

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

## Cumberland County, North Carolina

Monthly Meeting, 23 February, 1987, Central Station, Fayetteville Fire Department.

The meeting was called to order and invocation was given by Chaplain Junior McLean. Roll call was taken and there were 22 departments and 11 associate members present. Minutes from the January 1987 meeting were read and approved. Treasurers report for February 1987 was presented and approved.

### I OLD BUSINESS:

1. A copy of the revised Association By-Laws were sent to each department prior to this meeting. A discussion followed and the following changes were proposed: Change Article III, Section I, Membership, concerning membership from Fire Chief's and Assistant Chiefs to read Chief Officers; Change Article IV, Section III, concerning voting to read: All voting shall be by roll call vote by station, with one vote per department. A motion was made by Chief Crites, seconded by Chief Gibbons, to approve the new By-Laws with the above changes. Roll call vote followed with 20 for, 1 against, and 1 "I don't care".
2. John McInnis reported that plans are under way for training personnel on the mobile air system. He also discussed sending the unit to Whiteville earlier this month. There was some discussion concerning a fee for the unit being sent out of county. It was also requested that Planning and Research continue with obtaining emergency equipment, red lights, siren, and radio, for the unit.

### II COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Communications: EOC report for January 87 was read. There was some discussion on a recommendation to change numbering system for fire departments. The recommendation was not considered.
2. Mutual Aid/ Standards: No report.
3. Training/Education: Jerry Bloom gave an update on the Eastern Seminar as to what classes are closed and which are still open. Personnel in classes that are for certification in Firefighter I & II may take examinations at FTI not later than 31 March 87. A report as to what equipment was committed for support of the Seminar was given. There is also plans for a Fire Ground Command course sometime in early September 1987.
4. P.R./Fire Liaison: There will be a meeting of the agencies sometime next month. Anyone having requests for this meeting are ask to contact Dan Eberhardt at Station 7.
5. Planning & Research: No report.

### III NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sgt Harry Parham, Sheriff's Department, gave some arson statistics for the past year and current year. He also requested departments be a little more selective on calling for their assistance. There was some discussion on a training course being set up for origin and cause determination.
2. CERT Team Leader Benny Nichol recommended each department carry a small amount of absorbent material for small spill control.
3. Chief Crites suggested updating run cards so as not to strip a department of all equipment for one call. Also discussed calling for manpower as opposed to additional equipment on multiple alarm calls.
4. James Berry discussed the recent number of large loss fires in the county. Recommended the possibility of a group critique of officers after multi-alarm calls to discuss problems and recommendations for future calls. He will have a video tape of some recent fires for presentation at next months meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The March meeting will be at Eastover Fire Department, 23 March 1987.

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Respectfully submitted,



DANIEL R. EBERHARDT, Secretary

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Treasurers report..... February 1987

Checking Account

Balance as of <del>3-30-87</del>	.....	21.09
Deposits 2-24--87	.....	15.00
		<u>36.09</u>

Savings Account

Balance as of 2-23-87	.....	1,593.85
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Total ..both accounts            1629.94

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ROLL CALL VOTE RECORD

RESOLUTION/RECOMMENDATION: Motion made by Chief Crites, seconded by Chief Gibbons to  
approve the new Association By=Laws with changes as discussed in meeting.

STATION	YES/FOR	NO/AGANIST
1	X	
2		X
3	X	
4	X	
5	X	
6	"I DON'T CARE"	
7	X	
8		
9	X	
	X	
	X	
12	X	
13	X	

STATION	YES/FOR	NO/AGANIST
14		
15	X	
16	X	
17	X	
18	X	
19	X	
20		
21	X	
22		
23	X	
24	X	
25		
26	X	

City X

TOTAL YES/FOR 20  
 NO/AGANIST 1  
 I Don't Care 1

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION  
23 February 1987

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony of action, to promote mutual aid between departments, to serve the best interest of the people of Cumberland County, do, hereby establish the following Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Section I. This organization shall be known as the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association.

Article II

Section I. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Fire Marshall. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee, and will hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified. The President and the Vice President of the Association shall always be a Fire Chief.

Section II. Duties of Officers

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Association and to counter-sign all orders, warrants or vouchers duly granted by the Association, Executive Committee or other Officers of the Association. He shall receive no compensation for his services.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist the President in the discharge of his duties and perform all of the duties of the President in his absence.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a complete record of all the proceedings of the Association, to receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association, to keep a roster of the names and persons composing the Association. All property, books, and records in the hands of the Secretary are and shall remain the property of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association.

4. The Treasurer shall collect all money; he shall disburse no moneys except on order issued by the President and counter-signed by the President. At the monthly meetings of the Association, he shall make a full report of all moneys received and disbursed by him. He may be required to execute a bond to the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association in a sufficient sum to fully cover the amount of funds coming into his hands, which bond shall be approved by and filed with the President of the Association. All property, books, and records of the Treasurer are and shall remain the property of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association. The cost of the bond is to be paid by the

Association. It shall also be his duty to notify all departments that dues are paid by March 1.

5. The Executive Committee shall transact all business for the Association during the time intervening between scheduled meetings, subject to the approval of the Association at the next scheduled meeting. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, three officers shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE III

#### Section I. Membership

CHIEF OFFICERS

Regular members of the Association shall consist of Fire Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, from the Fire Departments of Cumberland County, Fayetteville, Spring Lake, Hope Mills, Stedman, Fort Bragg, and Pope Air Force Base. Associate members will be, but not limited to, Fire Marshall, Cumberland County Rescue Squad, Emergency Management, Emergency Operations Center, Emergency Medical Services, Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, CERT, Cumberland County Firefighters Association, and the Fayetteville Technical Institute. The Fire Commissioner and the County Attorney will serve as advisors to the Association. All members will be on the Associations mail-out list.

#### Section II. Dues

Dues for the Association for Regular and Associate members shall be \$12.00 per year. Dues shall be paid to the Treasurer within sixty (60) days from the beginning of the year. Statements will be issued prior to 1 January of the new year. Departments that have not paid their dues by the due date will lose their voting privilege until their dues are paid in full. Dues will be placed in general funds for the purpose of general expenses.

#### Section III. Attendance

Any station not represented for three (3) consecutive regular meetings shall lose their voting privilege until it is reinstated by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present.

### ARTICLE IV

Section I. General Membership meetings of this Association shall be held monthly on the fourth (4th) Monday night at 7:00 P.M. The location of the meeting shall be determined by a rotation of stations, in numerical order beginning at Station I, except when the Executive Committee feels that the purpose would best be served at another location.

Section II. A failure to hold any monthly meeting at the time designated in the Constitution shall no way make a dissolution of the Association.

Section III. All voting shall be by a roll call vote by Station, with one vote per regular member.

DEPARTMENT,

Section IV. Any member of this Association who, at any time fails to act in a professional or gentlemanly manner, may, upon charges, be brought before the Association and be expelled from said Association by a majority vote of the membership.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Section I. Election

The election of all Officers shall be held at the regular meeting in December. Election shall be by a majority vote of the regular members present. Voting shall be in accordance with Article IV, Section III of this document.

Section II. If a vacancy should occur for any reason, that vacancy shall be filled by a special election held during the next regular meeting. The rules for the special election shall be the same as for the regular election.

#### ARTICLE VI

Section I. This Association shall have the power to alter, repeal, or revise this Constitution and the By-Laws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Association present entitled to vote; provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VII

Section I. At all meetings of the Association, a majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum.

#### BY-LAWS

Section I. The order of business for all meetings shall be arranged by the President and the Executive Committee.

Section II. Each regular member of the Association present shall have one vote on all matters coming before a meeting of the Association. In all matters, including the election of Officers, a simple majority vote shall prevail.

Section III. All Standing Committees, Committee Chairmans, Vice-Chairmans, and Committee Members will be appointed by the President of the Association. The committee recommendations will be brought before the Association during the January meeting by the President for approval by a vote of regular members. Associate members can be selected to serve on the committees. Project committees shall be appointed at any regular meeting and serve for the duration of the project. Standing Committees shall consist of:

Communications Committee  
Nomination Committee  
Mutual Aid/Standards Committee  
Education and Training Committee  
Public Relations/Fire Liaison Committee

The members of the Executive Committee will be Ex Oficio's of each committee.

Section IV. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority in all matters of Parliamentary Law not covered by these By-Laws.

This shall become effective as of 1 March 1987.