



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the October 26,, 2020 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Pearce's Mill Fire Department. The meeting format was restricted due to COVID 19 issues. Refreshments were served. We thank Chief Marley and his staff for their hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Chief Brock conducted the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 8 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: **Hope Mills**

Associate Members: **County Manager, Retired Fire Chiefs**

Approval of Minutes:

The September 28, 2020 minutes were approved along with the minutes of the October 15, 2020 special radio code plug meeting.

Guests:

Ron Ross is running for County Commissioner and requested our support. Senator Devire requested our support in his re-election to the NC Senate.

Vendors Present:

Victoria Clark of Impact Surface sanitizer reviewed their program via zoom.

Treasurer's Report:

None

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for Pearce's Mill Fire Department on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

- Gray's Creek FD #24 will assume air truck rotation during the month of November 2020 followed by Vander FD # 281 in December 2020.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ Assorted handouts in your packets.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Valor awards program was held October 13, 2020 at 1100 hours at Manna Church on Cliffdale Road. Congratulations to all of those receiving awards and a big Thank You to the Fire Chiefs for nominating their personnel. He asked all Chiefs to consider nominating their departments Firefighter of the Year for a Merit award for next year's Valor Awards.
2. President Johnson gave an update on the storage building that was constructed at SPFD 19 to house association assets. We are pending the 10 foot concrete apron and that should be completed within the next several weeks after downspout to control water runoff are installed to re-direct some water flow.
3. President Johnson updated the membership on the radio phase I grant opportunity. A total of 159 radios have been received. Adam is assigning the Viper ID's. We received some additional tactical talk groups on the Viper system and President Johnson is in the process of talking to our neighboring county partners about our upgrade.
4. President Johnson advised the members to review the Swift Water Policy submitted by the Rescue Committee.
5. President Johnson advised the FFD found some issues with the CR-2 on its CPR coaching aspect. More to follow on this.
6. President Johnson advised that we are still in Hurricane season so please continue to be vigilant.
7. President Johnson reported that Congressman Hudson with bi-partisan help got the retirement bill out of committee a day after talking with us last month in Grays Creek. This should be voted on when congress goes back in session.
8. President Johnson advised the members that the OBAMA CARE act could require VFD's to pay for health care benefits for volunteers. This needs to be monitored closely whereas VFD's cannot afford to do this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson advised that virtual meetings have become a reality. Each department will be looked at to see if they can support these meetings so that we can get back on a station rotation starting the first of the year 2021.
2. President Johnson advised everyone to continue to utilize COVID 19 guidelines to prevent the spread throughout your agency. Please keep up with your receipts in case reimbursement money becomes available.
3. President Johnson made another push for the NCAFC license tags. 500 people needed to apply. NC DMV will not produce the tags until at least 500 plates are ordered for mass production. The numbers are up and just shy so please let your officers know that they can apply as well. You do not have to be a member of the NCAFC to order a tag for the first 500 allotment needed.

4. President Johnson congratulated Westarea Fire Chief Scott Bass and advised the membership that Westarea FD improved to a Class 4 in the NC Response Rating Program. They are now eligible for Class 4 incentive money.

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.spfd@gmail.com
 - President Johnson again asked the members to please continue to recycle or return the clips used for our ID Cards. These clips are extremely expensive and we need to reuse them as much as possible in order to hold down costs. Please collect clips when your members leave a department and recycle the clips. He also reminded the membership that we do not print blue tags, which are considered temporary tags only.

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE E-Mail: Chief T.J. McLamb jmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson,

E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- No report.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,

E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- The Memorial Service consisted of a moment of silence over the radio.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson,

E-Mail: gcf24@nc.rr.com

- No report.

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

E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- Meeting will be re-scheduled.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- Chief Bradshaw explained the boat requirements for swift water rescue system and advised that a new recommended standard is forthcoming that will be distributed to the Standards Committee and the membership in the near future. Once received please submit your comments directly to Chief Bradshaw or Deputy Chief Hank Harris.

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD), Chairperson, E-Mail: clhodges@townofhopemills.com

- No report.

SMOKE ALARMS / KNOX BOX COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowder (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (FFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: tmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

NC WORKFORCE SOLUTION GRANTS – COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: Jnobles@stedmanfire.com

- No report.

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director), E-Mail: gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- ***Director Booth*** – Congratulations to Westarea for receiving a class 4 rating. Requested all Chiefs to call in for the COVID calls. Gene discussed DPR2 projects and that a rehab trailer for the CCES is included in the top 5 for funding projects.
- ***Emergency Management Director Hendrix***. – No report.
- ***FM Lowder*** – No report.
- ***Adam Johnson*** - No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: bpearce@capefearvalley.com

- No report.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- Thank you to all units who participated in the LEPC drill at CFVH this past weekend.

FORESTRY DISTRICT Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov

- Has a position vacant for a smoke chaser position, please call if you have someone interested.

FTCC Steve Drew, E-Mail: drews@faytechcc.edu

- Steve Drew gave an update on the new training facility building.

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

- New personnel assisting in arson division and being trained for Arson response. Currently a members of station 26 working the CCSO Detective Division.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us
(Captain Jay Devane) jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail sean.johnson@ncdps.gov

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe

- Bids are going out for the 911 center. Explained the cares act funding process and how Commissioner Boose boosted the requested funding on our behalf. Requested support for his re-election and asked all members not to forget to vote.
- Commissioner **Boose** updated the membership on the cares act funding. Advised that legal has completed all signatures, both Wade & Spring Lake required corrections but all others have been cleared and should be receiving their cares act funds in the near future from county finance.
- Commissioner Boose also asked for support for his re-election campaign.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson reported that Stoney Points Halloween Trail of Terror is still on going. President Johnson also reminded everyone to vote in your upcoming elections

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Brock and seconded by Chief Marsh.
The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

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Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

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Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 1.

1 – October 2020 Attendance Roll Call

	MEMBERS PRESENT 19	17	17	19	19	19	17	18	16	17	18		
	ASSOCIATES PRESENT 10	08	08	06	06	07	06	08	09	07	08		
	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	51	60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
	CC Fire Chiefs												
	DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION												
	Chief's Only Meeting	27-JAN-20- PMFD	24-FEB-20- GCFD-18	23-MAR-20- Telecon	27- APR-20- Telecon	18-MAY-20- Telecon	22-JUN-20-IP-Telecon	27-JUL-20 - IP-Telecon	31-AUG-20 - IP-Telecon	28-SEP-20 - IP-GCFD 18	26-OCT-20 - IP-Telecon	23-NOV-20-IP-Telecon	21-DEC-20 -
	MEMBERS	MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P		
06	CFVEMS MEDICAL SVCS.	A	A	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P		
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P		
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A		
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P		
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P		
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
18	WADE STA 16	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS												
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	P	P	P		
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	E	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	A		
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
05	FORESTRY	E	E	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P		
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	A	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P		

Special Notes:

CODES: (P) – Present (A)-Absent (E) – Excused