



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Monthly Meeting



The monthly Chiefs' meeting was hosted by the Grays Creek Fire Department #24. Dinner was served. We thank Chief Marsh and his staff for their hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Tatum provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent:

- Fire/EMS Departments: **Hope Mills**
- Associate Members: **FPD, FTCC and Highway Patrol.**

Approval of Minutes: The May 24, 2021 minutes will be approved at the August 23, 2021 meeting. A hard copy of the May 24th minutes was provided to all members.

Guests: Amy Cannon, County Manager discussed issues related to this year's budget and thanked the members for their service to our county. Senator Kirk Deviere provided a legislative update and discussed issues with the upcoming State budget.

Vendors Present: Andreas Hutchinson, Primerica, discussed financial planning.

Treasurer's Report: Balance will be provided at Chiefs' Quarterly meeting in August.

Meeting Points of Interests:

*Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for **Beaver Dam Fire Department # 26** on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7 pm. Dinner will be served. The meeting is open to all members.*

- **Fayetteville Air 1** has air truck rotation during the month of July 2021 followed by **Grays Creek 2461** in August 2021.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ **Assorted handouts in your packets:**
 - Recommended CCFCA funding for Fiscal Year 2022
 - Final Communication SOG 2009-003 Revision
 - Training notes
 - ER/ESO CEO email
 - Fire safety day email
 - Fire Safety Day letter – Chief Mclamb

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson provided a quick update on the new Cumberland County Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center progress. The final design and architect blueprints and drawings have been approved with all permits in hand. FTCC is dealing with an associated shortage of building materials and price increases. Senator Kirk Deviere has submitted in the current FY 21-22 budget a Senate Bill with bipartisan support asking for \$20 million dollars, to deal with the price increases and to be able to build the center out completely, versus building out by phases as funds become available.
2. President Johnson reminded the membership that during our last meeting the members requested that we correct our code plugs and change our current Talk Around Channel (TAC) channel to the voted on Operational (OPS) channel. TAC does not represent a Tactical Channel rather TAC stands for a simplex Talk around Channel, while OPS is for incident operational use. This required our code plugs to be corrected, as of Monday June 28, 2021, over half of our code plugs have been corrected with the other half being corrected during July. Once completed, our local Motorola Dealer must download the code plugs into our radios prior to the start of our installation process. Spring Lake and Westarea Fire Departments will be first on the schedule followed by the departments east of the Cape Fear River.
3. President Johnson gave an update on the conversion to ER and the merger with ESO. Our platform will not be compromised with the merger. The ER platform will be the Fire and Rescue Platform for ESO with the current ER CEO overseeing the program.
4. President Johnson received an email from Director Booth stating that the budget had been approved and to re-convene the grant review committee so the final decisions on which projects to fund can be approved. Because our portable radio purchase requires a financing plan, he asked County Manager Amy Cannon for a meeting to discuss funding sources along with suitable finance plans acceptable to both the association and Cumberland County Government. Once complete we will reconvene the 2021 grant review committee for any final project approvals.
5. President Johnson, along with Director Booth and 9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson met with Sheriff Wright and his Patrol Command Staff to discuss issues with response to a FD's request for assistance, stemming from a recent call involving a cache of weapons during a Motor Vehicle Accident where the Vander Fire District Incident Commander was informed that the Sheriff's Department would not respond. The Sheriff directed a call of apology to Chief Bradshaw for this situation and assured that they would be responding to assist us as requested.
6. Commissioner Keefe, Deputy Chief Hank Harris and Assistant Chief TJ McLamb gave an update on the Fire Safety Day. There are a lot of activities planned for that day. Please visit the Safety Day website to sign up for activities, sponsorship, and further information. The next Fire Safety Day meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 14, 2021, at FTCC everyone is welcome to attend. Commissioner Keefe requested that each department enter at least one Fire Match (Competition) Activity. We need full support from everyone for this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson stated that Mrs. Kelly Autry requested him to remind all the Chiefs’ that have not turned in their CARES ACT receipts and proof of payment due on or before close of business June 30th. Several departments have submitted their invoices but not proof of payment. He also asked members to subtract any applicable sales tax.
2. President Johnson stated that it was time again for everyone to submit your SPECTRUM invoice for reimbursement by the end of the month July. CCFCA will reimburse each district for one (1) basic internet connection. Along with the invoice please attach one SPECTRUM invoice to verify service. Reimbursement Checks will be distributed during the August 23, 2021, meeting at Beaver Dam.

3. President Johnson and Commissioner Keefe presented appreciation a plaque and certificate to Deputy Chief Bill Autry for 50



years of volunteer public service to the Bethany Fire District and Cumberland County. Deputy Chief Autry retired last year, but due to COVID 19 his presentation was delayed. Chief Autry was accompanied by his wife and son Fire Chief Jason Autry. President Johnson thanked both



Chief Autry’s wife and son their untiring support of her husband/dad of our fire service. Bill received a standing ovation for his years of dedicated service and accomplishments.

4. President Johnson advised the membership that Honor Guard Commander Retired Battalion Chief Tim Oloane was scheduled to be here and brief the membership about honor guard activities but was unable to attend due to work related requirements. Fire Chief Gary Brock provided a brief overview in his absence. Our Honor Guard continuously provides both public relations and last services and remains completely committed to the cause serving praiseworthy.



5. President Johnson discussed the final changes to the Communications SOG on Call Processing and Dispatching. A motion was made by Chief Brock to accept the SOG as written in the final version. The motion was seconded by Chief Parrish. A roll call vote was taken and was approved by a majority vote.

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

- No report.

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

E-Mail: pmfd0302@nc.rr.com

- No Report.

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

E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- Chief Marley announced that the memorial committee has started their 2021 memorial service meetings. This year's memorial service is scheduled for Saturday October 9, 2021, at 11 am at the FTCC memorial site.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson

E-Mail kmurphy1903@gmail.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

- The final SOG for Call Processing and Dispatch was approved in new business.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Division Chief Brandon Hanzal (Stoney Point)
Chairperson, E-Mail:

- No report.

HOSTILE RESPONSE / ACTIVE SHOOTER – Assistant Chief Kevin Morgan (FFD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: kmorgan@ci.fay.nc.us

- President Johnson asked Standards Committee Chair to work with Chief Morgan to devise a standardized Civil Disorder policy.

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

- Amy Cannon met with Chiefs to discuss this year's budget information.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director),
E-Mail: gbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

ES Director Booth –. Director Booth provided an update on the NARCAN, whereas each department is scheduled to receive five (5) additional dosages that will be obtained through a grant opportunity.

His staff will distribute to each department once they receive the NARCAN.

- The new working fire policy will start August 1, 2021.
- SHP will not issue new ID's for older radios not TDMA compliant.

Emergency Management Director Crumpler – Director Crumpler advised that Laura Smith was brought on as the new EM Planner for Cumberland County. Laura comes to us from 911 Telecommunications.

- LEPC Exercise set for Aug 28th. We appreciate Gray's Creek 18 and 24 as well as RRT for their willingness to support this exercise.
- Keeping an eye on tropical disturbances. The wave in the Atlantic right now is too early to forecast according to the NWS.
- ICS 300 and 400 Classes tentatively scheduled for Aug 30th-Sep 1st and Sept 7th-Sep 8th

- Bringing the TEEEX Disaster Infrastructure Management Series Certificate program to Cumberland County. Tentatively set for Jan 25th – Jan 28th and Feb 1st -Feb 4th, 2022
- **FM Lowther** – No report.
- **Adam Johnson** –No report.

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

- Chief Pearce discussed delayed EMS times and updated the members that new personnel/medic units would be in the streets in the coming weeks.
- Chief Pearce advised that Frank Echevarria would be honored July 23rd.
- Chief Pearce introduced David Grovedahl as the new Chief of EMS and announced that Assistant Chief Bob Hart is the now logistics Chief. (President Johnson welcomed Chief Grovdahl to our association and asked him to please attend our monthly meeting or have a representative present)
- National EMS Memorial Bike Ride is September 19-25, the southern route will stop in Fayetteville at the memorial at FTCC on September 20th afternoon/evening as the riders complete that leg.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550,
E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- Assistant Chief Brinson advised that HM will be assisting in an upcoming drill in Robeson County.

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

- Ranger Gottfried thanked everyone for their assistance during the burning ban.

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

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Wright ewright@ccsonc.org (Sr. Sgt. Steven Hodges) Email - shodges@ccsonc.org

- Captain Morgan was in for Sheriff Wright
- Sgt. Hodges introduced Reid Tyndall as a new Fire Investigator.
- Sgt Hodges presented President Johnson with two (2) historical pictures for the association webpage.

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 – Colonel Freddy Johnson Jr. Commander NCSHP.

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

E-Mail sean.johnson@ncshp.org

- No report.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

1. Chief Marsh gave an overview of a situation involving one of his firefighters and his contact with Fentanyl during an EMS response to an overdose patient. This is a reminder to all of us of the unknown dangers we face daily.
2. Chief Herndon thanked everyone who came out to their open house on Saturday June 5th. He also provided a quick update on Assistant Chief Danny Matthews.
3. Assistant Chief TJ McLamb is trying to get a Life Safety Educator class arranged for the local area. Please contact him if interested
4. President Johnson asked the members to keep Fire Chief Jason Williams (Spring Lake) in our immediate thoughts and prayers for he was involved in an unfortunate MVA and will be out for an extended period. Assistant Chief Richardson in the interim will be available.
5. President Johnson wished the membership and their families a happy and a safe 4th of July holiday, and asked everyone to enjoy their summer vacations and he is looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting in August at Beaver Dam.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Brock and seconded by Chief Bradshaw -The meeting was adjourned at 2110 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 – 2.

- 1 – June 28, 2021 attendance roster
- 2 – June 28, 2021 Roll call vote – Communication SOG

	MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	19	16	19	18	17	18						
	ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)	08	05	08	07	06	07						
	Number of total personnel in attendance	NA	30	53	74	30	52						
	CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting	25-JAN-21- PMFD-Zoom	22-FEB-21-- PMFD-zoom	22-MAR-21-- SUIFD COVID	26- APR-21-- SVFD	24-MAY-21--PMFD-Zoom	28-JUN-21- TBD COVID	26-JUL-21- TBD COVID`	23-AUG-21-PMFD-Zoom	27-SEP-21 -- TBD COVID	25-OCT-21-- TBD COVID	22-NOV-21-- PMFD-Zoom	20-DEC-21 - SHERIFF
	MEMBERS	MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P						
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	A	P						
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P						
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P						
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P						
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	P	P	P	P	P	P						
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P						
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	E	P	P	E	P						
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	E	P	P	P	P						
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P						
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	E	P	P	A	P						
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	P	A						
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P						
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	E	P	P						
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	P						
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P						
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P						
18	WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P	P	P						
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P	P						
	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS												
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P						
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	A	A	P	p	A	P						
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	P	E	P	P						
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	A	P	P	A	A						
05	FORESTRY	P	A	P	P	P	P						
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	A						
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	P	P						
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	A						
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	A	A	P	A	A	P						
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	P	A	P	A	A	P						

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
VOTE ROLL CALL 2021

1. MOTION: A **MOTION** was made by Chief Brock to accept the final SOG 2009-003 for Communications – Call Processing and Dispatching.

After a general discussion, the **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Chief Parrish and **APPROVED** by a roll call vote.

MEMBERS PRESENT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (20)										
DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION										
* Grays Creek FD # 24										
MEMBERS										
BEAVER DAM STA 26 - 27							Yes			
BETHANY STA 12							Yes			
COTTON STA 4							Yes			
CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5							Yes			
EASTOVER STA 1							Yes			
EMS-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES							Yes			
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT							Yes			
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT							Yes			
GODWIN-FALCON STA 18							Yes			
GRAYS CREEK 18							Yes			
GRAYS CREEK 24							Abs			
HOPE MILLS STA 21							A			
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3							Yes			
SPRING LAKE STA 22							Yes			
STEDMAN STA 23							Yes			
STONE POINT STA 13 - 19							Yes			
VANDER STA 2 - 8							Yes			
WADE STA 16							Yes			
WESTAREA STA 15 – 20 - 25							Yes			
EMERGENCY SVC DIRECTOR							Yes			
TOTAL YES VOTES							17			
TOTAL NO VOTES							0			
MOTION CARRIED							Yes			

Special Notes:

CODES: (YES) – Voting in the Affirmative (A)-Absent (N/A)- Vote Does Not Apply to Organization
 (NO) - Voting against

Chief Marsh Grays Creek FD # 24 ABSTAINED from voting citing that he had not read the policy.