



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the October 24, 2022 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' meeting was hosted by the Cotton Fire Department at the Paradise Acres Catering Facility. The association thanks Chief Harris and his staff for their hospitality and AEST for the dinner sponsorship.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Association Chaplain Kenny Tatum provided the opening.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was conducted by President Johnson.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: Fort Bragg, Hope Mills, Spring Lake, EMS

Associate Members: County Managers Office, FPD, NC Forestry

Approval of Minutes: The September 26, 2022, minutes were approved as presented by the Secretary.

Guests:

- Senator Deviere gave us his update on State projects.
- Dianne Wheatley requested support for NC House.
- Robbie Hicks requested support for Superior Court Judge.
- Larue Windham requested support for CC Sheriff.

Vendors Present: AEST –

Treasurer's Report: No report – (Chiefs Only Meeting – February, May, August & November Annually)

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2022, at 7 pm at the new Fayetteville Technical Community College Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center at the intersection of Tom Starling Road and Corporation Drive.

- *Stoney Point Air-19 has air supply rotation service during the month of November 2022 followed by Fayetteville FD Air-1 during the month of December 2022.*

Items of Interest Handouts

- FTCC Training Opportunities
- Foam Trailer # 2 – Refurbishing Progress Pictures
- CCSO Arson / Fire Investigation Statistics year to date.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson advised that due to uncontrollable 800 MHz radio code plug issues we will not be able to switch over as planned on November 1, 2022. We will however switch effective January 1, 2023. In the interim please check all your talk groups to ensure they all receive and transmit. This quality check is extremely important, so please have this done as soon as possible so if we have radios that do not transmit or receive on any of the new code plug talk groups, we have time to correct the issues prior to January 1, 2023. He also stated that all the old radios, with the exception of the old radios that have been requested to stay in service, will be de-activated by North Carolina Viper. These radios will not be turned back on after de-activation.
2. President Johnson advised that the State Capital Infra-Structure Fund (SCIF) Committee is accepting recommendations for up-coming projects and called on Committee Chairman Fire Chief Keith Matthews. Chief Matthews advised to send recommendations to him or any of the committee members for consideration. The projects committee will make recommendations for project approval during the February 2023 meeting. This provides sufficient time, to study and research recommended projects.
3. President Johnson updated the membership on the American Recovery Act Non-Profit 501-(C3) applications. He stated that we should be able to re-apply and that Fire Commissioner Keefe will update the group during the Commissioners Report later in the meeting.
4. President Johnson stated that our Memorial Service back on October 8, 2022, was well attended and that both Mrs. Kathy Middleton and Mike's brother were pleased with the dedication plaque and service. President Johnson thanked all those that attended, and again thanked the committee members and all the departments that contributed to the service.
5. President Johnson stated that lodging and registration for the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs Mid-Winter-Conference in Concord during the period Tuesday January 31, through Saturday February 4th have been made for the following Chiefs. Fire Chief Jason Autry (Bethany) Fire Chief Scott Bass (Westarea) and Fire Chief Steve Parrish (Cumberland Road). Lodging and registration to attend the Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) have also been made for the following Chiefs. (1) Vander VFD Chief Bradshaw and (2) Beaver Dam VFD Chief Brock. Airline travel arrangements will be coordinated next month.
6. President Johnson reminded the chiefs that the Arnold J. Koonce Legacy Awards are open, and award submissions/nominations are required to be made through the newly established Chiefs portal. Submissions will be accepted until November 30, 2022. If you have not set up your chief's portal, please do so immediately by going to the CCFCAnc.com web page and the Chiefs portal information can be found on the top right-hand side of the web page in white letters.
7. The Valor awards were another great success, and he thanked all those that participated. President Johnson also stated we need to do a better job of taking care of our members and that every department should at least have a merit award for this annual recognition.
8. President Johnson reminded the Chiefs that it was important to set up the special study information pull down tab in Emergency Reporting to track OPIOID related calls. In order to set this up you must be an administrator. Please use the information and instruction memorandum

distributed last month to accomplish this task. Our Fire Commissioner, Senator deViere as well as the health department will need accurate statistics on opioid related calls moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson provided an update on the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicle Fire Officer License Tag. The tag has been approved and NCDMV is working on the project and will contact everyone that ordered a tag to reconfirm the information. This should occur within a reasonable time.
2. President Johnson announced that we have enough tickets for two (2) golf teams to play at the FTCC Foundations Golf Tournament on Wednesday October 26, starting at 0900 hours at the Gates Four Country Club. Fire Chief Scott Bass accepted the invitation and entered one team.
3. President Johnson announced that he received a call from Fire Chief Jason Williams, Spring Lake Fire Chief concerning Foam Trailer # 3. Chief Williams advised President Johnson that the prime mover utilized to move the associations Foam Trailer has been put out of service and will not be replaced under the current town's financial situation. He therefore requested that the trailer be moved. President Johnson stated that Fire Chief Justin Nobles, Stedman Fire Department will accept the trailer and house it within their facilities and respond the trailer as needed. The trailer is currently at Stoney Point Station 19 for refurbishing and repairs as well as re-stocking. A picture of on-going repairs of the foam trailer were placed in each chiefs meeting packet. It will take several more weeks to complete the trailer before it will be sent to Stedman.
4. President Johnson also stated that Foam Unit # 2, currently housed by the City of Fayetteville Fire Department is also due for a make-over. Our foam trailers were purchased in 1995 and are now 27 years old, with really no major repairs, other than routine maintenance. Once Foam Unit # 3 is completed we will also do a complete do-over with Foam Trailer # 2. During the process we are changing out all our lighting systems on the trailers to low wattage LED lighting that can be supported by any Engine Company or Service Truck with generators.
5. President Johnson stated that at the end of October we will take our Fire Safety House out of service as well, and make much needed repairs to the safety house. This will take some time, whereas crews will work on the safety house as time permits over the next 4 to 6 months. The association received the safety house in 2009 through an AFG grant. The manual awning is dry rotted and ripped, the exterior wrap is peeling off and we will also convert all our lighting to low wattage LED lighting. The interior is still in excellent condition, but we will update some of the outdated technology packages on the 22-year-old safety trailer.
6. President Johnson announced that our NFPA Subscription service is up for renewal. Renewal costs are \$4,500.00 which provides our association ten (10) simultaneous log-ins. The NFPA subscription is a vital subscription for our association and all our partner agencies. He has talked with Kelly Rasdall who works for NFPA, and she informed Chief Johnson they have another program that provides the same services for less money. He will follow up with her before renewing our annual subscription.
7. Fire Chief Scott Bass addressed law enforcement response associated with overdose calls when fire units are requesting immediate law enforcement assistance. The association adopted a "Signal 1" code for use during emergencies. Chief Scott also recommended that if the Sheriff's

Office is not immediately available, or there is a delay in response due to distance to contact other law enforcement agencies to assist. Dispatchers should also pay attention to back-ground noises associated with violence on the incident scene. Captain Morgan with the Sheriff's Office stated that the CCSO will always respond, either as soon as a deputy becomes available or come from across the county, but they will respond.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD 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.

LIFE SAFETY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Kevin Lowther (Fire Marshal)

E-Mail: klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us

- FM Lowther advised that they received 400 smoke alarms and 30 CO Alarms.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE D/C Tracy Smith (Pearce's Mill FD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: pmfd0302@nc.rr.com

- DC Smith advised that they were updating the Boat numbering SOG to clearly identify swift water boats from still water rescue boats.

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

E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- Covered during old business with nothing further from Chief Marley or Chief Richtmeyer.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson

E-Mail kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Provided training hand-outs in each stations' packet.

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: clhodges@townofhopemills.com

- Chief Hodges advised of an upcoming meeting on October 6th.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Division Chief Brandon Hanzal (Stoney Point) Chairperson, E-Mail: bhanzal@stoneypointfire.com

- No report.

HOSTILE RESPONSE / ACTIVE SHOOTER – Assistant Chief Kevin Morgan (FFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: kevinmorgan@fayettevillenc.gov

- No report.

RECRUITMENT / RETENTION COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: jnobles@stedmanfire.com

- ***Committee In-Active***

SCIF PROJECT COMMITTEE - Fire Chief Keith Matthews (GFFD # 17) Chairperson. E-Mail: gffd1701@nc.rr.com

- Briefly addressed the membership to solicit joint project ideas that will benefit the entire association.

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

- ***Committee In-Active***

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson E-Mail: tjackson@cumberlandcountync.gov

- No report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director), E-Mail: wbooth@cumberlandcountync.gov

- **Emergency Services Director Gene Booth**
 - Announced the Open-House and Ribbon Cutting for the new Emergency Services Building at 500 Executive Drive is scheduled for 2 PM, Wednesday October 26, 2022, and everyone is invited.

- **Emergency Management Coordinator Garry Crumpler –**
 - Announced that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has openings and is looking for volunteers to serve on the LEPC. Please contact Garry if interested.
- **Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther**
 - Make-up Fire Safety Day is scheduled for Saturday November 5, 2022, at the Gander Mountain parking lot from 1 PM until 4 PM.
- **9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson**
 - No report.

EMS DIRECTOR: David Grovdahl, EMS Chief E-Mail: dgrovdahl@capefearvalley.com

- No report.

HAZMAT: AC David Richtmeyer - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-229-6938, E-Mail: davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov

- No Report

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

- No report.

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

- Director Drew called on Training Coordinator Calvin Bishop who advised that they are in the process of completing a draft FTCC training and certification schedule hopefully by December.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Wright ewright@ccsonc.org (Sr. Sgt. Tara Whitman) Email - twhitman@ccsonc.org

- Captain Morgan advised that if anything was needed to please let them know.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Colonel Freddy Johnson Jr. Commander NCSHP.

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org or First Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center

E-Mail sean.johnson@ncshp.org

- 1SG Jamie Hinson Troop “B-1” Fayetteville attended the meeting and was introduced by President Johnson. 1SG Hinson will start attending our monthly meeting as much as possible. Colonel Johnson said to call the 1SG first on all local SHP related matters or questions.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe updated the membership on the American Recovery Act Non-Profit 501-(C3) applications. He stated that the ARP Committee made adopted changes to the program, whereas there will be a future opportunity for all departments to apply with a \$50,000.00 grant limit.
- Reminded the membership that both Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson and County Manager Amy Cannon are scheduled to retire on June 30, 2022.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Fire Chief Logan Herndon announced that Grays Creek Fire Department # 18 is having their annual fall safety day at Station 18 on Saturday October 29, 2022, from 5 pm until 7 pm and everyone is invited.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Scott Bass and seconded by Chief Scott Mackenzie. The meeting was adjourned at 2010 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 – October 24, 2022, attendance roster

Enclosure # 1 – Attendance Roster

MEMBERS PRESENT 19		16	19	14	17	17	16	19	9	17	16		
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)		07	09	07	09	05	07	8	7	7	7		
Total Number in attendance		NA	65	51	59	42	62	59	45	60	52		
CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting		24-JAN-22- Zoom	28-FEB-22- PMFD	28-MAR-22- FFD	25- APR-22- Eastover	23 MAY-22-PMFD-Snacks	27-JUN-22- Fort Bragg	25-JUL-22- Vander	22-AUG-22-PMFD Dinner	26-SEP-22 - Cotton	24-OCT-22- CRFD	28-NOV-22- PMFD-Zoom	19-DEC-22 - SHERIFF
MEMBERS		MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	A	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	A	P		
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	E	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	P	P	P		
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A		
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	E	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P		
09	GODWIN – FALCON STA 17	P	P	E	P	P	A	P	P	P	P		
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	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	A	P	P	P	P	A		
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	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
18	WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	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	P	P		
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P		
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	A		
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		
05	FORESTRY	P	P	E	P	A	P	P	P	P	A		
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	A	P	P		
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	P		

Special Notes:

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