



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the January 23, 2017 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by Fayetteville Technical Community College and we thank Stephen Drew for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Tatum provided the closing prayer for this meeting.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 9 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: Hope Mills – (Excused)

Associate Members: None

Approval of Minutes: The December meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Mark Rasdall with NCDOL conducted a continuing education class on OSHA requirements within the NC Fire Service.

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: Hard copy report in each packet.

Meeting Point of Interests:

***Next Chief's Meeting** will be Monday February 27, 2017. The meeting will be hosted by Westarea FD and the meeting will be held at Station 15 on Ramsey St.*

- Fayetteville FD has the air truck responsibilities during the month of February 2017.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
 - Legal and Health sheets
 - Check from VFIS for damage from Hurricane Matthew to DECON trailer #1
 - CCFCA information sheets on meeting locations, air truck duties and committee assignments

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson stated the Freedom App is in and being prepared for service along with the necessary and required file servers. County IT is working the project. President Johnson has asked all departments to look at the type of mounts needed for their respective apparatus so that all of the mounts can be ordered at one time. President Johnson will contact county IT, whereas we had previously identified five (5) counties to beta test the Freedom App prior to full roll-out. He will also work on coordinating Freedom App train the trainer classes for the membership.
2. President Johnson stated that the Honor Guard team is making progress. He will have the Commander or a representative report during our Chief's only meeting.
3. Gene Booth will be scheduling a date and time for the Hurricane Matthew AAR.
4. President Johnson advised that VFIS did reimburse the association for the damaged DECON trailer equipment. Equipment for this has been ordered. A copy of the check was in your distribution package.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson informed the members that Kenny Currie's our former Emergency Services director's wife Ramona passed away and he asked the members to keep Kenny as well as Chief Harris whose wife is currently hospitalized in our thoughts and prayers.
2. President Johnson asked all of the departments to send in pictures of our retired or deceased Fire Chiefs that were past members of the association so that we can update our web page and include these dedicated and former members. Several pictures have already been received and posted.
3. President Johnson reported that Mike Causey was the new DOI Commissioner and that no one had been appointed as of yet to lead the Office of State Fire Marshal.
4. President Johnson reported that the North Carolina NFPA 1433 Fire Investigator Technician (FIT) has been certified and accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualification – Pro Board. FIT will be the minimum standard and a road map to CFI.
5. President Johnson briefly discussed the upcoming budget process. Cumberland County Finance did not provide the normal valuations per district, citing the re-evaluation delay due to Hurricane Matthew. A February 28, 2017 suspense date has been set, but in order to prepare a tentative budget he informed chiefs to consider their normal annual growth, and allow for the re-evaluation process. Some current properties evaluations are high and will be adjusted during this year's evaluations while others will be brought up to current values. Look at a 5 to 10% increase. According to the letter from finance, once the valuations are in they will provide us with a final tax value.

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 BC Martin – Chairpersons, FF Angie Locklear
E-Mail: MMartin@ci.fay.nc.us, or alocklear@ci.fay.nc.us

- 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 requested a vote on the apparatus numbering system. The change to the numbering system will allow a station to use the SQUAD designation for a certified light duty rescue apparatus. The motion passed. A new updated Numbering SOG will be posted. The new Squad designation for light rescue certified units will go into effect starting February 1, 2017. Those departments that carry the light rescue certification should forward a copy of the NC Association of Rescue to the Secretary for filing.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,
E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- Treasurer Johnson reported that Breece Memorial was given a deposit to begin the refurbishment on our plaque at the Memorial Site.

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: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD),
Chairperson, E-Mail:

- 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

- Fire Chief McLamb reminded the membership about the annual NFIRS reporting to the state. All 2016 NFIRS are due by March 31, 2016 in order to be posted on the annual report. Chiefs should run “Incomplete Reports Query” to ensure all reports are complete. Furthermore he announced that departments should sign up with United States Fire Administration (USFA) to submit directly to USFA and he would be gladly assist any department needing assistance to accomplish this NFIRS submission project. NFIRS information directly send to USFA is provided back to the state OSFM automatically. Chiefs should also consider submitting NFIRS on a monthly basis, whereas USFA requires a log in every 30 days in order to maintain the account.

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

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

- Steve Drew updated the association members on upcoming programs at FTCC. There was also some discussion on the lack of participation at the recent daytime academy.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Sgt. Hodges announced that Ennis Wright was the new Sheriff and Lt. Jenkins had been promoted to the position of Chief Deputy.

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

- No report.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner John Keefe

- No report

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chief Melvin advised the members that former Fort Bragg Firefighter Steven Stewart passed away. Services will be held on January 28, 2017 at Reeves Funeral Home in Hope Mills.
- Chief Lucas discussed issues related to I AM RESPONDING. President Johnson will follow up on the concerns.
- Chief Nobles introduced Brian Cashwell as the new Assistant Chief of the Stedman Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Nobles seconded by Assistant Chief Sean Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Mark A. Melvin
Mark A. Melvin, CFO
Fire Chief / Secretary

1 Enclosure

1. Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association – Attendance Roster 2017
2. Copy of roll call vote for squad designation

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Roll Call Vote Document

Motion STANDARDS COMMITTEE REQUESTED A VOTE ON THE USE OF THE "SQUAD DESIGNATION". TO USE THIS DESIGNATION, THE UNIT MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE "LIGHT DUTY" CERTIFIED BY NC ASSOCIATION OF RESCUE AND EMS

DEPARTMENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	OTHER
Beaver Dam #26	✓			
Bethany #12	✓			
Cotton #4	✓			
Cumberland Road #5	✓			
Eastover #1	✓			
EMS	✓			
Fayetteville FD	✓			
Fort Bragg FD			✓	
Godwin-Falcon #17	✓			
Grays Creek #18	✓			
Grays Creek #24	✓			
Hope Mills #21				ABSENT
Pearce's Mill #3	✓			
Spring Lake #22	✓			
Stedman #23	✓			
Stoney Point #13 & 19	✓			
Vander #2 & 8	✓			
Wade #16	✓			
Westarea #15, 20, 25		✓		

Date 1-23-17 Motion Carried ✓ Motion Denied _____