



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the September 27, 2021 Monthly Meeting



The monthly Chiefs' meeting was hosted by the Pearce's Mill Fire Department #3. The meeting was conducted with COVID protocols and ZOOM meeting features. Snacks were served. We thank 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:** 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 16 departments and 6 associate members present.

Members Absent:

- Fire/EMS Departments: **Spring Lake, Stedman – Excused , Wade - Excused**
- Associate Members: **County Manager Office, FPD, Retired Fire Chiefs and Sheriffs' Office.**

Approval of Minutes: The July and August reports minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Senator Kirk Deviere provided a legislative update and discussed the upcoming State budget. Dr. Wells gave an update on COVID and Narcan issues in Cumberland County

Vendors Present: Tad Danley on NC AT&T gave an update and informative briefing on First Net.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Points of Interests:

*Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for **Pearce's Mill #3** on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 7 pm. Snacks will be served. The meeting is open to one member from each department with other members participating on ZOOM. This is in the interest of COVID safety .*

- **Stoney Point Air 19** has air truck rotation during the month of October 2021 followed by **FFD Air 1** in November 2021.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ **Assorted handouts in your packets:**
 - First Net Overview
 - Training notes

- NCAFC draft roster for dues
- FTCC Foundation letter
- CCFCA ARP request letter
- Air truck rotation
- FTCC agreement

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, with FTCC Training Coordinator Steve Drew announcing that walls at the center have been erected and progress is being made.
2. President Johnson reminded the membership that radio installation is on-going with both Spring Lake and Westarea Fire Districts completed. The east side will be completed before moving to the west side in accordance with established installation schedule. An official complaint was registered today due to installations not being completed in a timely manner. The company advised that other out of county large jobs and COVID issues were the reasons for the delay.
3. President Johnson gave a brief update on foam trailer 1. The foam on this unit was used at the tanker event on Highway 87. An invoice has been sent to Chief Marsh the Incident Commander and the department having jurisdiction to invoice the shipper for replacement cost. The replacement foam will be the new environmentally safe AR-Green Foam. President Johnson also asked all the Chiefs to submit as soon as possible the total amount of foam on hand so he could forward that information to Senator Deviere who is working on a possible solution.
4. President Johnson advised that everyone should have received their authorization invoice for the Fire Protection District Grants and moved forward with requisition of requested grant items.
5. President Johnson reminded everyone about the Valor awards program coming up on October 19, 2021, at the Manna Church on Cliffdale Road starting at 0730 hours is still a go. Please provide him a number of additional tickets needed for Chief Officers to attend the Class "A" breakfast event ASAP.
6. President Johnson discussed the CCFCA letter to the Commissioners for the ARP funding. The Commissioners did approve a 1 year supply of NARCAN but did not address the other requested items. Commissioner Keefe did advise that there are many rules associated with this money especially as it pertains to losses of revenue, and that all the money has not been spent. President Johnson will continue to pursue the funding requested by the CCFCA.
7. President Johnson reminded everyone of the Memorial Service scheduled for October 9, 2021 at 1100 hours at the FTCC site. President Johnson has requested one truck and available personnel to please attend this short 30-minute ceremony. He also requested that those departments with LOD names on the memorial to ensure that the family is aware of the upcoming service. Senator Deviere will be our guest speaker for the service.
8. President Johnson advised that he was working with the webmaster for the applications for the Arnold J. Koonce award scheduled to be given in December to one firefighter and one fire officer. Applications will be available soon on the website. An appointed committee will review the applications for this award.

9. The CCFCA secretary did purchase a new laptop computer for CCFCA business spending \$1,104.00 out of the allotted \$1,500.00 authorized.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson asked everyone to please review the draft NCAFC dues roster so that we could update our 2021 – 2022 memberships accordingly.
2. President Johnson announced that he would be renewing the NFPA subscription service this week. The annual subscription service dues are \$4,500.00 and the service provides us with access for up to 10 users at the same time.

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 reported 1402 smoke alarms had been procured for distribution. He is looking at working with FDs to determine hot spots in your areas where smoke alarm canvassing and installations will make the most difference.

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,

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- Chief Marley announced this year's memorial service is scheduled for Saturday October 9, 2021, at 11 am at the FTCC memorial site. Senator Kirk Deviere is our scheduled guest speaker. Honor guard Commander O'Loane gave a report on the activities of the Honor Guard.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson

E-Mail kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Assistant Chief Murphy discussed some training classes being held conducted and provided county-wide and a regional training schedule.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

ES Director Booth – Director Booth advised that a grant for a drone was received from CSX. A WEBEOC exercise is scheduled for the 28th of September and personnel are encouraged to participate.

He also advised that a FAA-107 Drone class and some ICS coursed are scheduled in the upcoming months.

Emergency Management Director Crumpler – No report

- **FM Lowther** – No further report.
- **Adam Johnson** –No report.

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

- Chief Grovdahl discussed the upcoming revised protocol meetings and the EMS System plan that will need review.

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

- AC Brinson discussed the job well done at the Tanker and Confined space events that occurred this past month.

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

- No report.

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

- Steve Drew advised that FTCC had received accreditation from OSFM for delivery agency status. A Chief 101 class is scheduled for September 28, 2021, at the Hope Mills Community Center. Class will begin at 6 pm.

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

- 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 – Colonel Freddy Johnson Jr. Commander NCSHP.

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E-Mail sean.johnson@ncshp.org

- Colonel Johnson advised that distracted driving is causing a severe spikes in accidents throughout the State and to please use caution on the roadways.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Keefe discussed the NARCAN purchase with the ARP money and discussed the possible uses of the money moving forward.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

1. President Johnson announced that if we know of a member who is hospitalized, injured, or has a death in the family to please reach out to a member of the executive committee with the details.
2. The Stoney Point Trail of Terror starts Friday October 8, 2021.
3. Stedman FD is having a BBQ sale on Saturday October 9, 2021
4. Bethany FD is having their BBQ sale on Saturday October 23, 2021
5. Chief Marsh advised that during their overturned tanker incident on highway 87 that at 5:00 pm the Deputies handling traffic duties left the scene without notifying the Incident Commander causing traffic to come right up to the accident scene.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Marley and seconded by Chief Murphy. The meeting was adjourned at 2050 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 – September 27, 2021 attendance roster

	MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	19	16	19	18	17	18	00	17	16			
	ASSOCIATES PRESENT (10)	08	05	08	07	06	07	00	7	6			
	Number of total personnel in attendance	NA	30	53	74	30	52	00	28	31			
	CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting	25-JAN-21 - PMFD-Zoom	22-FEB-21 - PMFD-zoom	22-MAR-21 - SLFD COVID	26- APR-21 - SVFD	24-MAY-21 - PMFD-Zoom	28-JUN-21 - GCDFD 24	26-JUL-21 - Cancelled	23-AUG-21 - PMFD -Zoom	27-SEP-21 - PMFD - Zoon	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	N/A	P	P			
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	A	P	N/A	P	P			
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	E	P	P	E	P	N/A	P	P			
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	E	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	P	E	P	P	A	P	N/A	P	P			
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	P	A	N/A	A	P			
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	E	P	P	N/A	P	A			
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	A	E			
16	STONEY POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
18	WADE STA 16	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	E			
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
		ASSOCIATE MEMBERS											
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	A	A	P	p	A	P	N/A	A	P			
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	P	E	P	P	N/A	P	A			
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	A	P	P	A	A	N/A	P	A			
05	FORESTRY	P	A	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P			
06	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	A	N/A	P	P			
07	HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	A	P			
08	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	A	N/A	P	P			
09	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	A	A	P	A	A	P	N/A	A	A			
10	SHERIFFS OFFICE	P	A	P	A	A	P	N/A	P	A			

N/A - Due to the 2020 COVID closures the July 2021 meeting was canceled to allow for the opportunity for Chief Officers to take time for family vacations missed in 2020.