



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the June 26, 2017 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by Grays Creek Fire Department #18 and we thank Chief Herndon for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Chief Lucas provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 17 departments and 6 associate members present.

Members Absent:

Fire/EMS Departments: EMS, Vander.

Associate Members: CC Commissioners, Fort Bragg EMS, Retired Fire Chiefs

Approval of Minutes: The April and May 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

Guests: - Cindy Blackwell seeks support for CC Clerk of Court.

Vendors Present: - None

Treasurer's Report: - No report – Provided during the Quarterly Chiefs Only Meeting

Meeting Point of Interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be Monday July 24, 2017. The chiefs' membership meeting will be hosted by EMS.

- Grays Creek FD #24 has the air truck responsibilities during the month of July 2017.
- PSTF Consultant Chief Greg Grayson & Guilford County Commissioner Alan Perdue will be guests during our July meeting.
- Next month's Professional Development Class – Opioid Epidemic & First Responders
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
 - Health, and Safety materials
 - Fire Chiefs Legal Briefs
 - Budget Handouts
 - PSTF meeting information
 - ATV information from the Standards Committee
 - Thank you letter from Retired Fire Chief Junior McLean

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson updated the membership concerning I-PAD and cautioned the Chiefs about overheating issues with the PADs by being left on the dashboard of the fire trucks. Please ensure that the devices are kept out of the direct sunlight when the engine is cut of and the cab is closed up. With the Engine and AC running there have been no issues. Unlike MCT's with internal fan motors to keep the device cool, I-Pads lack fans. There were no major issues brought up concerning the operation of same.
2. President Johnson presented Chief Ken Hall with a retirement plaque on June 9th at his retirement ceremony from the Cumberland Road FD and Chief Hall was very appreciative for his recognition.
3. President Johnson advised that the SHP has surpluses portable Motorola 5000 series radios. President Johnson has queried the Chiefs and as a result requested to receive 120 of the radios to assist with placing additional radios on our apparatuses riding positions IAW the applicable NFPA Standard. This directly addresses firefighter safety. The plan is to provide 10 radios per fire district. Radios come complete with a mobile charger and antenna. The XTS 5000 Radio is a high tier radio with twice the capacity over a XTS 2500 currently in our inventory. The XTS 5000 radio also has secure transmission capabilities if needed. Deputy Director Timmy Mitchell has already provided the needed VIPER ID's for the radios.
4. President Johnson stated provided a quick update concerning the last PSTF. He stated that the meeting concentrated on contract updates utilizing the Guilford County contract as an example.
5. President Johnson provided that our budget still looks like it will come in approximately \$265,000 dollars short, we are looking to have a one (1) time remedy utilizing available special fire tax district funds and funds from the CCFCA fund-balance in order to bring those VFD's to a revenue neutral balance based on the current year FY 16/17 budget projections. Assistant County Manager Jackson advised that County Manager Cannon had no major changes to the budget and that the one time infusion to department's to keep them revenue neutral would move forward. President Johnson stated that he hopes to make a one (1) time payment to the affected department during the month of August or September of this year.
6. President Johnson advised that the work continues on several decon trailers. The floors of same will need to be provided with a slip resistant matting to ensure a safe walking surface.
7. The GO TO meeting site is up and running. The site can be used for up to 50 users. Please consider using this site for special meetings so that personnel can remain in their stations or work locations and still participate. Contact President Johnson to schedule a meeting on this program.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson advised the members that the FIREHOUSE RM contract is due and will be paid by the Treasurer this month. The cost is approximately \$47,000 dollars with some costs being recouped.
2. If anyone is pursuing your Arson CFI certification, there is a sunset clause of December 31st, 2017 to apply under the current guidelines. After January 1, 2018, all personnel will be required to

take the new 80 hour NFPA 1033 program or meet the equivalency NFA 2 week Fire / Arson course as a prerequisite to applying for your Arson CFI certification.

3. There will be an Opiate drug overdose program held at the July meeting to brief the members on this crisis that is being seen within our County and State. This is a must have class for all chiefs and their department members.

4. The I AM RESPONDING (IAR) Contract is up for renewal for the next three (3) years in November and President Johnson would like to establish a small committee to see if this is the best product for us and are we using it enough to continue to justify paying for same. He also wants to see if there are any other programs out there that may better and meets our needs. Please contact him directly if you have anyone that wants to serve on the committee during the month of July whereas the committee will start its work in August and report back to the association in time for the September meeting.

5. President Johnson advised the members that CCFCA laptop purchased for our secretary was over 10 years old and was no longer functioning properly and the operating system is outdated and not supporting current programs. Secretary Melvin was requesting a new laptop in order to better facilitate his duties. A motion was made by Chief Lucas and seconded by Chief McLamb to allow for the purchase of a new laptop with the proper software not to exceed \$1,500 dollars. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved by those in attendance. President Johnson advised Secretary Melvin to purchase the new laptop and applicable programs and submit the invoice for reimbursement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD/TECHNOLOGY 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.spsfd@gmail.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE BC Martin – Chairpersons, FF Angie Locklear
E-Mail: MMartin@ci.fay.nc.us, or alocklear@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE EMS Chief Brian Pearce – EMS - Chairperson,
E-Mail: bpearce@capefearvalley.com

- No Report

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE A/C Kevin Murphy (SPFD # 13) Chairperson,
E-Mail: kmurphy1903@gmail.com

- Chief Murphy thanked the Association for their prayers and support during his medical situation. Chief Murphy presented the members with the first draft of the new ATV policy on recognition and identification aspects of the ATV's within the County. Please direct all comments and or concerns to Chief Murphy.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Chief R. Marley (Pearce's Mill) Chairperson,
E-Mail: pmfd0301@nc.rr.com

- President Johnson advised that Breece Memorials had completed the refurbishment project on the Memorial.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson,
E-Mail: gcf24@nc.rr.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.

DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD),
Chairperson, E-Mail:

- Chief Hodges advised that he was seeking a combined meeting with AVL steering committee and the Communications committee sometime during the second week of July. President Johnson advised Chief Hodges that the Go2Meetings.com resource was available to him if needed to conduct his meeting.

KNOX BOX COMMITTEE - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services)
Chairperson, E-Mail: wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- No report.

FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson,
E-Mail: tmclamb@spring-lake.org

- Chief McLamb advised that Todd Tuttle with the Greensboro Fire Department was putting some information together for the PSTF. He inquired as to whether or not the departments were properly capturing the units and their staffing on automatic aid calls. The members in the room advised that they were.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Randy Beeman, Director),
E-Mail: rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us

- Deputy Director Mitchell advised that the 911 center at the LEC had to be taken down on July 8th for several hours to do some work. He is planning a conference call on July 6th to work out the

final details. The backup center will not have the ability to dispatch on the VHF paging system so we will be relying on the "I AM RESPONDING" program to facilitate notification to your department members.

- Tracy Jackson advised that the County would be working with our other partners to facilitate an agreement on the consolidated 911 center so that we could pursue some available funding from the NC 911 Board.

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

- No Report.

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

- BC Brinson advised that there would an expanded HM exercise involving multiple agencies on July 22nd. A final location is to be determined and more information will become available.

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

- Ranger Gottfried introduced Sarah Carrick as the new assistant county ranger. Her call sign will be Forestry 6.

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

- Ken Buckey updated the association members on upcoming firefighter and rescue technician academy classes.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Wright (Sr. Sgt. Steven Hodges – ATF)

- Captain Morgan advised that the Sheriff's Department is there to assist us in any way.

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.
E-Mail: fjohnson@ncshp.org

- No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner John Keefe

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Johnson asked the members to ensure the safety of our firefighters and to look at the NVFC and IAFC websites for some good programs on safety to be used during a safety stand down.
- Chief Maxwell and Chief Lucas discussed that no Cumberland County Fire Department received any of the NCDOT Fire Department matching grant program this year. President Johnson is going to look into the situation further.

- Chief Hodges stated that Hope Mills 4th of July parade would be held on July 4th. Any department wanting to participate is to be at Hope Mills Middle School by 0930 hours to line up. Chief Hodges also has tickets for Sheriff Wright's kickoff campaign event for those interested in attending.
- Chief Bass announced that Assistant Chief Phil Taranto will be stepping down from his position to spend more time traveling with his wife. He will remain an active member of the Westarea FD.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Assistant Chief Murphy seconded by Chief Marsh. The meeting was adjourned at 2015 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

2 Enclosures

1. Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association – Attendance Roster 2017
2. Roll call vote for computer purchase



**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
ROLL CALL
2017**



MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	18	17	17	17	17	17								
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT (9)	8	7	8	8	6	6								
Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Department's / Organization's	23-Jan-17	27-Feb-17	27-Mar-17	24-Apr-17	22-May-17	26-Jun-17								
Departments														
BEAVER DAM, STATION 26	P	P	P	P	P	P								
BETHANY, STATION 12	P	P	P	P	P	P								
COTTON, STATION 4	P	P	P	P	P	P								
CUMBERLAND ROAD, STATION 5	P	P	P	P	P	P								
EASTOVER, STATION 1	P	P	P	P	A	P								
EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	P	A	P	P	P	A								
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P								
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	P	E	E	P	P								
GODWIN – FALCON, STATION 17	P	P	P	P	P	P								
GRAYS CREEK, STATION 18	P	P	P	P	P	P								
GRAYS CREEK, STATION 24	P	A	P	A	P	P								
HOPE MILLS, STATION 21	E	P	P	P	P	P								
PEARCE'S MILL, STATION 3	P	P	P	P	P	P								
SPRING LAKE, STATION 22	P	P	P	P	P	P								
STEDMAN, STATION 23	P	P	P	P	P	P								
STONE POINT, STATION 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P								
VANDER, STATION 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	A	A								
WADE, STATION 16	P	P	P	P	P	P								
WESTAREA, STATION 15, 20 & 25	P	P	E	P	P	P								
Associate Organization's														
CC COMMISSIONERS	P	P	P	P	A	A								
CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P								
FORESTRY	P	P	P	P	P	P								
FORT BRAGG EMS	P	P	P	P	P	A								
FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	P								
HAZMAT	P	P	P	P	A	P								
HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P								
RETIRED FIRE CHIEF'S	P	A	P	P	A	A								
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	P	A	A	A	P	P								

Special Notes:

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

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Roll Call Vote Document

Motion TO PURCHASE LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR USE BY
CCFLA SECRETARY. LIMIT OF \$1,500 DOLLARS. MOTION MADE
BY CHIEF LUCAS, SECONDED BY CHIEF McLAMB

DEPARTMENT	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	OTHER
Beaver Dam #26	✓			
Bethany #12	✓			
Cotton #4	✓			
Cumberland Road #5	✓			
Eastover #1	✓			
EMS				ABSENT
Fayetteville FD	✓			
Fort Bragg FD			✓	
Godwin-Falcon #17	✓			
Grays Creek #18	✓			
Grays Creek #24	✓			
Hope Mills #21	✓			
Pearce's Mill #3	✓			
Spring Lake #22	✓			
Stedman #23	✓			
Stoney Point #13 & 19	✓			
Vander #2 & 8				ABSENT
Wade #16	✓			
Westarea #15, 20, 25	✓			

Date 6-26-17 Motion Carried YES Motion Denied _____