



# Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the August 22, 2022, Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs' only meeting was hosted by the Pearce's Mill Fire Department. The association thanks Chief Marley and his staff for their hospitality.

- 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 19 departments and 7 associate members present.

### **Members Absent:**

- Fire/EMS Departments: None
- Associate Members: FPD, Retired Chiefs, and Sheriff's Office

**Approval of Minutes:** The July 2022 minutes were approved as presented by the Secretary.

**Guests:** Senator Deviere gave us his support for State projects.  
Ron Ross, candidate for County Commissioner requesting our support

**Vendors Present:** Brandon Chestnut, Fire Connections

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial handouts are in the packets, current balance \$1,403,174.90

### **Meeting Points of Interests:**

*Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2022, at 7 pm. The Pearce's Mill FD will host the meeting at Paradise Acres located at 1965 John McMillian Rd in Grays Creek.*

- *Fayetteville Air 1 has air supply rotation service during the month of September 2022 followed by Fort Bragg FD during the month of October 2022.*

### **Items of Interest Handouts**

- FTCC Training Opportunities
- FTCC Training Center ceremony
- Safety Day form
- Memorial Service flyer
- Financial statements
- SCIF Committee assignments

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson advised that the radios and accessories had been distributed to all agencies. Please be sure to check your inventory and ensure all items are operational. Please contact Chief Johnson if they are not. With association agencies still in the process of programming and implementation of our new code plug configuration, as well as the reprogramming of our current but older radios to the new code plug, the plan to switch over to HIGH CAPPS on October 1, 2022. In the interim we will continue to operate on Low Capps for county related calls and switch to High Capps for calls with the COF and out of county calls.
2. President Johnson advised that the State Capital Infra-Structure Fund (SCIF) Committee appointments are **Chief Keith Matthews – Chair, Chief L. Herndon Vice-Chair, Battalion Chief T. Warren, Chief R. Bradshaw, Deputy Chief H. Harris, and Chief S. Bass**. The committee with instructions will be charged with making recommendations to the association on funding projects over the next four (4) fiscal years, consisting of approximately \$125,000.00 annually, with \$50,000.00 held in reserve annually for green foam contingency should funding from the state fall through.
3. Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe updated the membership on the American Recovery Act Non-Profit 501-(C3) applications. Only a hand full of departments applied but he advised they are currently looking at alternatives to our critical funding requests.
4. President Johnson advised that Chief Murphy received a couple of positive recommendations on the Tender Task Force Concept. Please call or email him with any final recommendation, whereas this operational SOG will have a final vote during our September 2022 meeting.
5. President Johnson announced that we have two (2) administrative SOG's that will go into effect on September 1, 2022. Our PEER Support Group SOG and the G-5 Defibrillator PAD replacement SOG. Deputy Chief Ricky Kennedy will be our PEER Support Coordinator, while Assistant Chief Kevin Morgan will be Defibrillator replacement coordinator. Both policies will be posted on our website prior to their effective date.
6. President Johnson announced that the Sheriff will assist with fingerprinting requirements. President Johnson is preparing a generic memo that will be sent to each department for use by the applicant to hand carry to the Sheriff's Office requesting fingerprinting for the required background checks. The Sheriff's Office has agreed to conduct our required fingerprinting between 2 and 4 pm Monday thru Friday excluding holidays. The respective Fire Chief of each district will sign this memo.
7. President Johnson advised that the FTCC training center dedication is scheduled for September 19, 2022, at 2pm. An official invitation is in each agencies packet. Please RSVP to Wanda Dial at 910-678-8203. President Johnson urged all chiefs to put this most important date on their calendars and attend this historic Cumberland County Fire and Rescue Service event.
8. President Johnson stated that our Memorial Service will be held October 8, 2022, at 1100 hours at the new memorial plaza located at the new FTCC training center. This is something that each of us needs to support. The men and woman on our memorial wall were all members of our departments. We owe it to them and their families to honor them for their ultimate sacrifice, and

we do that during our annual memorial service. The new memorial will be dedicated in honor of Fire Chief Mike Middleton.

9. President Johnson held a drawing for several Chiefs to attend the 2023 NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference in Concord NC in late January 2023 and the FDIC conference in Indianapolis in April 2023. This is done early to provide a Chief Officer sufficient time to plan to attend. The CCFCA will take care of all the registration, lodging and travel arrangements.

The following personnel will attend the MWC in Concord NC: *Chief Bass (Westarea)*, *Chief Parrish (Cumberland Road)*, and *Chief Autry (Bethany)* The following personnel will attend FDIC in Indianapolis: *Chief Bradshaw (Vander)* and *Chief Brock (Beaver Dam)*. We will hold this lottery once a year until all departments had the opportunity to have their name drawn. President Johnson will take care of all the administrative requirements for both venues.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. On October 1, 2022, we will open the Arnold J. Koonce Legacy Award program on our website. The Chosen Officer and Firefighter will be recognized at the Christmas meeting in December. Nominations will be open thru November 21, 2022
2. The 2023 CC Fire District grant will go to full automation using the CCFCA web page/portal. Each Chief will receive a log in and password for submitting the application process.
3. The NC Fire and Rescue Commission meeting scheduled for October 11, 2022, at 10 am is tentatively scheduled to be held here in Fayetteville at the new training center. Please make plans to attend.
4. President Johnson thanked all of those that participated in Chief Jackie Lee's funeral services.
5. The Valor awards will be held at the Manna Church on October 18, 2022, at 7:30 am with a breakfast meal. Thanks to all the Chiefs that nominated personnel for these awards. Each Chief from all stations will receive one ticket to attend. Once the awardees are selected more information about tickets and the purchasing of more tickets can be made by the respective stations or personnel.
6. AC Sean Johnson provided an overview on the functions of the new radios, and stated that we can do additional tweaks in the future.
7. Amy Cannon, CC County Manager is retiring December 1, 2022. We will try to have her at our October or November meeting to thank her for her service.
8. Tracy Jackson, Assistant CC County Manager is also leaving in January 2023.
9. FTCC Dr. Keen is retiring January 1, 2023. There is a farewell scheduled for him and several Chiefs will be attending to present him with parting gifts from our association in November.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:klowther@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- FM Lowther advised that they had applied for the Round Up Smoke alarm grant again this year.

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

E-Mail: [pmfd0302@nc.rr.com](mailto:pmfd0302@nc.rr.com)

- The **operational** Water Tender SOG will be voted on during our October 2022 meeting. The two (2) **administrative** SOG's Peer Support and G-5 Defibrillator SOGs will become effective 1 September 2022.

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

E-Mail: [pmfd0301@nc.rr.com](mailto:pmfd0301@nc.rr.com)

- Chief Marley advised everyone that this years' service will also include the dedication of the new memorial to Former Chief Mike Middleton who advocated for the first memorial that we currently have. Same is scheduled for October 8, 2022, at 11am

### **TRAINING COMMITTEE** Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson

E-Mail [kmurphy1903@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:spfd1302@nc.rr.com)

- See financial reports and print out in packet. Our FY 21-22 Financial Records have been taken to Haigh, Byrd, and Lambert PLLC for our required annual audit.

### **RESCUE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,

E-Mail: [cfd402@nc.rr.com](mailto:cfd402@nc.rr.com)

- No Report

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

**RECRUITMENT / RETENTION 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](mailto:rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE** – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson E-Mail: [tjackson@cumberlandcountync.gov](mailto:tjackson@cumberlandcountync.gov)

- No report.

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

- **Emergency Services Director Gene Booth**
  - Director Booth discussed grant purchase orders and hopes to have everything finalized very soon.
- **Emergency Management Coordinator Garry Crumpler** –
  - Director Crumpler advised everyone that a drill in Beaver Dam is forthcoming.
- **Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther**
  - Safety Day is October 1, 2022, at the Gander Mountain parking lot. An informational letter from Assistant Fire Chief McLamb concerning the safety day is in everyone's packet.

- **9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson**

- Mr. Johnson asked that you please notify him if you have a dispatch issue so that it can be evaluated and corrected as needed.

**EMS DIRECTOR:** David Grovdahl, EMS Chief E-Mail: [dgrovdahl@capefearvalley.com](mailto:dgrovdahl@capefearvalley.com)

- No report.

**HAZMAT:** AC David Richtmeyer - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-229-6938,  
E-Mail: [davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov](mailto:davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov)

- No report

**NC FORESTRY:** Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: [craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov](mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov)

- No report.

**FTCC** Steve Drew, E-Mail: [drews@faytechcc.edu](mailto:drews@faytechcc.edu)

- Mr. Drew reiterated the dedication ceremony discussed in new business.

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

- No report

**FAYETTEVILLE POLICE** – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email [ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us) (

- No report.

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

E-Mail: [Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org](mailto:Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org) or First Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center

E-Mail [sean.johnson@ncshp.org](mailto:sean.johnson@ncshp.org)

- Colonel Johnson reminded everyone that school is starting back soon and to please use caution in and around school zones and bus traffic.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Keefe is still working with the County Managers office on the ARP money needed for the fire departments.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Provided updates on both Grays Creek Fire Department Station 18 Deputy Chief Phillip Riddle. He is doing well and was in attendance.
- Chief Bradshaw handed out flyers for the Archie Cox golf tournament coming up on October 21,2022 at 9 am, at the Kings Grant Golf and Country Club.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Bass and seconded by Chief Parrish. The meeting was adjourned at 2100 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 – August 22, 2022, attendance roster



**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**  
**MONTHLY - ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE**  
**2022**



		MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	16	19	14	17	18	16	19	19				
		ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)	07	09	07	09	05	6	8	7				
		Total Number in attendance	NA	65	51	59	42	62	59	45				
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	26-SEP-22 - PMFD	24-OCT-22- Cotton	23-NOV-22- PMFD	19-DEC-22 - SHERIFF
		MEMBERS	MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	A	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P				
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P				
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	E	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P				
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P				
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P				
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P				
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P				
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P				
18	WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P				
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	A	P	P	P	E	E	A	P	P				
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	P	P	E	A	P	P	P				
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A				
05	FORESTRY	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P				
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	A	P	A	P	P	A	P	A	A				
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	A	A				

Special Notes:

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