

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

### **Minutes of October 26, 2009 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting was hosted by EMS and was held at EMS Base. We thank Chief Roye and his staff for their hospitality.

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

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 20 departments and 5 associate members present.

**Members Absent:** Fayetteville, Pope AFB, Linden, Wade

**Associate Members Absent:** HazMat, Highway Patrol, NC Forestry, SBI, County Commissioner

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the September meeting were approved as presented.

**Guests:** Chief Hassell, Hope Mills Police Chief.

Dr. Reed was in attendance and accepted a departure plaque from the association as the Cumberland County Medical Director from 2003 – 2009 and working with our organizations.

**Vendors Present:** Mike Martin, OSSI CAD

**Treasurer's Report:** President Johnson announced the current fund balance and finance reports were distributed for review.

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

**Next Chief's Meeting** will be held November 23, 2009 and hosted by **Station #21 Hope Mills Fire Department**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at the Hope Mills Community Center on Rockfish Road.

- There has been no change to the on-going fire contract issue. President Johnson stated that he has not heard anything from Neil Yarborough since he has met with the interim County Attorney'. President Johnson will advise further on same as soon as he receives further information from Neil Yarborough.
- Station 24 will have their mobile air unit in service by the end of October and the unit will be entered into the rotation process.
- Please return the Firefighters Pension Fund information no later than the end of the month.

- President Johnson thanked all those involved in the Memorial Service at FTCC.
- The new fire safety house is in need of some DVD's on fire safety. President Johnson has asked the fire prevention team to come up with a list of video's that can be purchased for use with the new house. The house will be on display at the November Chief's meeting.
- President Johnson has asked the association for ideas on how to dispose of the old fire safety house. Please make any recommendations you may have at the November meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- President Johnson advised the membership that he is still awaiting the response from the grant administrators to determine the exact amount the association will have to refund to the Federal Government for the radio extended warranty contract. The warranty contract was not allowed by grant guidelines.
- President Johnson stated that the only department that responded with man-power information was station 17. The information is needed in order to make recommendations to the county concerning minimum man-power recommendations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mike Martin presented a demonstration of the new CAD program that is being installed at the County and City dispatch centers. President Johnson advised the association that a grant had been requested through the AFG program to assist in funding the mobile data portion of the new CAD system

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**I D 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** Chief J. F. Hall (Bethany) Chairperson

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- No report

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

- No report.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

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

- Director Currie advised that the CAD was being set up and should be operational by late January. Please look at allowing the CAD to recommend the closest unit available concept. The center is working towards accreditation. You will see some changes forth coming in an effort to bring the center into compliance with NFPA 1221. Director Curry stated that the center would start pre-alerting on almost all calls starting November 1, 2009 in order to comply with the applicable standards.

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Michael Roye, Director

- New EMS protocols will be sent to your e-mail accounts in a PDF format. Please contact Chief Roye if you have any questions. There will be several first responder programs conducted after January. Please call for further information.

**HAZMAT** BC Hieu Sifford, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 433-1729

- No report

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Ranger (TBD)

- No report.

**FTCC** Ernest Ward

- No report.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Sheriff Butler

- No report.

**HIGHWAY PATROL**

- No report.

**CHRISTIAN FIREFIGHTERS** Chaplain Cassanova

- No report.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner Ed Melvin

- No report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

Chief Hodges is getting ready to purchase fire hose for his department. Anyone wishing to look at participating in a bulk purchase is encouraged to contact him as soon as possible.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Hodges, seconded by Chief Herndon. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2030Hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy Johnson*

Freddy L. Johnson Sr. CFO  
Fire Chief / President

*Mark A. Melvin*

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Deputy Fire Chief / Secretary