



# Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the August 23, 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:** Chief Brock provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 7 associate members present.

### **Members Absent:**

- Fire/EMS Departments: **Hope Mills, Stedman**
- Associate Members: **County Commissioner, HazMat and Retired Fire Chiefs.**

**Approval of Minutes:** The May and June minutes were approved as presented.

**Guests:** Shari Fiveash, President of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the Valor Awards. Senator Kirk Deviere provided a legislative update and discussed issues with the upcoming State budget. Dr. Green gave an update on COVID and Narcan issues in Cumberland County. Derrick Langdon, FFD, presented information for the Captain Archie Cox Golf Tournament to be held October 8, 2021, at Kings Grant Country Club.

**Vendors Present:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Johnson reported \$323,240.52 in the CCFCA account.

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

*Next Chiefs' Meeting is scheduled for **Pearce's mill #3** on Monday, September 27, 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.*

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

### **Items of Interest Handouts**

- ✓ Assorted handouts in your packets:

- Revised recommended CCFCA funding for Fiscal Year 2022
- Training notes
- American rescue plan
- Memorial Ceremony handout

## **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.



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.
3. President Johnson said no major issues had been brought to his attention on the new ER database program, instead several Chiefs provided positive feedback with the new ER RMS. He reminded the membership that we will be setting up a members only You-Tube channel to post how to videos from the 4 days in person ER class conducted back in May 2021 at FTCC.
4. President Johnson gave a brief update along with Director Booth on the grant program. President Johnson stated that after two (2) years the grant program requires some minor tweaking that will be addressed prior to the next round of Cumberland County Fire Service District Grants in 2022.
5. President Johnson advised that in the best interest of public safety the Fall Safety Day scheduled for Saturday October 2, 2021, at FTCC has been cancelled due to the current and on-going COVID issues.
6. 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 ago. Additional information should be available at our September 27, 2021, association meeting. In the meantime, please put the Valor Awards Program in your calendar.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson asked everyone to please submit their SPECTRUM bills so reimbursements could be made for everyone at the same time.
2. President Johnson and Mr. Jackson gave out information on the American Rescue and Recovery Plan (ARP) and how money can be requested for various losses.

3. President Johnson had all Chiefs to sign the updated automatic aid and re-accreditation agreement memos. The agreements will be posted on our website once completed.
4. President Johnson advised the membership that EM Officer Laura Smith has provided a training feedback form which will be utilized for training and planning purposes. Please complete this form and return to Laura as soon as possible.
5. President Johnson informed the members that part of our short-term strategic goal during this fiscal year is to enhance technology in terms of adding 1 new IPAD per fire station to be added to our fleet of frontline apparatus. The additional I-PAD will further assist by reducing over the air radio transmissions for other than the primary units. Please send him an email with your tablet information and what truck you would like the new IPAD assigned too. He will follow-up with a phone call to each Chief to acquire approval of the purchase and expedite the project prior to our next scheduled meeting on September 27, 2021, at PMFD at 7 PM.
6. President Johnson advised that he hopes to present the Arnold J. Koonce Award policy to the members next month. The goal of the “Arnold J. Koonce award is solicit nominations of outstanding Fire Officers and Firefighters from association partner agencies. An appointed awards committee will be charged to annually selected a Fire Officer and Firefighter from the pool of submitted nomination. Those selected by the awards committee will be recognized with the “Arnold J. Koonce” award plaque for their public safety toil during our annual Christmas meeting in December. This will be an annual occurrence supported and coordinated by the CCFCA henceforth.
7. President Johnson informed the member that our association secretary informed him that the laptop we issued to our secretary back in 2011 needs to be replaced and updated. He requested that the Association buy a new computer for the Secretary. A motion was made by Chief Bass and seconded by assistant Chief Murphy to allow up to \$1500 dollars for the purchase of a computer and applicable software for our secretary. The motion was unanimously approved. President Johnson instructed Secretary Melvin to purchase a replacement laptop with the appropriate software and submit the bill/invoice for reimbursement to the association treasurer.
8. President Johnson advised the membership about the upcoming LEPC / HAZMAT exercise at Hexion Chemicals 1411 Industrial Drive Fayetteville, NC 28301. Emergency Services will be utilizing COMS-1 for the duration of the exercise on Saturday August 28, 2021.
9. President Johnson briefly discussed the current and on-going COVID Delta Variant issues and asked all Chiefs to institute COVID Safety protocols to ensure we can maintain 24/7 staffing.

### **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)

- No Report.

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

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

- No report.

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

E-Mail: [pmfd0301@nc.rr.com](mailto: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. This event has not been canceled with a decision on the type of service to be held being made during the September 23, 2021, Memorial Committee meeting scheduled for 0930 hours here at Pearce's Mill Fire Department. Chief Marley also announced that two (2) new Line of Duty names will be added to the memorial wall during our ceremony this year. Senator Kirk Deviere is our scheduled guest speaker. He also advised that we needed some assistance with the program.

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

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

- Deputy Chief / Treasurer F. Johnson Jr. advised that we revised a revised Fiscal Year 2021-22 CCFCA Budget which increased our budget by several hundreds of dollars. He also provided the current fund balance and stated that our Fiscal Year 2020-2021 financial records will be forwarded to Haigh-Byrd and Lambert PLLC for our annual financial 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:

- No report.

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

- 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@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- Mr. Jackson discussed the American Rescue plan along with President Johnson.

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

**ES Director Booth** – Director Booth provided an update on the NARCAN, and the C-4 pamphlets .

His staff is working on a grant for 5000 smoke detectors.

**Emergency Management Director Crumpler** – No report

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

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto: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 gave an update on COVID cases at CFVH.
- September 20, 2021 is scheduled to be a protocols review session. All personnel are invited to participate.

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

- No report.

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

- Ranger Gottfried announced that William Stone will begin September 1, 2021 as a new smoke chaser.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

**FAYETTEVILLE POLICE** – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email [ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us)  
(Captain Jay Devane) [jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:jdevane@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 Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center  
E-Mail [sean.johnson@ncshp.org](mailto:sean.johnson@ncshp.org)

- Colonel Johnson advised that school is open and we all must be diligent in and around our school zones.

### **CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

- No report.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

1. President Johnson announced that Derrick Cloustons father had passed away and asked for prayers for the family.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Brock and seconded by Chief Bradshaw -  
The meeting was adjourned at 2020 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 – August 23, 2021 attendance roster
- 2 – August 23, 2021 roll call vote – computer purchase for secretary

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

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.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**  
**VOTE ROLL CALL 2021**

1. **MOTION:** A **MOTION** was made by Chief Bass to purchase a computer and programs for the CCFCA Secretary up to \$1500.00

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

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (20)</b>											18
<b>DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION</b>  * Grays Creek FD # 24											August 23, 2021
<b>MEMBERS</b>											
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											YES
HOPE MILLS STA 21											A
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3											YES
SPRING LAKE STA 22											YES
STEDMAN STA 23											A
STONEY POINT STA 13 - 19											YES
VANDER STA 2 - 8											YES
WADE STA 16											YES
WESTAREA STA 15 - 20 - 25											YES
EMERGENCY SVC DIRECTOR											YES
<b>TOTAL YES VOTES</b>											18
<b>TOTAL NO VOTES</b>											0
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>											YES

**Special Notes:**

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