



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the 23rd of September 2024, Monthly Meeting



The general membership Chiefs' meeting was hosted by Fort Liberty Fire and Emergency Services at the Smith Lake Recreation Center. The association thanks Chief Scott McGuire and his crew for their great hospitality and offering of the accommodations for tonight's meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer: Association Chaplain Assistant Chief Brock provided the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 16 departments and 5 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: EMS Emergency Medical Services, Hope Mills Sta. 21, and Spring Lake Sta. 22

Associate Members: Fire Commissioner, Sherriffs Office

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June/July/August were approved as presented by the Secretary.

Guests: Garrison Commander Col Mixon shared opening remarks
CSM Seymour shared a heartfelt thanks to the community's first responders
Senator Tom McInnis
Representative Diane Wheatley
Semone Pemberton- Running for NC Senate District 19
Kirk Deviere-Running for County Commissioner

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: A detailed association financial report was provided along with a hard copy fund balance, and a detailed profit and loss report for the fiscal year to date.

Meeting Points of Interests:

- ***Next Chiefs' Meeting** is scheduled for October 28th, 2024, hosted by Chief L. Herndon and Grays Creek #24. The meeting will be held at the Paradise Acres Family Restaurant, 1965 John McMillan Rd, Hope Mills.*
- *Fort Liberty Air-1 has Air rotation responsibilities for the month of October followed by Stoney Point Air-19 in November.*

Items of Interest Handouts

1. Jan – Aug 2024 Incident Response Stats
2. Truist daily account Balance Sheet 09/23/2024
3. FTCC & Regional Training Opportunities
4. 2024 October 12, 2024, Memorial Service FTCC Training Center 11 AM
5. 3rd Announcement Responder Incident Training RIT Event Flyer
6. 2024 Valor Awards Booklet
7. FTCC Training Scan Sheet
8. Training Material -Tactics & Strategy: Taxpayers
9. Hoke County Puppy Creek FD – Run for Cure 5 K Cancer event – 26 October
10. Final Invoice for Fire Safety House restoration
11. Bethany BBQ Fund Raiser Flyer
12. Westarea Fire Department – Part-Time Hiring Flyer

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson discussed the foam replacement process for the three county foam trailers. OSFM has been designated to spearhead the replacement project with state funds going to OSFM. Chief Chris Davis with OSFM recently verified foam on hand for accurate replacement. The state will disperse our foam but does not have the funding to replace it. Procurement will have to be secured with the SCIF fund. The team is still waiting for information on the newest Green Foam. Chief Davis will not provide funding to pick up old foam.
2. President Johnson discussed AED update. All new AED's have been issued. Crews are currently in the process of making the old AED's whole as 50% had bad batteries. They can be delivered to Cumberland County next month.
3. President Johnson addressed the membership on our First Due RMS Implementation Update and is up and running and is moving forward. If you have any issues, please reach out to Chief Hanzal at Sta 13.
4. President Johnson shared an update on the 2024 Valor Awards which were scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th, 2024. The event was highly attended and may require a new location for 2025. The Crown Coliseum may be the location for next year's event.
5. President Johnson provided an update on the progress made with the association's 2009 Surrey Fire Safety House, which was returned last week. The driver forgets the flash drive that runs all the new technology software. He will mail it when he gets back to Ohio. There is also still some minor restoration work to the framing and carpet cleaning that will be managed at 19. The house should be ready for use during next month's Fire Safety Day. Additionally, in your packet is a picture of equipment that was removed from the trailer that is free for the taking for any department that has a need. Please contact President Johnson ASAP if you are interested, otherwise it will be discarded next week.
6. President Johnson updated everyone on our progress with the Office of the State Budget Management (OSBM) Direct Budget Grant award for \$100,000. This grant was initially written

for the purchase of SMART PADS associated with our old G-5 Power hawk AEDs. Since we have replaced the Power Hawk AEDs we no longer need SMART PADS. To change the purpose of the Direct Grant, a “Technical Correction” must be approved prior to any funding – I worked with both Representative Wheatley and Senator McGinnes’s Staff as well as OSBM to affect the required Technical Correction. – Once corrected he will be able to purchase Emergency Medical Equipment and Supplies. This should be done prior to our next meeting in October.

7. President Johnson reminded all the upcoming Responder Incident Training (RIT) Event that will be held on October 22 – 23 at the CXS Railroad. If you have a railroad or will respond to a neighboring department that has railroad please be represented. A flyer was placed in your packet for further review and for planning purposes.
8. President Johnson addressed the issue that Chief Grovedahl spoke about last month addressing the need for an upcoming appointment for representation for the EMS system for the CCFCA. This is a state statute requirement. Board members meet 4 times a year. A second appointment is also vacated in the First Responder Committee. Assistant Chief Robert Godwin has volunteered and will be the County Representative. 2 CCFCA members were also appointed as members on the EMS system, Assistant Chief Maffia and Godwin. President Johnson asked Assistant Chief Godwin to work with Assistant Chief Maffia to ensure that we have consistent representation at all scheduled meetings.
9. 2025 Approved Professional Training Conferences

FDIC, April 7 through 12, 2025 Indianapolis, Indiana. – Registration opens Monday October 7, 2025, at noon. (*Fly out Tuesday April 8, return Saturday April 12 – RDU*)

Low Tier Godwin-Falcon – *Declined (Counts as their turn)*

Mid-Tier Eastover FD – Chief McKenzie

High Tier Stoney Point FD – Chief Johnson Sr.

NCAFC-MWC-2025 North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs – Mid-Winter-Conference (MWC) Wednesday January 29 through Saturday February 1st, 2025

Low Tier Wade Community FD – Chief D. Hill

Mid-Tier Cumberland Road FD – Chief S. Parrish

High Tier Pearce’s Mill FD – Chief T. Smith

10. Special thanks to those that participated in the 2024 Memorial Stair climb & walk at Segra Stadium on SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson spoke on the recent bill that was received from First NET. He outlined that unlimited KB does not necessarily mean unlimited data. The bill was increased by \$1000 per month from \$2500-\$3500. This is unacceptable. Crews need to modify the settings on iPad to use internet when available and only use cellular data when WIFI is not available.

2. County Manager Grier was supposed to be here tonight to address our chiefs but experienced a family emergency and had to cancel this afternoon. – President Johnson stated that Cumberland County Emergency Services announced that fire protection services in the former Manchester Fire Protection district have transitioned from the Spring Lake Fire Department to the Westarea Fire Department effective September 19, 2024. (See News Release in your packets)
3. President Johnson spoke on highway crash scene public safety fatalities. In the last 4 weeks 5 first responders have been killed nationwide. Let’s do our part to minimize incidents and follow TIMs protocol to ensure the safety of our people.

OFFICIAL ASSOCIATION / FIRE STATION ID CARDS (Coordinated through Station 13 at 910-424-0694 Ms. Johnson or Ms. Garris)

- Nothing was shared with the group.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE Fire Chief Scott Bass (Westarea FD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: wfd2501@nc.rr.com

- Nothing was shared with the group.

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Steve Parrish, Cumberland Road FD, Chairperson, E-Mail: crfd501@nc.rr.com

- Nothing shared for the group.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy (Stoney Point) Chairperson
E-Mail kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Quarterly Maintenance Evolutions will start in Jan 2025.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: hankharris@cottonfirerescue.org

- Nothing for the group.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Fire Chief Ronnie Marley (Pierces Mill FD) Chairperson,
E-Mail: ronniemarley0301@gmail.com **or** Deputy Fire Chief David Richtmeyer (*Memorial Service Co-coordinator*)
E-Mail: davidrichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov

- Memorial Flyer in your packet for the Saturday October 12, 2024, service starting at 11 AM here at our Memorial Site – This is an important event – If your department has a member that is listed on the memorial please reach out to the family and be represented – Every department should have representation for this once a year and very important solemn occasion – 25 to 30 minutes max. Flyer in You Packet for review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief, Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson,
E-Mail: spfd1302@nc.rr.com

- Nothing for the group.

FIRE LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Fire Marshal Kevin Lowther Chairperson,
Email klowther@cumberlandcountync.gov

- The South River EMC Grant for \$9,030.00 was received today.



- Fire Safety Day has been set for Oct 5th. Flyer in your packet.

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

- The committee will meet Tuesday October 1, 2024, at noon at the FTCC Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center Conference Room. Please submit a project recommendation directly to Chief Matthews or any Committee member. Except for a sole source project, all other project recommendations must have three (3) bids to be considered.

LEPC UPDATE Fire Chief Logan Herndon (Grays Creek # 18 & Fayetteville FD) Representative

- Nothing new for the group

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

CUMBERLAND COUNTY MANAGERS' OFFICE (Clarence Grier, County Manager)

- Not in attendance.

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

Emergency Services

- Fire Protection agreement needs to get back quicker
- Fire Protection Grant Received

- There is a meeting on the 30th of Sept to discuss the Voice Dispatching.

Emergency Management: Gary Crumpler

- Thank you to all that supported the Full-Scale exercise.
- LEPC Bylaws were just approved.
- If you have a need for an emergency Management Class, please let us know as soon as possible.

9-1-1 Supervisor Adam Johnson

- EMD updates are coming soon for the “Fallen Subject” disposition to capture more real-time data to determine response priority.

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

- Nothing for the group.

HAZMAT: DC Richtmeyer, E-Mail: drichtmeyer@fayettevillenc.gov (910) 624-5042

- Construction has begun on the new HAZMAT Unit. Should be done by the end of the year
- CSX Training Fliers are in your packet for review. Great training opportunity.

NC FORESTRY: Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov (910) 483-1535

- Assistance may be needed with the rise in homeless encampments to clear areas before lines can be cut.

FTCC: Vincent Lewis, E-Mail: lewisv@faytechcc.edu – (910) 486-7472

- Training opportunities are in your packet
- Phase II is in full swing on the new project
- Gound-breaking will take place on the 1st of Oct at 11 AM.
- ARFF has been moved to the ATFF during the construction
- QR is included in your packet for the most up to date offer of available classes
- CPS class starts on the 1st of Oct- 4th of Oct.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE Sheriff Wright ewright@ccsonc.org (Sr. Sgt. Tara Whitman) Email - twhitman@ccsonc.org (910) 323-1500 ext. Arson

- President Johnson on behalf of the CCSO Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) reminded the members that an email was sent out by Sr. Sergeant Whitman requesting assistance with membership from the fire service to establish a new County-Wide Arson / Fire Investigation Task Force. Both sworn and non-sworn positions area available. Please share this information with your membership. For additional information please contact Sr. Sergeant Whitman at (910) 323-1500 Ext. Arson.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Kimberlee Braden, Email – kemberlebraden@fayettevillenc.gov

- Not in attendance.

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

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncshp.org or First Sergeant Jamie Hinson B-1 Fayetteville

Mail: james.hinson@ncshp.org, or S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center, E-Mail sean.johnson@ncshp.org

- First Sergeant S. Johnson addressed the alarming criminal trend of school issues which are on the rise. Make sure to have a plan in place and practice that plan.

FIRE COMMISSIONER – Keefe

- Not in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Herndon and seconded by Chief McGuire.

The meeting was adjourned at 2042 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

Freddy L. Johnson Sr., CFO
Fire Chief / President

Joshua Hopkins

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Assistant Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures – 8

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- Cumberland County PIO – New Manchester FD Fire Protection Provider

For the Good of the Organization

- Stoney Point-Annual Trail of Terror kicks off Friday the 4th of Oct and runs every weekend from 8-11 PM
- Bethany’s Semi-Annual BBQ Fund Raiser, Saturday April 5, 2024, starting at 11 AM at the Fire Department. Plates are \$10.00 each.
- Chief Bass announced a Hiring Flyer for immediate part-time staff.

Enclosure # 1 – 2024 Attendance Roster

MEMBERS' PRESENT (19)		19	18	19	17	17	18	17	19	16			
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (07)		4	6	4	6	6	5	6	6	5			
Total Number in attendance		49	38	37	41	46	58	53	47	55			
CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting		22-JAN-24- HMFD # 21	26-FEB-24- FTCC	25-MAR-24- SLFD # 22	22- APR-24- SVFD # 23	20 MAY-24- CCEOC	24-JUN-24- GCFD # 24	22-JUL-24- BDFD # 26	26-AUG-24-FTCC	23-SEP-24 - FFLD - # TBD	28-OCT-24- GCFD # TBD	25-NOV-24- CCEOC	16-DEC-24 - SHERIFF
MEMBERS		MEETING DATES											
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27												
02	BETHANY STA 12												
03	COTTON STA 4												
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5												
05	EASTOVER STA 1												
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC												
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT												
08	FORT LIBERTY FIRE DEPT												
09	GODWIN – FALCON STA 17												
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18												
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24												
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21												
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3												
14	SPRING LAKE STA 11 & 22												
15	STEDMAN STA 23												
16	STONEY POINT STA 13 & 19												
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8												
18	WADE STA 16												
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25												
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS													
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES												
02	FIRE COMMISSIONER												
03	FORESTRY												
04	FTCC												
05	HAZMAT												
06	HIGHWAY PATROL												
07	SHERIFFS OFFICE												

Special Notes:

CODES: - Present - Absent Excused

CCFCA Meeting - September 23, 2024

Fayetteville, NC

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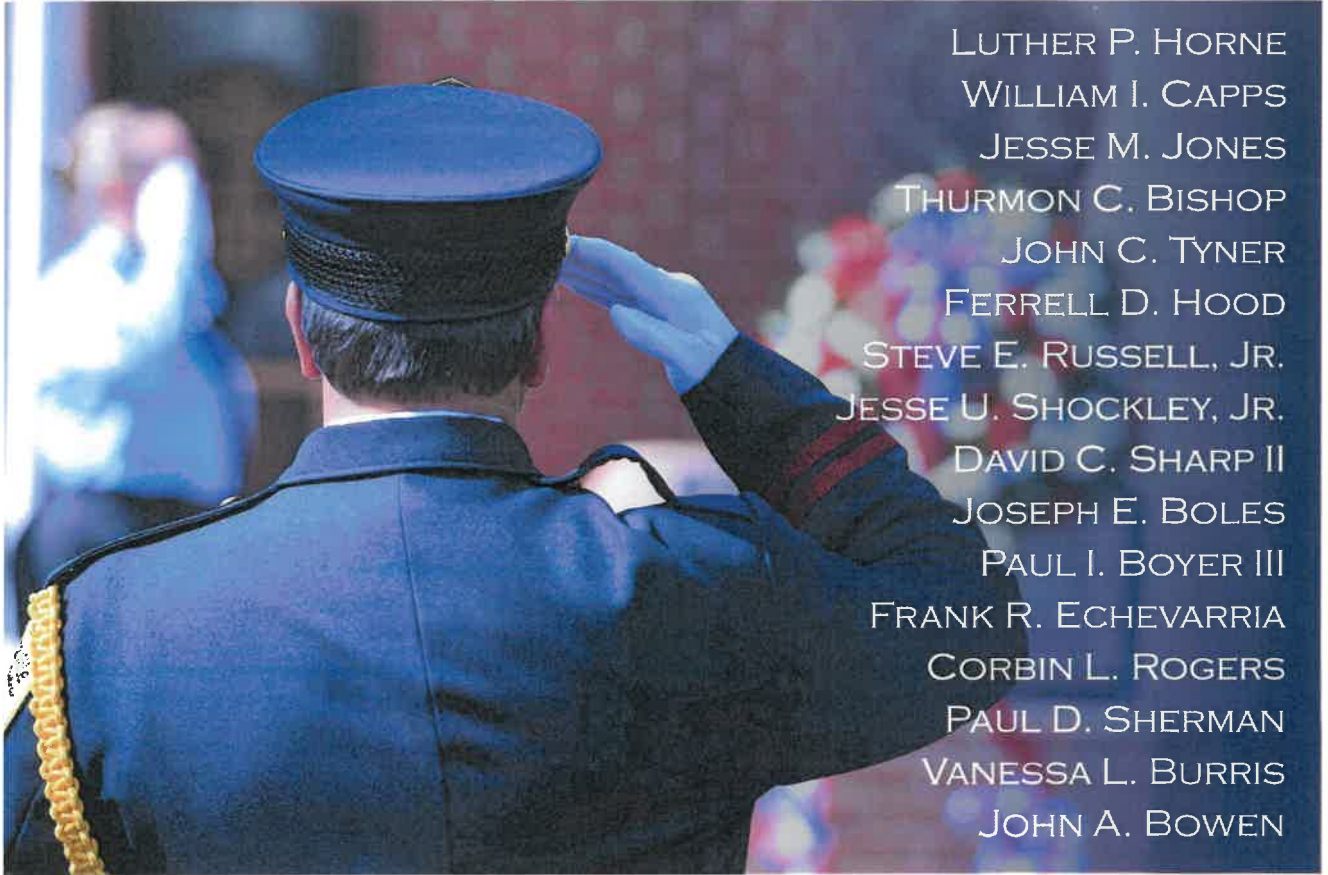
Inter-Agency Incident Count for August 2024

POC: Freddy Johnson Sr., President

FDID - Department Name	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Beaver Dam Volunteer Fire Department (2)	23	10	22	19	21	24	19	27	0	0	0	0	165
Bethany Volunteer Fire Department	56	35	36	30	33	32	32	45	0	0	0	0	299
Cotton Volunteer Fire Department	172	164	192	144	184	179	164	197	0	0	0	0	1396
Cumberland Road Volunteer Fire Department	153	152	150	136	138	166	139	151	0	0	0	0	1185
Eastover Volunteer Fire Department	82	58	71	78	73	63	75	81	0	0	0	0	581
Godwin-Falcon Volunteer Fire Department	38	28	43	38	38	50	31	41	0	0	0	0	307
Grays Creek #18, Volunteer Fire Department	49	35	36	31	38	38	29	30	0	0	0	0	286
Grays Creek #24, Volunteer Fire Department	94	74	81	56	62	92	50	80	0	0	0	0	589
Hope Mills Fire Department	176	163	165	137	153	192	154	163	0	0	0	0	1303
Pearce's Mill Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	151	130	137	114	132	128	134	119	0	0	0	0	1045
Spring Lake Fire Department (2)	132	119	125	152	144	101	119	131	0	0	0	0	1023
Stedman Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	62	41	37	43	31	35	42	52	0	0	0	0	343
Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc. (2)	169	156	176	167	175	188	151	180	0	0	0	0	1362
Vander Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (2)	118	125	123	127	116	111	124	121	0	0	0	0	965
Wade Community Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	49	42	52	55	46	44	38	33	0	0	0	0	359
Westarea Volunteer Fire Department (3)	95	79	78	86	84	83	90	75	0	0	0	0	670
Total	1619	1411	1524	1413	1468	1526	1391	1526	0	0	0	0	11878
Fayetteville (17)	2459	2153	2356	2382	2478	1983	2024	2519	0	0	0	0	18354
Combined Totals	4078	3564	3880	3795	3946	3509	3415	4045	0	0	0	0	30232

Only REVIEWED incidents included.

Also known as Incidents by FDID Cross-tab.



LUTHER P. HORNE
WILLIAM I. CAPPS
JESSE M. JONES
THURMON C. BISHOP
JOHN C. TYNER
FERRELL D. HOOD
STEVE E. RUSSELL, JR.
JESSE U. SHOCKLEY, JR.
DAVID C. SHARP II
JOSEPH E. BOLES
PAUL I. BOYER III
FRANK R. ECHEVARRIA
CORBIN L. ROGERS
PAUL D. SHERMAN
VANESSA L. BURRIS
JOHN A. BOWEN

24TH ANNUAL CUMBERLAND COUNTY **EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL**

All are invited to attend this annual memorial service to honor
Firefighters and EMS workers who have sacrificed their lives serving
the citizens of Cumberland County and Fort Liberty.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 AT 11 A.M.

**Fayetteville Technical Community College-Cumberland County
Regional Fire & Rescue Training Center
775 Tom Starling Road, Fayetteville NC 28306**



If you would like to purchase a brick or have one placed in
the memorial walkway, please visit www.BravetheFire.com
and click on the Honor Guard tab.



Questions?

David Richtmeyer @DavidRichtmeyer@FayettevilleNC.gov or 910-624-5042



FTCC
FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Fire, Rescue & Swift Water Training Complex
775 Tom Starling Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306
910.486.7470 / frtf@faytechcc.edu

SCAN BELOW FOR UPCOMING CLASSES

FIRE/RESCUE COURSES



SWIFT WATER COURSES



FACEBOOK PAGE





26 OCTOBER 2024

RUN FOR A CURE 5K

PUPPY CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are thrilled to invite you to join us for our annual “Run for a Cure” 5k and Family Fun day on October 26th, 2024 at 9am.

This event is being organized to raise charitable funds to help those in our community fighting breast cancer.

RACE DAY TIMELINE

7:30AM-8:45 BIB & SHIRT HANDOUT

9:00AM RACE BEGINS

STICK AROUND AFTER THE RACE FOR VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, AND FUN!!!

To register for the event, please visit

www.runsignup.com



BBQ PLATE SALE

*and
Bake Sale Fundraiser*



BETHANY FIRE DEPARTMENT

2140 Wade Stedman Rd

Stedman NC 28391

\$10.00 per plate or pound

**Great food, wonderful baked
goods, fire prevention material
and much more!**



**Saturday
October 5th
11 am - 6 pm**

Always have two ways of escape!

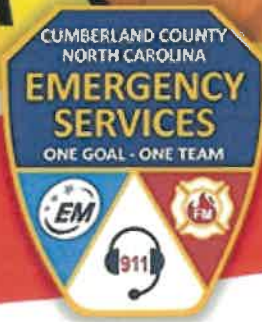
FALL SAFETY DAY

Saturday, October 5th
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
1912 Skibo Road

- Fire Safety Information
- Fire Truck Displays
- Community Safety Partners
- Food Trucks



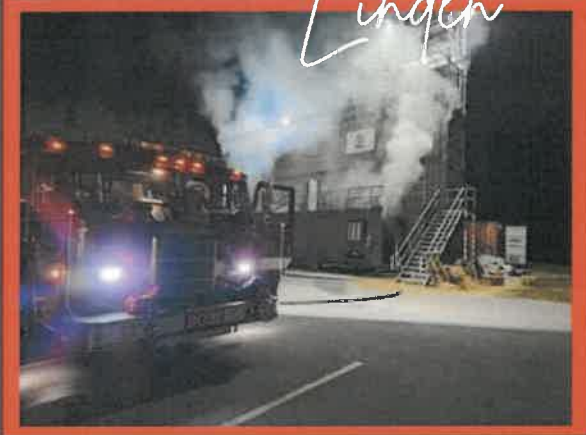
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 **FAYETTEVILLE** NC
FIRE DEPARTMENT

WESTAREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

*The Pride of
Linden*



NOW SEEKING
MOTIVATED PART
TIME STAFF AND
VOLUNTEERS

REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

NC Firefighter I/II
Preferred EMT or D/O
Provide 24 Hour coverage of
district in 12 hour shifts
Up to \$17/hour day \$14/hour
night based on
certification level

In-House training and
IFSTA classes hosted for
volunteers to receive
certifications

CONTACT US

910-822-0901

[Facebook.com/WestareaFire
Department](https://www.facebook.com/WestareaFireDepartment)

Applications can be picked up
at Station 25

8716 E Reeves Bridge Rd.
Linden NC 28356

ABOUT US

- Aggressive Fire Tactics
- Mission Focused
Command
- Leadership Training
Opportunities
- Realistic In House
Fire/EMS Training
- 3 Story Conex burn
building
- Largest District in
Cumberland County
- Automatic Aid with
Harnett County and City
of Fayetteville



Sept. 18, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gene Booth, Emergency Services Director
Email: wbooth@cumberlandcountync.gov
Phone: 910-321-6736

Cumberland County Announces New Fire Protection Provider for Manchester Fire District

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. –Cumberland County Emergency Services announces a transition in fire protection services for the Manchester Fire District, effective September 19, 2024. This proactive response follows the Town of Spring Lake's decision to discontinue its fire protection services for the district, which includes areas outside of Spring Lake's jurisdiction, in unincorporated Cumberland County bordered by Harnett County and Fort Liberty.

“The safety and well-being of residents is our number one priority,” said Clarence Grier, County Manager. “We appreciate the community’s understanding during this transition period. In light of this recent change, county officials have been working diligently with surrounding fire departments to ensure that the district continues to receive uninterrupted fire protection services. Cumberland County is committed to continued top-notch emergency services and ensuring the safety of all our residents.”

Starting September 19, 2024, the Westarea Fire Department will provide fire protection for the Manchester Fire District. This strategic partnership aims to maintain high standards of safety and emergency response for all residents in the area.

For more information about Cumberland County Emergency Services, visit www.cumberlandcountync.gov/emergencyservices or call 910-321-6736.