



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the May 23, 2016 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by the Pearce's Mill Fire Department. We thank Chief Marley and his staff for the delicious meal and their great hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Assistant Chief ~Tatum provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 19 departments and 11 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: None

Associate Members: CCDA

Approval of Minutes: Due to an oversight the minutes from the April meeting were not presented for approval, and will be presented during the June meeting.

Guests: Mr. Mike Hardin, Candidate for District Court Judge
Captain Dan Mafia, Secretary Fayetteville Professional Firefighters
Mr. Derrick Clouston, NCSFA & DOI

Vendors Present: Mr. Dean Aldridge – President C. Williams & Dinner Sponsor

Treasurer's Report: Presented during Chiefs' only meeting.

Meeting Point of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting will be Monday June 27, 2016, the meeting will be held at the Cotton Fire Department located on Calico Street in Hope Mills, dinner will be served.

- Fayetteville Fire Department (FFD) will assume the air truck responsibilities during the month of June 2016.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
 - May 2016 Issue of Legal and Health sheets
 - 5- Minute Safety Talk – Evacuation Plans
 - Cancer in the Fire Service - Awareness Handout
 - Thank You Note – From the family of Deputy Fire Chief John D. Pone, Sr.
 - Letter - Verizon Wireless Account Set Authorization dated April 29, 2016
 - Freedom, Mobile Public Safety App – Handout
 - Fort Bragg Firefighter's Ball Flyer
 - E-Mail Stan Sellers, Verizon Representative – Tablet Prices
 - FTCC – Firefighter Classes Brochure

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson advised that a meeting occurred on Wednesday May 11, 2016 with Mr. Randy Graham, Motorola High-Caps, CFVEMS, Michael Horne, COF and Deputy Director Mitchell, CCES to review and finalize our code plugs. Mr. Graham requested additional information, which was provided and he tentatively wants to start re-programming our radios starting in early June. A schedule for each department will be provided. Programmers will visit each physical fire department in order to re-program control/base stations along with all the mobiles and portable radios. He urged all chiefs to insure that all their radios are present for reprogramming when the Motorola representative arrives at your facilities. We can make up misses at other locations but we want to hold that to a minimum.
2. President Johnson advised that the association account with Verizon utilizing state contract pricing has been set up. Verizon will also sell us our tablets and accessories and the current 12 inch recommended I-PAD comes with a \$ 250.00 discount through May. Anyone wishing to add to the order should contact President Johnson by noon on Friday and he will add your additional tablets to the order and prepare an invoice from the association and bill your department.
3. President Johnson informed the membership that on Thursday May 12, 2016 a meeting with county IT attended by Chief McLamb, County Emergency Services, COF representatives to discuss the implementation of the Freedom App along with associated IT issues and matters. Once OSSI purchase is approved OSSI will schedule install about 8 weeks out.

Key points discussed during the meeting were:

- ✓ OSSI Mobile CAD
- ✓ Disposition - Panasonic Toughbook Windows Laptops
- ✓ Net-motion for secured connection to County
- ✓ Cost of software and hardware
- ✓ Closest unit response
- ✓ General equipment maintenance issues
- ✓ Weak signal in metal buildings.
- ✓ **Intentional disconnects of equipment**
- ✓ Most stations report that CAD/MCT works fine.
- ✓ **Verizon does have some weak areas – Has to be accepted and worked around.**
- ✓ AVL reception inside of apparatus bays.
- ✓ **Software not updated consistently at all stations – This will be eliminated with the Freedom APP -**
- ✓ Same functionality as Mobile CAD
- ✓ Freedom solution is easy to use
- ✓ Requires Mobile Device Management versus Net Motion
- ✓ Freedom App - Replaces Net-motion
- ✓ Freedom App is a secure connection to the county.
- ✓ Freedom App works on Smartphones and Tablets

- ✓ Freedom App works only with Droid or IOS (iPad, iPod)
- ✓ Freedom App will not work with a Windows laptop
- ✓ **User Agreement & Policy enforcement**
- ✓ Site License – One Time Purchase
- ✓ No Thumb drives, possibly use existing mounts in truck, limited printing (Wi-Fi Connection to on-board printers)
- ✓ Word, Excel or similar software for supplemental use – (Tech Soup Pricing)
- ✓ Possible heat issues with iPads or tablets (unknown)
- ✓ Learning curve for local fire staff – Two (2) TTT Classes
- ✓ Unknown issues with iPad/Tablet signals inside metal building.
- ✓ Replacement of mounts, Otter box, and holders.
- ✓ Will need Antivirus and MDM (\$2,000 per year)
- ✓ Freedom App with site licensing. IS would like to test this out with recommended devices at 3 locations
- ✓ Enforce software updates, lockdown Wi-Fi settings, control software installs using Mobile Device Management
- ✓ Purchase 3 year warranty and budget a future replacement plan.
- ✓ Phased rollout of hardware devices and software to vet out issues before full install.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. North Carolina State Firemen's Association Statistician Mr. Derrick Clouston addressed the membership and updated the members' on-going issues affecting the North Carolina fire service. Derrick also talked about the up-coming annual convention, which has been moved to Charlotte, North Carolina and promised a great convention. Derrick's position is up for re-election this year and he asked for our support to re-elect him to the Statistician position and explained the voting process of the four (4) afforded to each department. One (1) for the Fire Chief, one (1) for Chief Officer and two (2) delegate votes. He stated that it was important to attend and vote. If Chief Officers are not attending and members from the department attend they need cast the two (2) available delegate votes. He will provide additional information prior to the annual convention in August through our association. Derrick also provided a quick snap shot of on-going OSFM & DOI initiatives affecting certifications.
2. Derrick also informed the membership about the up-coming Legislative Day scheduled for Wednesday June 15, 2016 in Raleigh. A letter from NCSFA President Kevin Gordon went out to every fire chief in the state soliciting participation. This is a great opportunity to meet with our local delegation and talk about issues within the fire service that require legislative assistance.
3. Captain Dan Mafia with the Fayetteville Professional Firefighters Association addressed the membership to inform everyone about their on-going county-wide fund drive, as well as inform the chiefs of projects that are supported by the association. He requested that anyone having any questions or issues to please call him.
4. At the request of President Johnson, Derrick provided general information concerning the recent Pine Hill North Carolina Firefighter Fatality.

5. President Johnson talked about the Cancer in the Fire Service Hand-out and stressed that this is a culture change and the change starts with us Fire Chiefs. It is our duty to insure that our firefighters practice cancer prevention and all departments should adopt recommendations listed in the hand-out.
6. President Johnson asked Emergency Services Director Randy Beeman to please set up a meeting to discuss AVL issues in the near future.

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

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Battalion Chief Michael, FFD – Chairperson, E-Mail:

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE EMS Chief Brian Pearce – EMS - Chairperson, E-Mail:

bpearce@capefearvalley.com

- No report.

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

kmurphy1903@gmail.com

Chief Murphy advised the membership that feedback for the Active Shooter response policy was due last Friday. A final joint committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 1, 2016 at 1000 hours at Stoney Point FD Station 13 to finalize the policy.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson, E-Mail:

pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- No report.

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

- No Report

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson, E-Mail: cf402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

BULK PURCHASE COMMITTEE Deputy Director Timmy Mitchell (Emergency Services), Chairperson, E-Mail: tmitchell@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TIME COMMITTEE - Chief Hill (WCFD/FFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: mhill@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services) Chairperson, E-Mail: wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No Report

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson, E-Mail: tmclamb@spring-lake.org

- No Report

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Randy Beeman, Director), E-Mail: rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No Report

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

- No report.

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

- No Report

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

- No report.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Assistant Chief Dale Spiller, Chairman, E-Mail: dspiller@ci.fay.nc.us

- No Report

FTCC Ernest Ward, Director, E-Mail: warde@faytechcc.edu

- No Report

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler or Representative.

- Not Present

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Captain Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Field Operations. E-Mail: fjohnson@ncshp.org

- No report.

CIVIL AIR PATROL William Ryan, Member

- No report.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- Not Present

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe

- Commissioner Keefe briefly talked about the 9-1-1 consolidation between the COF and Cumberland County that is currently in the news.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson followed up on the e-mail he sent out over the weekend on behalf of Fire Chief Joe Marsh concerning the death of Firefighter Edward E. Draughon an active firefighter with the Grays Creek Station 24 who suddenly passed away. His wake was originally scheduled for this evening Monday, May 23, 2016 at Roger's and Breece but has been changed to tomorrow night Tuesday from 5 to 7 with his memorial service immediately following the wake. He also asked the membership to continue to keep the entire Station 24 family in our thoughts and prayers as they now mourn the loss of two members in as many months.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Chuck Hodges, seconded by Chief Steve Lopez. The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson

Freddy L. Johnson Sr., CFO
Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

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Fire Chief / Secretary

2 Enclosures

1. Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association – Attendance Roster May 2016
2. Fort Bragg Fire & Emergency Services – Firefighter's Ball Flyer



**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
ROLL CALL VOTE
2016**



MEMBERS PRESENT (19)					18	19												
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (11)					08	10												
CC Fire Chiefs		25-JAN-16	22-FEB-16	28-MAR-16	25-APR-16	23-MAY-16	27-JUN-16	25-JUL-16	22-AUG-16	26-SEP-16	24-OCT-16	28-NOV-16	19-DEC-16					
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION																		
Chief's Only Meeting																		
MEMBERS		MEETING DATES																
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27				P	P												
02	BETHANY STA 12				P	P												
03	COTTON STA 4				P	P												
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5				P	P												
05	EASTOVER STA 1				P	P												
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC				A	P												
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT				P	P												
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT				P	P												
09	GODWIN – FALCON STA 17				P	P												
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18				P	P												
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24				P	P												
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21				P	P												
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3				P	P												
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22				P	P												
15	STEDMAN STA 23				P	P												
16	STONEY POINT STA 13 & 19				P	P												
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8				P	P												
18	WADE STA 16				P	P												
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25				P	P												
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS																		
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES				P	P												
02	CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS				A	P												
03	CIVIL AIR PATROL				P	P												
04	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS				P	P												
05	DA'S OFFICE				A	A												
06	FORESTRY				P	P												
07	FTCC				P	P												
08	HAZMAT				P	P												
09	HIGHWAY PATROL				A	P												
10	RETIRED FIRE CHIEF'S				P	P												
11	SHERIFF'S OFFICE				P	A												

Special Notes:

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

Fort Bragg Fire & Emergency Services



Courage. Dedication. Honor. Professionals

Firefighter's Ball

Saturday, October 1, 2016

5:30 pm - Until

Iron Mike Conference Center
2658 Reilly Rd. Fort Bragg, NC 28310

RSVP by: 15 June 2016

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED PRIOR TO EVENT

Tickets are \$30.00 per person when purchased by July 1st!

Dress: Cocktail Dress/Evening Casual

*Cash Bar *Dinner *Award Ceremony *Dancing *Live DJ

*Cocktail Hour 5:30 – 6:30

To purchase tickets please contact:

Mrs. DeAnna Ortiz @ 910-396-8121

Mr. Alan Baker @ 910-916-8240

FF Benazzi @ 910-394-2464

Lt. Durham @ 910-432-5850

**Tickets increase to \$45 after 1 July

*Cash or money orders ONLY

