

## **Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association**

### **Minutes of July 28, 2008 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting was held at EMS base. We thank Mr. Royal and his staff for their hospitality

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

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 Departments and 8 Associate members present.

Members Absent: Cedar Creek # 8, Hope Mills # 21, Spring Lake # 22, Vander # 2, West area #15, Westarea # 20

Associate Members Absent: Sheriffs Office, FTCC

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June 2008 were approved with the following corrections. Station 10 and 20 were removed from the member absent listing. Stedman Assistant Chief Autry's name was corrected in the new business section.

**Guests:** None

**Vendors Present:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

#### **Meeting Point of interests:**

- **Next Chief's Meeting** will be held August 25, 2008 at **Westarea Fire Department Station # 10**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- President Johnson passed out the following informational papers;
  - Chiefs Association funding for 08-09
  - Thank you note from the Gibbons family
  - Fire Safety house quotes
- President Johnson advised that the Sheriffs Office Assistant Chief of Detectives Captain Larry Trotter would be at the next meeting to discuss concerns regarding arson response.
- President Johnson handed out the updates for the Firehouse Software program to all stations that were present.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chief Johnson discussed and briefed the membership about the upcoming Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Special Fire District Funds. He stated that he has not received any request for the 3% funding for the low wealth departments. Those department that qualify for assistance must submit a request for funding as soon as possible, whereas a pay out is planned for the August 2008 meeting.
- Chief Johnson discussed the Fire Safety House proposals and handed out several hand-outs of the Surrey Fire Safety Houses. He advised the membership that this Safety House has state of the art technology built into the house to aid your departments with your fire prevention and education efforts. He recommended the home with the built in bleacher system. This home is for all ages and not just for children. He stated that the home would be maintained at the Cotton Fire Department however a train the trainer class would have to be conducted in order to use the home. He stated that funds include delivery of the home versus us picking the home up. With no recommendations from the floor President Johnson stated that the executive committee along with Chief Hall and Harris would make the decision of which home to go with. The Associations responsibility on the home is to match the 20% required match.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- No new business discussed

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **ID CARD COMMITTEE Lt. Tara Johnson (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**

- No report

#### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE Chief B. Bullard (Stedman) Chairperson**

- Chief Bullard advised the members to use the VIPER channels if needed to provide adequate communications. Chief Lucas and Chief Strahan discussed issues regarding base radio problems and issues with Amerizon Wireless. President Johnson will follow up on the issues addressed. There was discussion on the radios that were issued to the Forestry Service. Director Currie will follow up on this issue. Chief Herndon inquired about the difference between using the Viper system versus our current system. It appears that more and more organizations are going to the Viper System. Director Currie advised the members that the County was preparing to do a study of the available systems and will make a determination as to future plans.

**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.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE** Chief P. Strahan (Westarea) Chairperson

- No report

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

- Chief Marley stated that it is the intent of the organization to have a memorial service in October 2008. More information will follow next month

**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 Marley advised the committee was working hard on the seminar program and a March 2009 date was being set. Anyone wishing to assist the committee is encouraged to contact Chief Marley

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Colonel Wally W. Ainsworth

- Colonel Ainsworth advised the members that UNC Air Care expressed that CCFD were the best at setting up the LZ's for Helicopter landings.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

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

- Scotty Harris advised that beginning with the next meeting he will be handing out copies of inspection records of businesses that were conducted in the respective districts. Director Currie advised the members that the 9S inspections were completed. All Chiefs are encouraged to ensure that proper documentation is recorded and filed for training and fire responses. If you have firefighters from another department on your department, please add his or her training records to your departments training reports. Do not put a copy of their other departments' report into your files

**HAZMAT** Capt. Steve Drew, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1432

- No report

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Ranger J. Johnson

- John Mewborn discussed qualifications for firefighters responding to forest fire operations. If you have had the Wildland Fire Suppression course you are considered qualified. The new courses include S130, S190 and L180. If you would like to schedule a course, please feel free to contact him.

**FTCC** Ernest Ward

- No report

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- No Report

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- Trooper S. Johnson advised all Chiefs that if they have military firefighters from another state that used blue lights in their other departments to remind them that N.C. law prohibits the use of blue lights except for law enforcement agencies.

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS** Chaplain Casanova

- No report

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

President Johnson briefly discussed the future of the fire service funding formula. President Johnson is gathering information and plans to begin drafting some information in September. This will be a

detailed process that will involve the entire membership, the commissioners and possibly legislative action.

The Silent Heroes Motorcycle Club raised money for FFD Captain Godwin's daughter who was involved in an accident.

The type III traffic safety vests that were bought for the firefighters will meet the new standard that is coming out in November 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned at approximately 2035 Hours

Respectfully Submitted By:

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President

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Secretary