



Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"

Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Monthly Meeting



The Chiefs meeting was hosted by Wade Fire Department at the Wade Baptist Church. We thank Chief Danny Hill and his staff for their hospitality.

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 7 pm.
- Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Tatum provided the opening prayer.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** President Johnson led the members with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 19 departments and 10 associate members present.
- Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: None

Associate Members: Fire Commissioner, Fort Bragg EMS

Approval of Minutes: The July minutes were approved as presented.

Guests: Jamaal Doran with Senator Deviere's office was on hand to receive concerns or comments from the group.

Special Guests: None.

Vendors Present: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Johnson reported that all of the finances were in order to be reviewed by our auditors for the year end reports. He also announced that he will be absent from the next several meetings. He will be attending the FBI academy representing the NCSHP, but will maintain his financial responsibilities during the weekends.

Meeting Points of Interests:

Next Chief's Meeting will be Monday, September 23, 2019 at [Westarea FD Station # 25 on East Reeves Bridge Rd. Dinner will be served.](#)

- Stoney Point FD #13 has the air truck responsibilities during the month of September followed by Fayetteville FD in October 2019.

Items of Interest Handouts

- ✓ D&S Textile Services handout on PPE repairs
- ✓ Respiratory Protection Program class

- ✓ Active Shooter bulletins.
- ✓ Communications Committee minutes
- ✓ LEPC Minutes & Agenda notes
- ✓ Westarea vehicle for sale document
- ✓ NCSFA 9-11 ceremony brochure
- ✓ IAFC Chief of the year document
- ✓ Safety Bulletins
- ✓ Stedman FD – Cancer Awareness T-Shirt Sales Flyer
- ✓ 20th annual CC Emergency Services Memorial program
- ✓ Trail of Terror brochure

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Johnson presented a plaque to Keith Jackson of the Bethany FD for his years of service as the Fire Chief.
2. President Johnson presented a plaque to Mike Hill of the Wade Community FD for his years of service as the Fire Chief.
3. President Johnson stated the Caisson Unit is making progress, all the exterior painting is complete and looks good. We just received spatter paint to complete the compartments. Left remaining is the interiors of the cab and buddy cab. He has made contact with the graphics designer and will send out pictures in near future. We are looking for a 24 foot ground ladder and brackets for the truck and if anyone has one that can be donated to the Caisson unit it would greatly be appreciated. The ladder is for appearances only and does not need to be service tested.
4. Treasurer Johnson gave an update on the building to store the CCFCA assets. Chief Herndon brought up the possibility of storing same at the new training center. President Johnson stated that the footprint at the new complex was full.
5. President Johnson gave an update from FRI- 2019 about an increase in lawsuits being filed against Fire Chiefs and departments for activities within their organizations.
6. President Johnson gave a brief update on the LEPC meeting from July 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. President Johnson briefed the group on the upcoming Respiratory Protection Administrators class being held at the Health Department on September 19, 2019 from 0900-1300 hours.
2. President Johnson hopes to issue the 1985 Seagrave fire apparatus to the CC Schools Fire Academy in the near future. We have outfitted the truck through equipment donations and it will serve the High School Fire Academy well. He will let all the Chiefs know when the transfer will take place.
3. President Johnson advised the membership that over the next several months Fayetteville Technical Community College President Dr. Keen will come to one of our meetings and update the membership on the progress of the new Fire & Rescue Training Center.

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.spfd@gmail.com
- President Johnson asked the members to please recycle or return the clips used for our ID Cards. These clips are extremely expensive and we need to reuse them as much as possible in order to hold down costs. So when members leave a department do not give the ID Tags and clips to the departing member, instead retrieve the clips.

FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE E-Mail: Chief T.J. McLamb jmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- Chief Marley gave an update on the service. A few details still need to be worked out but everything is moving forward. All Chiefs are reminded to please ensure that all NON-LODD deaths are reported to him so that the names can be added to the list.
- President Johnson advised that Cumberland County District Attorney Billy West will be our guest speaker for the Saturday October 12, 2019 event at 11 am. He asked all chiefs to please put this event in their calendar in order to obtain maximum participation for this annual special service.

AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson, E-Mail: gfd24@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: cf402@nc.rr.com

- No report.

COMMUNICATIONS /DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD), Chairperson, E-Mail: clhodges@townofhopemills.com

- Chief Hodges discussed issues with Fire Alarms activations and units running routine traffic. A possible update to policy may be needed. Please review the minutes in the package for complete details of the communication team meeting.
- He also briefly talked about the radio updates that will take effect on January 1, 2025 and that planning has already begun to address this costly endeavor.

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 (FFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: tmclamb@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

NC WORKFORCE SOLUTION GRANTS – COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Justin Nobles (SVFD # 23) Chairperson. E-Mail: [Jnobles@stedmanfire.com](mailto:jnobles@stedmanfire.com)

- Timmy Mitchell reported that recruitment efforts were still on going in Cumberland County and that Chief Nobles will travel to Virginia to the IAFC headquarters for a special meeting concerning our grant.

JOINT INCIDENT / DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE – Assistant Fire Chief Richard Bradshaw (VFD) Chairperson, E-Mail: rbradshaw1@nc.rr.com

- No report.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT

COUNTY MANAGERS OFFICE – Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson E-Mail: tjackson@co.cumberland.nc.us

- Mr. Jackson reported that all of the contracts were in and being processed for payments.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911 (Gene Booth, Director), E-Mail: wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us

- Director Booth introduced Hendrix Valenzuela as the new EM Officer. He comes from the North Carolina Emergency Management Eastern Branch Office where he worked as a Planner.
- Director Booth also discussed the local volunteers would now be known as Cape Fear CERT. Anyone interested in any information about this group, please contact him.
- EM Director Hendrix Valenzuela addressed the membership and briefly talked about Web-EOC and other EM programs and that he will be out to visit each department to meet with each chief within the near future.

- Adam Johnson, 9-1-1 Communications Manager provided information about IAMRESPONDING and its enhancement to improve communications with Sampson County.

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

- No report.

HAZMAT: AC Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 910-584-9550, E-Mail: rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us

- Assistant Chief Brinson reported that the HMT was seeing an increase in gas leak calls and reminded everyone to practice proper safety protocols in dealing with these events.

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

- Ranger Gottfried presented rain gauges to departments for use in reporting rain totals in your area.

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

- No report.

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

- Sgt. Hodges reminded everyone to be specific as to your need for a deputy to assist in traffic control versus the need for an investigator when making your request to the dispatch office.

FAYETTEVILLE POLICE – Police Chief Gina Hawkins, Email ghawkins@ci.fay.nc.us
(Captain Jay Devane) jdevane@ci.fay.nc.us

- No report

NC HIGHWAY PATROL – Major Freddy Johnson Jr. SHP Special Operations.

E-Mail: Freddy.johnson@ncdps.gov or Sergeant S. Johnson SHP Raleigh Training Center E-Mail sean.johnson@ncdps.gov

- Major Johnson reported that there is some proposed new legislation on the use of amber lights. This is being pushed by the towing industry due to the number operators struck at accident sites. More to follow as this makes its way thru committee

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Fire Commissioner Marshall Faircloth

- No report.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Westarea has a vehicle for sale.
- Stedman FD is selling Breast Cancer shirts

- Stoney Point is starting their annual Trail of Terror fund raiser the last weekend in September and it will run through Halloween. He asked that everyone please post the provided flyer on your department's bulletin boards.
- Chief Melvin gave a report on the PFOS / PFOA issues related to AFFF foam and its projected impact to the Fire Service in both cost acquisition and disposal of the current products. President Johnson stated that the association currently has right at 2000 gallons of the foam in question in stock distributed on the associations three (3) foam trailers. He stated that we will monitor this situation closely as a proposed new law addressing the use of the foam in question. The bill is currently in committee.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn by Chief Brock and seconded by Captain Jay Devane.

The meeting was adjourned at 2050 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.

Freddy L. Johnson Sr., CFO
Fire Chief / President

Mark A. Melvin

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Fire Chief / Secretary

Enclosures - 1

1. Roll call

MEMBERS PRESENT (19)	16	17	18	17	17	19	19					
ASSOCIATES PRESENT (12)	08	10	8	9	7	8	8					
PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE	60	75	69	67	59	76	61					

CC Fire Chiefs DEPARTMENTS & ORGANIZATION Chief's Only Meeting		28-JAN-19 - PMFD 25-FEB-19 - CVFD-4 25-MAR-19 - CRVFD-5 22-APR-19 - PMFD 20-MAY-19 - BVFD-12 24-JUN-19 - SPVFD-19 22-JUL-19 - PMFD 26-AUG-19 - WCFD-16 23-SEP-19 - WFD-15 28-OCT-19 - PMFD 25-NOV-19 - GFVFD-17 16-DEC-19 - SHERIFF												
		MEMBERS		MEETING DATES										
01	BEAVER DAM STA 26 & 27	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
02	BETHANY STA 12	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
03	COTTON STA 4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
04	CUMBERLAND ROAD STA 5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
05	EASTOVER STA 1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
06	EMS EMERGENCY MED SVC	X	X	P	X	P	P	P	P	P				
07	FAYETTEVILLE FIRE DEPT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
08	FORT BRAGG FIRE DEPT	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
09	GODWIN - FALCON STA 17	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
10	GRAYS CREEK STA 18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
11	GRAYS CREEK STA 24	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
12	HOPE MILLS STA 21	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P				
13	PEARCE'S MILL STA 3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
14	SPRING LAKE STA 22	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
15	STEDMAN STA 23	P	P	X	P	P	P	P	P	P				
16	STONE POINT STA 13 & 19	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
17	VANDER STA 2 & 8	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
18	WADE STA 16	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
19	WESTAREA STA 15-20 & 25	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P				
01	CC EMERGENCY SERVICES	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
02	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	P	P	X	P	E	P	X	P					
03	COUNTY MGR OFFICE	P	P	X	X	E	E	P	P					
04	FAYETTEVILLE PD	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
05	FIRE COMMISSIONER	X	X	X	P	E	X	X	X					
06	FORESTRY	E	E	P	P	P	P	X	P					
07	FORT BRAGG EMS	X	P	X	P	X	X	X	X					
08	FTCC	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P					
09	HAZMAT	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	P					
10	HIGHWAY PATROL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
11	RETIRED FIRE CHIEFS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
12	SHERIFFS OFFICE	X	P	P	X	P	P	P	P					