

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of February 28, 2011 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was hosted by the Pearce's Mill Fire Department. We thank Chief Marley and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: J.F. Hall provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 20 departments and 7 associate members present.

Members Absent: Spring Lake, EMS

Associate Members Absent: HazMat-excused, Christian Firefighters, Life Link, SBI, and Hope Mills Police

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 24, 2010 meeting were approved as presented.

Guests: Chief Charles Gardner Rockingham Fire Department,
Captain Vic McCaskill Rockingham Fire Department

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Meeting Point of interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be hosted March 28, 2011 by Cotton Fire Department. The meeting will begin at 1900 hours. Dinner will be served.

- President Johnson is coordinating to bring in Ms. Robin Davis a FLSA Attorney to answer some lingering questions concerning paid / volunteer issues identified during the Chief's 101 class last month. Attorney Davis has confirmed and will be at our Chief's only meeting in April. (Consider bringing one (1) member from your Board of Directors)
- President Johnson advised that as part of our Professional Development we will try to conduct at least one (1) Professional Development class each quarter. These classes can be used and will count towards our annual Officers training required by ISO. During the March 2010 meeting at Cotton FD a Battalion Commander David Morris from the Salisbury Fire Department will be here to review their double LODD, the results and lessons learned.
- President Johnson advised everyone that NFIRS reports are due to the State by the end of March 2011.

- President Johnson advised that the Piedmont Association dues are due and unless there are objections he will advise the Association Treasurer to pay the 2011 Dues.
- President Johnson presented a proclamation of lifetime membership to retired Fire Chief J.F. Hall from the NC Association of Fire Chiefs for his years of dedicated service to the organization.
- President Johnson thanked all personnel who assisted the Fire Marshal's office with a Regional AFG Fire Prevention, Education & Safety Grant request for the integration of Fire House Web services and related programs. Both Deputy Fire Marshal Gene Booth and Fire Chief Mike Hill worked on this project.
- President Johnson introduced Ronnie Godwin as the new District Fire Chief for the Westarea Fire District. Chief Godwin introduced Jason Haithcock as the Deputy Chief for Station #15 and Scott Bass as the Deputy Chief for Station #20
- Chief Bullard with Stedman Fire Department has been named to the Cumberland County Communications Committee. This committee consists of all communications stake holders – Fire, Law Enforcement and EMS - This county-wide committee was formed as a result of the Public Safety Task Force and will be part of the county-wide communications consolidation plan. Chief Bullard's job will be to report back to the Chief's business conducted by the committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

- President Johnson advised the association that we will know in 10-14 days how much money we have to pay back for the extended warranties that were not covered under the 2006 Regional AFG grant.
- Lt. Devane with the Vander Fire Department brought up concerns about the new Air Truck Rotation Schedule. President Johnson explained that in order to best utilize our Air Resources, as well as spread out our compressor time across the board each truck will cover three months out of the year or once every 4th month. The committee discussed that under certain circumstances Air Trucks could have extended travel time. Our Air Trucks are expensive to maintain, all four (4) are maintained by the Association and for the last two (2) months the system has worked very well. 2461 has the responsibility for March, with Vander picking up in May. With the majority of our departments now having their own compressor's Air truck calls for cascade filling have been tremendously reduced. The new policy also states whenever a truck is not available the next truck coming up for rotation is to be called. This process will be followed until all resources are exhausted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Assistant Chief Sean Johnson gave a presentation of the VIPER radio system. He discussed the pros and cons with the system and ways to further enhance the operation of said radios.
- President Johnson briefly discussed the future of the AFG funding. The AFG funding in President Obama's budget was cut to \$ 250,000,000 million, however SAFER was maintained at \$ 400,000,000 million. He cautioned that house republicans have deeper cuts in mind and could eliminate the grants all together in order to balance the budget and cut back on overall spending. We will monitor the situation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ID CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Whitman (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- **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 tara@stoneypointfire.com

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE Retired Chief J.F. Hall, Chairperson

- J.F Hall gave a report on ways to promote fire prevention within the county. Several ideas regarding the use of signage is being explored by the committee. More information will be discussed in March

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- No report.

STANDARDS & POLICY COMMITTEE Chief K. Hall (Cumberland Road) Chairperson

- Chief Hodges and Assistant Chief Murphy are working on several SOG's. President Johnson stated that in the future we will more aggressively update our county-wide **OPERATIONAL** Operating Guidelines. The plan will be to present at a minimum 3 to 5 updated SOG's for review on a monthly basis. We are working with the City of Fayetteville on these projects to insure that our **OPERATIONAL** policies mirror each other and we do it one way county-wide. He stressed that we are only talking about **OPERATIONAL** issues not **administrative** issues or how you run your fire department.

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

- No report.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Ake (Beaver Dam) Chairperson

- No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- Financial Reports are presented during the Chief's Only Meetings.

RESCUE COMMITTEE Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- President Johnson advised that the Rescue Committee met to discuss on-going issues as well
- as scheduling joint training and ways to enhance our capabilities and identify CERTIFIED
- Rescue Trucks. We currently have 3 Certified Heavy Rescue Trucks, and 3 Certified Medium Rescue Trucks. Deputy Chief Hank Harris will provide copies of the committee's minutes for distribution.

BULK PURCHASE COMMITTEE Chief Pierce (EMS) Chairperson

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Currie, Director

- Director Currie discussed issues regarding the clearing of units and the unnecessary use of rad traffic. He reminded everyone that if you special call for certain types of units to be aware of certain drive times for certain units. The FMO was unable to order F-250 trucks due to budget issues. If you have a trailer that needs towing that F-150 can handle, FMO personnel will do so. If it will not tow same, they can drive your vehicle if you allow them too.

EMS DIRECTOR: Brian Pearce, Director

- No report.

HAZMAT BC Brian Mims, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- No report

FORESTRY DISTRICT Andrew Synder, County Ranger

- Ranger Synder presented Station 8 with a certificate of appreciation for the use of their station as an ICP for the large woods fire in that area. He thanked all of the stations for their help during his busy season.

FTCC Ernest Ward, Director

- No report.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- Sgt. Hodges introduces Lt. John Sawyer as the new supervisor for the Arson Division. He discussed several issues involving accidental fires and the giving of information to residents.

HIGHWAY PATROL

- First Sgt. Johnson advised everyone that they need to have control of the roadway before backing fire trucks into the station. Another fire apparatus has been involved in another accident resulting from same.

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Cassanova

No report.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Vander FD thanked everyone for their help on the 1100 acre woods fire this past week.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Herndon, seconded by Deputy Chief JD Matthews. The meeting was adjourned at 2110 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson _____

Freddy L. Johnson Sr. CFO
Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin _____

Mark Melvin, CFO
Deputy Fire Chief / Secretary

2 Enclosures

1. Training report
2. Roll call form

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Describe Training: *Professional Officer Development Training – Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) Deployment & strategy of existing 800 MHz digital Public Safety VIPER our State-wide Communication System including 800 MHz frequency/talk group spectrum, operations including the Motorola Smart Zone Radio System. Radio familiarization and functions to include user emergency button activations & operations. Lecture & Power Point with hands own demonstrations. 44 Members in attendance totaling a 132 tng. hours.*

Chiefs Signature:

 Andy Johnson, President

****Community College Courses Only****

FIP # and Course Name:

Not Applicable

Contract #:

Not Applicable

Start Date- 28 Feb 2011

End Date- 28 Feb 2011

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

MEMBERS PRESENT (22)	17	20																	
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (12)	7	7																	
CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION * Chief's Only Meeting	24-JAN-11 *	28-FEB-11																	
MEMBERS																			
BEAVER DAM STA 26	P	P																	
BETHANY STA 12	P	P																	
CEDAR CREEK STA 8	P	P																	
COTTON STA 4	P	P																	
CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P																	
EASTOVER STA 1	E	P																	
EMS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	P	A																	
FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P																	
FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	P	P																	
GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P																	
GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P																	
GRAYS CREEK STA 24	A	P																	
HOPE MILLS STA 21	A	P																	
PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P																	
SPRING LAKE STA 22	A	A																	
STEDMAN STA 23	P	P																	
STONE POINT STA 13	P	P																	
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WADE STA 16	P	P																	
WESTAREA STA 15	A	P																	
WESTAREA STA 20	P	P																	
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS																			
HAZMAT	P	E																	
SHERIFF'S OFFICE	A	P																	
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P	P																	
CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS	A	A																	
LIFE LINK	P	A																	
SBI	A	A																	
HOPE MILLS POLICE	A	A																	
FORT BRAGG EMS	P	P																	

Special Notes:

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