

Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

Minutes of February 25, 2008 Monthly Meeting

The meeting was held at Vander Fire Station # 2. We thank Chief Bullard and his staff for their hospitality.

Opening Prayer: Sheriff Butler provided the opening prayer.

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted with 23 Departments and 9 Associate members present.

Members Absent: Eastover FD

Associate Members Absent: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 28, 2008 meeting were approved as presented

Guests: Diane Wheatley, Cumberland County Commissioner
Dan Ford, Candidate for County Commissioner

Vendors Present: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Meeting Point of interests:

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held March 24, 2008 at **Pearce's Mill Fire Department Station # 3**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- President Johnson passed out the following informational papers;
 - SOG on Communications and ICS
 - Legal Briefs
 - NIMS information
 - AFG brochure
- President Johnson announced that Steven Blackburn had been selected as Fire Chief of Fort Bragg Fire and Emergency Services.
- President Johnson introduced Sean Johnson and Chad Autry as the new Assistant Chief's for Station #19 and new members to the association. He also stated that construction on a new Station 19 facility is in process and once completed the association meetings will also be hosted at Station 19.
- President Johnson announced that a Finance Committee meeting would be held March 13, 2008 at EMS Base. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Communications policy was recommended by Kenny Currie to be adopted as is and any issues to be worked out in the near future. Chief Strahan made a motion to adopt the policy and to review it in 90 days. The motion was seconded by Deputy Chief F. Johnson Jr., the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The RIT policy was discussed by Chief Ken Hall. If you have any questions or comments please let him know. Further discussion of this topic will take place at the March meeting.
- President Johnson discussed the ICS policy. It is outdated and needs to be brought into NIMS compliance. Please review this policy and be ready to discuss it at the March meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I D CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Johnson (Stoney Point) Chairperson

- **FYL.** 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

- No report

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson

- No report

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

- No Report but the committee is working on the review and update of the Incident Command Procedure Policy. President Johnson asked all members to get involved in the process.

TRAINING COMMITTEE Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- No report

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE Deputy Chief S. Blackburn (Ft. Bragg) Chairperson

- No Report

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- No report

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

- No report

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

- No report

EASTERN FIRE SCHOOL Chief R. Marley (Pearces Mill) Chairperson

- Chief R. Marley informed the members that there would not be a seminar in 2008, but plans were being considered for 2009. It is the committee's desire to have a few specialty classes during the 2008 calendar year. He will provide more information as it becomes available.

EMS DIRECTOR: Colonel Wally W. Ainsworth

- Colonel Ainsworth advised the members that if they had issues with the CIS system to give him a call and he would assist them.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 Kenny Curry, Acting Director

- Director Currie advised the members that they were reviewing CAD systems. The new CAD system is expected to enhance our programs dramatically. The Fire and EMS software will require some assistance for funding. President Johnson requested that Director Currie provide him with the funding request so that he could petition the County Commissioners for the required funds.
- Director Currie also requested that all members please prepare a list of their equipment as required by the NIMS Resource Typing Guide.
- Director Currie asked that each Chief send him the make and model number of their VHF base stations for the communications contract.

HAZMAT BC Hieu Sifford - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729.

- BC Bishop, FFD - stated that the federal grant of \$200,000 dollars was awarded for Hazmat. A new CO meter to evaluate a person's CO level in the field has been purchased. The HazMat team has 5 new HM technicians.

FORESTRY DISTRICT Ranger J. Johnson

- District Ranger Mike Goode attended the meeting and briefly addressed the membership. President Johnson stated that we would be providing Forestry units with four (4) 800 MHz radios to affect local interoperability. The radios 1st have to be re-programmed by Lt. Horne.

FTCC Ernest Ward

- No report

SHERIFF'S OFFICE Sheriff Butler

- The department has received a new arson canine. Radar will be the handler of same. This canine will be available to all departments as well as the regional area.

HIGHWAY PATROL

- No Report

CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS Chaplain Casanova

- No report

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Hodges announced that he provided a check on behalf of the Town of Hope Mills to the association treasurer. Funding is for the 3% association fund. President Johnson thanked Chief Hodges for their continued support.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2020 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy Johnson

Mark A. Melvin

Fire Chief Freddy Johnson
President

Assistant Chief Mark Melvin
Secretary