEVITT
SECRETARY

STANFORD M. ADAMS
DIRECTOR

FILE: D-6-P
Temporary Position
Smokechaser

NC Forest Service
221 Airport Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306
Phone: (910) 437-2620
April 15, 1998

Board of Directors
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Fayetteville, NC 28302

Dear Sirs:

The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources removed an Assistant County Ranger position from the county forestry organization several years ago reducing the county staff. This cutback reduced the county staff available to provide forest fire protection in Cumberland County. There was, and still is, much concern among fire fighters that this action would reduce the capability of the county forest service organization to provide effective forest fire suppression.

Over those past several years the Forest Service has employed a temporary "Smokechaser" for eight months during the year running from October 1st through May 30th. The Fire Chiefs Association had agreed in past to fund this position at 100 percent. We greatly appreciate this as the position does provide direct support to the V.F.D.'s in the northwestern section of Cumberland County. In addition, it has increased the number of personnel available to support all of the county V.F.D.'s during fire seasons.

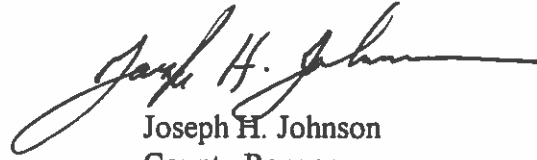
At this time, we would like to request the Fire Chiefs Association to fund only half of the total cost for this Smokechaser position during the upcoming fiscal year. Effective April 1, 1998, there was a wage increase for this temporary position from \$6.78 to \$7.59 per hour bringing it up to 1998 pay scale from the old 1984 pay scale. This would make your total share \$4,858.



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Thank you for your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph H. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph H. Johnson
County Ranger
Cumberland County

cc: Jimmy Hall
Freddie Johnson
Terry Rielly
Harold Grady, District Forester