

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of February 22, 2010 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was hosted by the Stedman Fire Department. We thank Chief Bullard and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Cassanova provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 21 departments and 11 associate members present.

Members Absent: Cumberland Road, Pope

Associate Members Absent: FTCC

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were approved as presented.

Guests:
Billy West, Candidate for the District Attorney's Office
Margaret Dixon, Re-Election to the NC Senate
Sheriff Butler, Re-Election to the Sheriff's Office
Diane Wheatley, Candidate for Cumberland County Board Commissioners
Ed Melvin, Re-Election to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

Vendors Present: None.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Point of interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be held March 22, 2010 at the Grays Creek Fire Department, Station 24. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

- President Johnson updated the members on some valve repairs needed on the foam trailers. There is also a surplus of the old foam that was removed from the trailers. Anyone wishing to have this foam for training or for woods fire purposes should contact President Johnson.
- Please begin filling out the ID card information sheets. You will be receiving a call to schedule your department's ID card session. Appointments for Beaver Dam, Godwin Falcon, and others have already been coordinated and scheduled.
- NFIRS's the following departments have not submitted their 2009 NFIRS's to the DOI/OSFM. Reports are due no later than March 31, 2010.
 1. Cumberland Road

2. Eastover
3. Fayetteville
4. Grays Creek #24
5. Stoney Point
6. Vander

If you have issues on how to submit your reports, please contact President Johnson.

- President Johnson is planning to schedule a joint meeting with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each Committee to discuss expectations for the coming year.
- President Johnson is planning on having a professional development program on our agenda which will cover topics related to current issues and trends in today's fire service. We will record these meetings for training and members can use the training towards their annual officer training requirements.
- Hoke County is behind on the Ethanol Plant opening. They are still planning on holding an open house for Fire & Emergency Services Departments only. President Johnson asked Chief Nichols to please ensure that the HazMat Team would attend.
- President Johnson has made the members aware that our 800 radios will need to be updated to comply with P-25 standards within the next 18 to 24 months. The PSTF made recommendations to the county on ways to secure funding to accomplish this task.
- President Johnson handed out packets which contained; 2010 Committee Assignments, CCFD call volume report, Fayetteville Observer article on ambulance response, EOC monthly report, minutes from the Communications Committee and the CC Public Safety Task Force Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson presented an appreciation plaque to Fire Chief Patty Strahan on behalf of the Association. Westarea Station 10 closed its doors on December 31, 2009 and Chief Strahan had served as Fire Chief since 2003. The Association wished Chief Strahan well in her future endeavors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Johnson had members CC Public Safety Task Force Report on hand to discuss any issues the membership may have regarding the report and the presentation of the report to County Administration. Items that were brought up and discussed were as follows:

Chief Nichols provided a quick overview of the task force mission and responsibilities. He also answered questions and provided explanations to various questions posed from the members. Several questions and concerns were raised about the Ambulance System with EMS Chief Mike Roye answering those questions. President Johnson answered questions concerning the sales tax issues with emphasis on substantial property tax reductions for all property owners across the board. Senator Dixon concurred with the problem but cautioned members about the process of passing such legislation considering the current North Carolina fiscal condition. President Johnson stated that the PSTF emphasized to the BOC the importance of assisting our low wealth fire departments and offered several recommendations on the process.

Commissioner Melvin will keep us informed and will push for an answer.

Deputy Chief Pone stated that more questions may arise in the future since many fire departments boards of directors have not met since the report was published.

President Johnson stated that he would ask the PSTF members to attend next month's meeting at Grays Creek #24 and they would be glad to address additional questions or concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Whitman (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- **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 tara@stonepointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- Chief J.F. Hall will have his committee review a listing of videos for use with the new Fire Safety House.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- Chief Bullard gave an update on the communications template for use with the Viper system.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE Chief K. Hall (Cumberland Road) Chairperson

- No report.

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

- No report.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Ake (Beaver Dam) Chairperson

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report

BULK PURCHASE COMMITTEE Chief Roye (EMS) Chairperson

- Chief Roye stated that he thinks he has figured out the problem with the GPO Premiere Bulk Purchase Program and would contact each department.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Currie, Director

- No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: Michael Roye, Director

- Chief Roye gave an update on the Premiere System and the new contracts that would be forthcoming. Chief Roye introduced Deputy Chief Hamilton to the organization.

HAZMAT BC Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Andrew Synder, County Ranger

- Mr. Synder is looking forward to working with this organization as he gets settled in to his new position.

FTCC Ernest Ward, Director

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Sgt Hodges thanked the membership for their support to the Arson Division. He also briefed that the Task Force has received two pickup trucks that will help facilitate their work in the field.
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HIGHWAY PATROL

- No report.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Cassanova

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Bullard presented a computer based Firefighter Response System that is used to track personnel that are responding or that might be available for a call. The system uses any phone system to log your status so that station personnel will know who is enrooted to the station for a call. Anyone requesting more information on this system should contact Chief Bullard.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Bullard, seconded by Chief Moore. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2030 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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