



# Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association

*"Preservation of Life and Property through Organization"*

## Minutes of the September 25, 2017 Monthly Meeting



The monthly meeting was hosted by the Spring Lake Fire Department and we thank Chief McLamb for their hospitality.

**Opening Prayer:** Fire Chief Lucas provided the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted with 18 departments and 7 associate members present.

**Members Absent:**

Fire/EMS Departments: EMS, Hope Mills

Associate Members: Retired Fire Chiefs, Fort Bragg EMS

**Approval of Minutes:** The August 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Guests:** Brittany Woodsen & Staff Members from Dominion Energy – Atlantic Coast Pipeline Briefing  
Commissioner Michael Boose

**Vendors Present:** - None

**Treasurer's Report:** - No report (Provided during Chiefs only meetings.)

**Meeting Point of Interests:**

***Next Chief's Meeting** will be Monday October 28, 2017. The meeting will be hosted by Cape Fear Valley EMS at EMS Base on Gillespie Street – Quarterly Chief's only meeting.*

- Fayetteville FD has the air truck responsibilities during the month of October 2017.
- Members were provided a packet with various informational materials.
  - Fire Chiefs Legal Briefs
  - Information from the Standards Committee on Fuel Contingency
  - Fire Extinguisher Use Flyer - Safety Talks
  - Information Technology – Hacking preventions flyer

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. President Johnson again reminded the membership that "The GO TO" meeting site is up and running. The site can be used for up to 50 users per go to meeting. Please consider using this site for special meetings so that personnel can remain in their stations or work locations and still participate. The meetings need to be coordinated in order to stay within our contract limits, therefore contact President Johnson or Station 13 Division Chief Hanzal to schedule a meeting on this program.

2. President Johnson advised that the SHP portable Motorola 5000 series radios have been delivered. President Johnson also advised the Hope Mills Fire Department were allowing their radios to be re-distributed to other departments who may need them. President Johnson will issue these radios to the low wealth departments. Michael Horne will start programming the radios after the aliases are confirmed by Timmy Mitchell. President Johnson did recommend that we look into purchasing a new battery for each radio being delivered. There was no further action taken at this time.

3. President Johnson stated that we now have a complete list of needed items and equipment to outfit our DECON trailers. This equipment will be ordered and once received will be distributed to each DECON trailer and is for emergency use only.

4. President Johnson stated that we picked up the AFFF foam that was coordinated through Fire Code Enforcement Officer Brian Marley and Rodney Ward. We (Our Association) is much appreciative and thanks both for keeping us in mind when the opportunity came about. All our foam trailers are now back in service. We have removed the generators and instead will provide an applicable in size and length extension cord that will support the lighting system from the support engine. We will change out the old style halogen lights and replace them with LED lights that will reduce the required wattage. The generator only supported the lighting systems and our association has spent quite a bit of funds on our generators removing bad gas, carburetor work etc. President Johnson advised all members that need foam to let him know by close of business Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> if you have a need for foam. Each foam trailer will also receive training foam in order to keep operators trained on the equipment and we will make some training foam available to FTCC. (An AFFF Ansulite 3% Material Safety Data Sheet was provided in each packet).

5. The "I AM RESPONDING" contract is up for renewal and we will be moving forward as there has been no information received to cancel the contract. We will pay our renewal fee by the end of October for another three years.

6. President Johnson announced the Memorial Service will be Saturday October 14, 2017 at 1100 hours at the Memorial Site located on the campus of FTCC. The guest speaker for the event is Tim Bradley the Executive Director of the North Carolina State Firefighters Association. He advised that this will be a very special service, whereas in addition to honoring our Line of Duty deaths we will also honor those active members of our departments that passed away while still active in our departments since the memorial was dedicated back in May 2000. A special memorial will be erected that will bear their names. He urged all Fire Chiefs to insure that their departments are represented by bringing one department owned vehicle/apparatus. This is also a Class "A" event or an equivalent uniform.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. President Johnson was asked about the Training Committee and its status. He was not aware that there were issues and will check with the Training Committee Chairman Assistant Chief Dale Spiller and report back to the membership.
2. President Johnson stated that it was time for all of us to update our association pictures. He will line up a photographer at one of our future meetings. We will also include the American and NC flag for our background in order to spruce our site up. The pictures will require a Class "A" Uniform coat and tie preferably.

3. President Johnson stated that Jernigan and Warren Funeral Home donated five (5) each American and North Carolina coffin flags to our association. These flags will be stored and are for use for our members as needed. We will resupply as needed. He will send a thank you note to Jernigan and Warren and thank them for the kind donation to our cause.
4. Sheriff Wright briefly talked with the membership and thanked the members for their continued support and cautioned the membership concerning face-book page posting to make sure the posting are correct and accurate. If not sure please check with his department. He also invited all the Chiefs to participate in his up-coming golf tournament at Gates Four. A flyer is included in each chief's packet.
5. President Johnson reminded the membership that henceforth all our monthly Legal Briefs and Health Reports will be in digital format only and will be sent out via e-mail to each department. This will reduce the massive monthly copy paper requirement.
6. President Johnson advised the membership that we needed to officially approve several telephonically approved voting records. On September 21, 2017 President Johnson received 18 affirmative votes to allow him to proceed and order two (2) Motorola XTS 5000 Radio Batteries to go with the recently purchased surplus XTS-5000 portable radios. The batteries that we received were at various stages of life and in order to address firefighter safety it would be best to have batteries that can sustain an on-going incident. (See the enclosed Voting Record) - A **MOTION** was made by Fire Chief Stephen Parrish to approve the purchase of two (2) Motorola XTS-5000 batteries, two per radio. The motion was **SECONDED** by Deputy Fire Chief Tracie Smith unanimously **APPROVED** by all members present.
7. President Johnson also provided the telephonically approved voting record that supported the sponsorship of the Kidsville USA fire prevention paper distributed to all Cumberland County elementary schools and various day cares. A second initiative on the same voting block provided authorization for the association to support the Active Shooter Train the Trainer (TTT) instructor supplement fees in conjunction with FTCC by furnishing about \$ 3000.00 towards the program that will train our TTT's. A MOTION was made by Fire Chief T. J. McLamb to APPROVE both the Kidsville USA and the TTT initiative with FTCC. The MOTION was seconded by Fire Chief Wayne Lucas and unanimously APPROVED by all members present. (See the Enclosed Telephonic Voting Record dated August 6, 2017)
8. President Johnson advised the membership that Fire Chief Harold Shirley – Beaver Dam Fire Department submitted the required verification from the NC Rescue and EMS Association identifying his department as a Light Rescue Provider and thus authorizing Beaver Dam to recognize 2661 as Squad 26 for as long as the certification is maintained. He congratulated Chief Shirley.
9. President Johnson brought to the memberships attention an e-mail received from Fire Captain Jay Leonard concerning a Cancer Initiative – Protective Hood Survey and urged all members to participate in the quick survey. ( A copy of the e-mail is included in each packet).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **ID CARD/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

- **FYI.** For members requiring new or replacement ID cards all written requests must signed by the Fire Chiefs clearly identifying the member requiring the new or replacement card. For any questions or an appointment contact 424-0694 or e-mail at [cjohnson.spfd@gmail.com](mailto:cjohnson.spfd@gmail.com)
- No Report

**FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE** BC Martin – Chairpersons, FF Jamie Everitte  
E-Mail: [MMartin@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:MMartin@ci.fay.nc.us), or [JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:JEveritte@ci.fay.nc.us)

- Chief Martin briefly addressed the upcoming fire safety day at the Cross Creek Mall on Saturday October 21, 2017 from 10 until 4 PM. He urged all department to participate.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** EMS Chief Brian Pearce – EMS - Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com)

- No Report

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

- Assistant Chief Murphy briefly addressed the Fuel Conservation / Fuel Contingency Plan SOG that was placed in each Chiefs packet. We currently have no plan but need to implement a plan.

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

- Quick follow-up concerning the up-coming memorial and requested support for the same. The 2017 Memorial Service Flyer is in everyone's packet.

**AUTOMATIC AID/MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE** Chief Joe Marsh (GCFD # 24) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [gcf24@nc.rr.com](mailto:gcf24@nc.rr.com)

- No Report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr. (Stoney Point) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [spfd1302@nc.rr.com](mailto:spfd1302@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

**RESCUE COMMITTEE** Deputy Chief Hank Harris (Cotton FD) Chairperson,  
E-Mail: [cfd402@nc.rr.com](mailto:cfd402@nc.rr.com)

- No report.

**DISPATCH STEERING / AVL COMMITTEE** Chief Chuck Hodges (Hope Mills FD),

Chairperson, E-Mail:

- No Report

**KNOX BOX COMMITTEE** - Emergency Management Officer Gene Booth (Emergency Services)

Chairperson, E-Mail: [wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- EM Officer Gene Booth met with the Knox box committee prior to the start of the meeting and updated the membership. A meeting will be scheduled with the Knox Box representative concerning a new device that is available and should meet our needs.

**FIREHOUSE STEERING COMMITTEE** – Fire Chief T. J. McLamb (SLFD # 22) Chairperson,

E-Mail: [tmclamb@spring-lake.org](mailto:tmclamb@spring-lake.org)

- No report.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS REPORT**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR/ ECC-911** (Randy Beeman, Director),

E-Mail: [rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:rbeeman@co.cumberland.nc.us)

- No Report

**EMS DIRECTOR:** Brian Pearce, Director E-Mail: [bpearce@capefearvalley.com](mailto:bpearce@capefearvalley.com)

- No report. – President Johnson updated the membership about the discussion he had with EMS Chief Pearce concerning professional courtesy for our membership. All our members that require a medic unit while on duty should receive that ride free of charge. Our departments all over Cumberland County provide our EMS Agency with tremendous professional courtesy on an on-going basis, and we expected that same courtesy in return. Chief Pearce informed President Johnson that he would look into the situation.

**HAZMAT BC** Robert Brinson, FFD - POC telephone for HAZMAT is 584-9550,

E-Mail: [rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us](mailto:rbrinson@ci.fay.nc.us)

- No report.

**FORESTRY DISTRICT** Craig Gottfried, County Ranger, E-Mail: [craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov](mailto:craig.gottfried@ncagr.gov)

- Attending representatives introduced the new smoke chaser for the upcoming fire season.

**FTCC** Steve Drew, E-Mail: [drews@faytechcc.edu](mailto:drews@faytechcc.edu)

- No report.

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

- Sheriff No report.

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

E-Mail: [fjohnson@ncshp.org](mailto:fjohnson@ncshp.org)

- Major Johnson reinforced information concerning the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** Fire Commissioner John Keefe

- Explained the current finance shortages and the new method used to derive at the adjusted total shortage of about \$ 39,000.00 versus \$ 269,000.00

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe provided a Premier Edge Firefighter Knife as a door price. Fire Chief Scott Bass received the knife by winning the name draw.
- President Johnson announced Stoney Point's Annual Trail of Terror Fund Raiser which kicks off 6 October and runs every weekend from 8 to 11 pm through Halloween night. Everyone is invited.
- Chief Jason Autry of Bethany Fire Department urged all departments to support the Bethany BBQ Fundraiser coming up on Saturday October 7, 2017 from 11 AM until 7 PM at the Bethany Fire Department. Plates are \$ 7.00 each. A flyer was placed in each chief's packet.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by Deputy Chief Roddy Bullard seconded by Chief Owen Harris. The meeting was adjourned at 2145 hours.

Respectfully Submitted By:

*Freddy L. Johnson Sr.*

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

*Mark A. Melvin*

Mark A. Melvin, CFO  
Fire Chief / Secretary

**2 Enclosures**

1. Kidsville USA & TTT initiative telephonic voting approval form dated August 6, 2017
2. Motorola XTS 5000 Battery Purchase Authorization telephonic approval form dated September 21, 2017

XTS 5000 Motorola Portable Radio Battery purchases – **Voting Record**

During our regularly scheduled meeting on Monday September 25, 2017 hosted by the Spring Lake Fire Department, A **motion** was made by **Fire Chief Steve Parrish** (CRFD) to approve the **telephonically approved** purchase of three-hundred (300) XTS 5000 Portable Radio Motorola Batteries to be distributed to each VFD department in lots of twenty (20) with ten (10) slated for Spring Lake. The motion was seconded by **Deputy Chief Tracy Smith** (PMFD) and **APPROVED** By all members present.

*On Wednesday September 20, and on Thursday September 21, 2017 President Johnson telephonically contacted the listed Chiefs in order to acquire approval to support the purchase of two (2) new Motorola XTS 5000 batteries for the surplus SHP radios purchased and delivered to each participating station. The used batteries that came with each radio are at various stages of life, and in order for our departments to fully utilize the new radios without reservations about battery life that could quickly diminish during an emergency incident it is recommended to furnish each department two (2) new batteries that will sustain emergency operations and add to firefighter safety. 20 Batteries for each department with 22 to each needy department to apply to radios waived by Hope Mills, which provided one (1) additional radio for each low wealth department. Listed below is the accumulative approval per listed department POC – As of September 21, 2017 there were 18 yes votes. With no contact with the 3 remaining members.*

**Wednesday September 20, & Thursday September 21, 2017**

##	STATION	CHIEF	YES / NO	##	STATION	CHIEF	YES / NO
01	EASTOVER 20	T. Thurman 9/20/17	Yes	11	Grays Creek 18 20	K. Herndon 9/20/17	Yes
02	VANDER 20	R. Bullard 9/20/17	Yes	12	Grays Creek 24 20	J. Marsh 9/20/17	Yes
03	PEARCE'S MILL 20	R. Marley 9/20/2017	Yes	13	Hope Mills -00-	C. Hodges 9/20/17	Yes
04	COTTON 20	H. Harris 9/20/17	Yes	14	Spring Lake 10	T. J. McLamb 9/20/17	Yes
05	CUMBERLAND RD 20	S. Parish 9/20/17	Yes	15	Stedman 22	J. Nobles 9/20/17	Yes
06	BETHANY 22	J. Autry 9/20/17	Yes	16	Beaver Dam 22	H. Shirley 9/20/17	Yes
07	STONE POINT 20	Johnson Sr. 9/20/17	Yes	17	Fayetteville -00-	B. Major No Contact	N/A
08	WESTAREA 20	S. Bass 9/20/17	Yes	18	Fort Bragg -00-	M. Melvin 9/21/17	Yes
09	Wade 22	M. Hill 9/20/17	Yes	19	Emer. Svc Dir -00-	R. Beeman 9/21/17	Yes
10	Godwin – Falcon 22	W. Lucas 9/20/17	Yes	20	Fire Commissioner	J. Keefe No Contact	N/A
				21	EMS -00-	B. Pearce No Contact	N/A



## Telephonic Vote Record

**August 6, 2017**

**During the duly called to order September 2017 meeting and in order to formalize the telephonic voting record - A motion was presented by Fire Chief TJ McLamb to approve the telephonic voting record concerning the approval of two (2) items – (1) Active Shooter Train The Trainer instructor supplement fees in conjunction with FTCC & (2) support our on-going Fire Prevention efforts in support of the monthly Kidsville USA newspaper circulation to all Cumberland County Elementary and selected day cares, with copies for FD's. The motion was seconded by Fire Chief Wayne Lucas and with no further discussion stands approved per the telephonic vote listed below. The first vote represents the active shooter initiative and the second vote represents the Kidsville USA initiative.**

President Johnson telephonically contacted the listed Chiefs in order to acquire approval to support two programs in support of the CCFCA.

(1) With the new active shooter protocol recently released by Governor Cooper which involved the Rescue Task Force Concept which pairs FF's, Paramedics and LEO during active shooter incidents. FTCC will pay 75% of cost and is looking for the remaining 25% from the CCFCA – County departments will be able to send certified instructors to the TTF class. \$ 3,500.00

(2) Fire prevention - Kidsville USA – A newspaper delivered to elementary schools throughout Cumberland County on a monthly basis. Looking to support fire prevention to reach children – Each FD will receive courtesy copies. Also supported by FFD & SPFD for \$ 4000.00 each.

### Sunday August 6, 2017 – 2000 Hours – 2130 Hours

##	STATION	CHIEF	YES / NO	##	STATION	CHIEF	YES / NO
01	EASTOVER	T. Thurman	Yes / Yes	11	Grays Creek 18	K. Herndon	Yes / Yes
02	VANDER	R. Bullard	Yes / Yes	12	Grays Creek 24	J. Marsh	Surgery
03	PEARCE'S MILL	R. Marley	Yes / Yes	13	Hope Mills	C. Hodges	Yes / Yes
04	COTTON	H. Harris	Yes / Yes	14	Spring Lake	T. J. McLamb	Yes / Yes
05	CUMBERLAND RD	S. Parish	Yes / Yes	15	Stedman	J. Nobles	Yes / Yes
06	BETHANY	J. Autry	Yes / Yes	16	Beaver Dam	G. Brock	Yes / Yes
07	STONE POINT	Johnson Sr.	Yes / Yes	17	Fayetteville	B. Major	Yes / Yes
08	WESTAREA	S. Bass	Yes / Yes	18	Fort Bragg	M. Melvin	Yes / Yes
09	Wade	M. Hill	Yes / Yes	19	Emer. Services	R. Beeman	Yes / Yes
10	Godwin – Falcon	W. Lucas	Yes / No	20	Fire Commis.	J. Keefe	No Answer
				21	EMS	B. Pearce	No Answer