

# Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

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February 02, 2004

The Bi-Annual Election Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Freddy Johnson, Sr. the director's only meeting was hosted by EMS Director Wally Ainsworth and conducted at EMS Base. The meeting for January 26, 2003 was postponed 1 week due to a winter weather storm.

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

**Roll Call and Approval of Minutes:** Roll call was conducted and there were **twenty-one (21)** Departments present along with **eight (08)** associate members. President Johnson reviewed minutes of the December 16, 2003 meeting. There were no additions deletion, corrections or discussions and President Johnson approved the minutes as presented.

**Members Absent:**

Stations – 16, 21, 22

Associate Members – Forestry, FTCC

**Meeting Next Month:** The next Chief's meeting will be held at the Beaver Dam Fire Department Station # 26 on February 23, 2004 at 1900 Hours – Dinner will be served.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Johnson Jr. presented the treasurer's report and stated that the current balance as of this date is \$ 154,563.20. He handed out copies of various reports including a summary by category report, balance sheet and transaction report for this fiscal years transaction.

**Vendors:** None

**Guests:** Mr. Richard Parks, CEO Cape Fear Valley Hospital.  
Sgt. Phillip Norris, CCSO ATF

1. Sergeant Phillip Norris announced that he was now the new head of the Arson Task Force. He explained changes within the task force. He stated additional detectives have been assigned to work with the ATF. These new detectives will work one week out of the month dedicated to Arson. Wallace will continue to work full time and will receive the Crown Victoria purchased by the Association for the ATF. Sergeant Norris will keep us abreast of any changes. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call him at 677-5490.
2. Mr. Parks briefly addressed the association and informed the membership that the Ambulance RFP's are dead. He briefly discussed the ramifications concerning the RFP's. He stated that he is still looking for participation from the Fire Chief's Association in the future. He will talk with his board of trustees

concerning the formation of an Ambulance Authority in the future, which will allow additional billing through Medicaid. Wally Ainsworth would keep us informed.

**President's Report:** President Johnson briefed the association on the following issues:

1. President Johnson called on Doc to see if he had received any further information from Hyde County concerning the pay reimbursement issue. Doc stated that his office has inquired about detailed pay information from Hyde County but still hasn't heard or received anything from Hyde County or from the State of North Carolina Emergency Management Office.
2. President Johnson welcomed Chief Jeff Hawkins from Pope Air Force to the association and congratulated Deputy Chief Benny Nichols, Fayetteville Fire Department with his new position.
3. President Johnson called on Doc to inform the membership concerning the mapping problem. Doc stated that he had requested a 60-day extension and handed out maps to all affected stations. He briefed the membership on the details and that our mutual aid contract needed updating to include automatic aid. Chief Nichols brought to the attention of the membership the word automatic brings about other problems such as training records from other responding departments. A brief discussion followed and Doc is to check with OFSM on this particular issue and report back to the membership.
4. President Johnson handed out an information packet to all chief's which included the following items of interest and discussed each item.
  - Piedmont NC Firefighters Association Dues Letter and Invoices for each department.
  - Copy of the Current Association "By Laws"
  - Copy of Article 1 & 2 or the re-written and proposed By Law Changes.
  - Copy of Press Conference "Operation Save a Life"
  - Draft Air SOG
  - 2004 & 2005 CCFCA Meeting Schedule
  - Article on Cellar Fires by Vincent Dunn
  - Med Ex Bills for certain stations
  - CCFCA Roll Call Form 2003
  - PNCFA Flyer for Dinner Meeting February 24, 2004 Gates Four
  - CCFCA Financial Report
  - CCFCA File Server Access Information
  - IAFC Homeland Security Information Sheet

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson again informed the membership that the Piedmont Fire Fighters Association quarterly meeting was canceled and postponed to Tuesday February 24, 2004 at 6:30 PM at the Gates Four Country Club. He requested that each department send a minimum of 2 representatives to attend this meeting and reminded all Chief's that the association has voted to pay for the dinner for all Cumberland County Attendees.
2. President Johnson informed the members that the File Server now has posted all of our 2003 Minutes along with the Association Roster. In the future all minutes will be posted on the File Server and each station can read and print from there. He also requested that Pope, Bragg and Fayetteville provide information in order to gain access to our file server.
3. President Johnson also informed the membership that we would purchase several copies of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and post them on the Association File Server and share them. The codes will be password protected.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chief Mike Owens informed the membership that he is having trouble with Station # 25 and OFSM pertaining to rating. Currently there is no station # 25. All parties concerned are working the issue.
2. President Johnson handed out copies of the current By-Laws along with updates to Articles 1 and 2. President Johnson stated that he updated the articles to be gender free and to be in line with our current procedures. The association read through both articles made changes and approved all changes. Two more articles will be reviewed and updated during the next meeting and each subsequent meeting until the entire By-Laws are updated.
  - President Johnson asked the association about the Ambulance Service being included as a voting member. A discussion followed. As long as the Ambulance Service is connected with Cumberland County and not privatized out, or managed by an outside management team the Ambulance Service will be considered a voting member. A motion was made by Chief Steve Blackburn and seconded by Chief John House to upgrade the ambulance service membership standing to a voting member, as outlined above. The motion was carried and approved by a roll call vote by all Chief's present. President Johnson will make the appropriate changes to Article 2 to indicate this motion.

A motion was made to approve Articles 1 & 2 by Chief Roger Miller and seconded by Chief J.F. Hall and approved by all Chief's by a roll call vote.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Technology/Automation Committee (Firehouse):** Chairman: President Johnson (OPEN)

See old Business.

**ID Card Committee:** Chairman: To Be Determined.

1. President Johnson stated that Chiefs need to call Tara Johnson at 424-0694 or e-mail her directly at [tara@stonepointfire.com](mailto:tara@stonepointfire.com) to schedule date and time to have pictures taken for I D Cards. **This section is FYI only and was not an initial part of this meeting.**

**Fire Prevention/Education Committee:** Chairman: Assistant Chief Alan Jones:

1. See old Business.

**Eastern Fire Seminar:** Chairman(s): Chief Johnson Sr/Middleton/Trimmer:

1. No Report. Seminar is on track.

**Communications Committee: Chairman** Chief K. Hall

1. No Report. Chairman Absent. **Reminder that all Departments are to coordinate with their own communications provider to have PL Codes installed for a countywide activation of 1 April 2004.**
2. A discussion amongst members followed concerning the radios not meeting the standards and the associated costs with these PL requirements. This was already discussed and everyone voted to upgrade his or her systems to meet this requirement.
3. Kenny Curry stated that he would forward a copy of the 2003 Annual Report to President Johnson.

**Standards & Policy Committee:** Chairman: Chief Marley:

Chief Marley handed out the Updated Stationary & Mobile Air Standard Operating Guidelines. President Johnson stated that the guidelines are updated to meet current response procedures. A motion was made by Chief Rody Bullard to approve the SOG as presented. The motion was seconded by Chief J. F. Hall and approved by all members present by a roll call vote.

**Training & Training Standards Committee:** Chairman: Chief John House:

1. No Report. Chairman Absent.

**Memorial Committee:** Chairman: Deputy Chief Blackburn:

1. Chief Blackburn stated that everything is on track for the memorial service during the Eastern Fire Seminar. He stated that several letters are missing on the memorial itself; however the issue is being looked into. The committee will meet again and Chief Blackburn will send out an e-mail to all members.

**Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid Committee:** Chairman: J. F. Hall:

1. No Report.

**Finance Committee:** Chairman: Assistant Chief Freddy Johnson Jr.:

1. See Treasurers Report on page one.

**Public Relations Committee:** Chairman: Executive Committee +:

1. No Report

**Grievance Committee:** Chairman: Set up as needed:

**Nomination Committee:** Chairperson from each Committee:

1. President Johnson called on Chief House, Chairman of the Nomination Committee. Chief House and his committee met and handed out a Board of Election Ballot for each Position, President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. A discussion followed and the floor was opened for any nominations from the floor for any of the positions announced. There were no additional nominations and a motion was made to close the nominations.

The committee recommended the following Chief's for President:

1. Chief Bill Bullard, Stedman
2. Chief Ronnie Marley, Pearces Mill
3. Chief Freddy Johnson Sr., Stoney Point

The Committee recommended the following Chief's for Vice President.

1. Chief Bullard, Stedman
2. Chief Ronnie Marley, Pearces Mill

The Committee recommended the following Chief's for Secretary.

1. Assistant Chief Harold Shirley, Beaver Dam

The Committee recommended the following Chief's for Treasurer.

1. Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr., Stoney Point.
2. President Johnson addressed the association and reflected on the last two years, where the association was and where we should be headed. He stated that we have come a long ways; however we still have a long way to go. He recommended that we set up goals and strive to meet them. He talked about the affects of the up-coming annexation and how the entire association would be affected. He also thanked the Chief's for their support over the last two years.
3. Chief Marley and Chief Bullard also briefly addressed the association about their desires concerning their nominations and why.
4. At this time President Johnson asked all members to vote on the ballot provided and asked Doc Nunnery and Kenny Curry to pick up and count the ballots and announce the newly elected executive committee of the board of directors for the 2004 & 2005 Calendar Years...

Doc announced the following Results.

For President:

Freddy L. Johnson Sr.	18 Votes	*****
Bill Bullard	03 Votes	
Ronnie Marley	00 Votes	

For Vice President:

Ronnie Marley	14 Votes	*****
Bill Bullard	07 Votes	

For Secretary:

Harold Shirley	21 Votes	*****
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For Treasurer:

Freddy L. Johnson Jr.	21 Votes	*****
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### **Association Property - Fire Safety Trailer:**

1. No Report.

### **Mobile & Stationary Air Systems -**

1. Filling responsibilities for the month of **February 2004** are with the **Lafayette Village Fire Department telephone** number 425-2207.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT:** Reports from all associate members:

**1- Emergency Services Director (ESD): *Colonel Nunnery.***

1. Already presented everything during the early parts of the meeting.

**2- ECC-9-1-1 *Major Curry.***

1. No Report.

**3- Emergency Management. *TBD***

1. No Report.

**4- EMS *Colonel W. Ainsworth.***

1. Nothing further.

**5- Hazmat Chief *Nichols FFD.***

1. Chief Nichols talked about some up coming classes that the city and emergency management is working on. More details to come.

**6- Forestry District *Ranger J. Johnson.***

1. No Report.

**7- FTCC *Mr. Butch Trimmer / Ernest Ward.***

1. No Report.

**8- Sheriff's Office *Sheriff Butler / Det. W. Smith...***

1. No Report – Sheriff's Office Excused during Chief's Only Meetings. Sergeant Phil Norris did address the association at the beginning of the meeting.

**9- Highway Patrol *1SG Kidd / Trp. Johnson Jr.***

1. Chief Deputy Johnson Jr., addressed the new North Carolina General Statute 20-161, which addresses removal of vehicles from public highways, which are either involved in an accident or burned, or otherwise blocking a public street or highway.

**10- County Commissioners: *Fire Commissioner Tal Baggett.***

1. Tal re-introduced him at the beginning of the meeting. President Johnson welcomed Commissioner Bagged back to the association. Because of other business Tal had to leave before the end of the meeting.

**11- Presentation:**

1. No presentations.

**12- Christian Firefighters: *Chaplain M. Casanova***

1. No Report.

**13- For the Good of the Association:**

1. Chief Middleton announced that his department had for sale several items a Freezer for Ice and a Snack machine. Anyone interested please see him after the meeting or call Lafayette Village at 910-425-2207.
2. President Johnson announced that his department has three (3) apparatuses for sale. All are in good condition. A 1979 Ford Tanker with 23000 original miles, new paint job 1250 stainless steel tank. A 1979 Mack 1000 GPM Pumper with equipment and a 1968 Brush Truck with a 400 GPM Hale Pump 1000 Gallon Tank, excellent condition. For more information please call station 13.

**Adjournment:** A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Fire Chief Roger Miller** and seconded by **Chief Ronnie Marley**.

Meeting adjourned at 2145 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

***Freddy L. Johnson Sr***

Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Sr.  
President

Date: **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

Enclosures:

General Statute 20-161 Removal of vehicles from highway.