



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the April 27, 2020 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted through a teleconference format due to the COVID -19 issues.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:30 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Tatum conducted a closing prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** No pledge of allegiance was conducted.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 19 departments and 6 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: None

Associate Members: **County Managers Office, Retired Fire Chiefs, and Sheriff's Office**

Approval of Minutes: The March 23, 2020 minutes were approved as presented

Guests: None

Special Guests: None

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Meeting Points of Interests:

*Next Chiefs' Meeting will be hosted by the **Pearce's Mill Fire Department** on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7 pm. The **Chief's 101** upgrade class is to be conducted during this meeting. Refreshments will be available.*

- Stoney Point 1981 will assume air truck rotation during the month of May 2020 followed by Fayetteville FD Air 100 in June 2020.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ No packets distributed due to the teleconference.

1. President Johnson stated that the KN95 and Surgical Masks ordered should be coming in. Supplier stated that it will take anywhere between 14 and 21 days for delivery. Today is fourteen days.
2. President Johnson thanked EMS Chief Pierce for their efforts to minimize our FF's exposure during medical calls. It certainly has made a major difference.
3. Once we return to our normal schedule we will continue where we left off with Hope Mills FD scheduled for our next dinner meeting tentatively scheduled for June 22nd at 7 pm. This will be moved up another month if meeting restrictions still apply during June.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson stated that he was asked about retirement ID Cards. He will present some rules on this at a future meeting. Chief Melvin is a proponent of this due to the Federal Government not issuing a FD retiree ID card.
2. The Valor awards program is still on for the June 23, 2020 program at the Manna Church. If you have not submitted a deserving member of your organization please consider a Merit Award an if you have someone that qualifies for a lifesaving or valor award please do so, whereas the submission deadline is Thursday April 30th.
3. Treasurer Johnson gave an update on the storage building that will be constructed at SPFD 19 to house association assets. Permits are being finalized and the concrete pad is scheduled to be poured this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson discussed the paycheck protection plan for 501-C organizations (If you are not a 501-C and a 504-C get with Neil and see what the procedure is to update and correct the status). Right now payroll sustainment may not be a problem, however when COVID-19 is over and many of our property owners that may have lost their job and income, resulting in a loss of tax revenue to our agencies in future budgets. It is then that this SBA funding in the form of a grant will benefit our agencies.
2. President Johnson advised that May 4 & 5 is International Firefighters Day. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation asks all of us to join in celebrating firefighters by lighting your home in RED – SHINE YOUR LIGHTS FOR FIREFIGHTERS – by changing your porch lights or exterior lights to show gratitude for firefighters world-wide who are on the front line like us every day.
3. President Johnson reminded everyone about the weekly Emergency Service Conference calls. These calls are for our benefit and situational awareness and if you can't personally make it assign someone to call in and participate on your behalf to answer roll call and take notes. He realizes we are busy but the pandemic is on-going and our Emergency Services do want to keep us abreast. Also please remember that all needed resources are requested through your Web-EOC account directly to county Web-EOC.

4. As a reminder our budgets were due to County Finance last Friday. If you need an extension please call Kelly Autry at Finance and coordinate a new turn in date.
5. President Johnson is looking at a County wide grant for COVID 19 PPE through the AFG program. He is willing to write the grant for the Association.
6. President Johnson had Steve Drew give a brief update of the new Fire Training Center. The Memorial Court will be moved to this site and we hope to have more information at a later meeting.

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 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

- 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: cfd402@nc.rr.com

- No Report

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

- No Report

SMOKE ALARMS / KNOX BOX COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther (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](mailto: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* provided information on the Fire Grant. The Committee members will meet on 4-28-20 to score the grants received.
- *Emergency Management Director Hendrix* – No report.
- *FM Lowder* – No report
- *Adam Johnson* – Gave a quick reminder on the modified response policy during COVID-19

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

- Chief Pearce briefed that the Hospital is in good standings as far as capacity and PPE sources.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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 Marshall Faircloth

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson advised that retired Fire Chief Mike Middleton is not well. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Commander Oloane is in contact with the Middleton family.
- President Johnson advised that he hoped to have a DOT representative at our next open meeting to discuss several issues.

President Johnson stated it's important to stay on course and stay steady. We have been blessed with

- minimal exposures and not overwhelmed by COVID-19 and maintained services. This can change quickly by reducing our standards and COVID-19 protocols.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy and seconded by Chief Gary Brock. The meeting was adjourned at 2000 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

Enclosures – 1.

1 – April 2020 Roll Call

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

Special Notes:

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

Enclosure # 1 – CCFCA Minutes 04/27/2020