

WNCAFF Quarterly Meeting
Lincoln County Firefighters Association
The Laboratory Mill
April 19, 2017

18:35 – President Webster gaveled the meeting to order with 139 members in attendance. President Webster introduced Denver Fire Chief Jay Flynn for welcome and opening remarks. Chief Flynn introduced several dignitaries in attendance, Kelly Atkins –Lincoln County’s County Manager, Bill Beam – Lincoln County’s Commissioner Chairman, Joshua Grant – Lincoln County’s Program Operation’s Manager, Ed Hatley-Mayor of the City of Lincolnton.

Invocation was given by: Assistant Chief Mike Boyles – North 321 Fire Department.

Pledge of Allegiance: John Dancoff – South Fork Fire Department.

President Webster recognized our meal sponsor for the meeting: Atlantic Emergency Solutions (Becky Rawls).

Meal was provided by Chilin & Grilling from Denver, NC.

19:40 – Meeting Reconvened.

President Webster recognized the 2017 WNCAFF Officers.

- President Andy Webster – Cool Springs Fire Department
- 1st Vice President Rick Livingston – Mills River Fire Department
- 2nd Vice President Trevor Lance – Skyland Fire Department
- Secretary Anthony Penland – Swannanoa Fire Department
- Treasurer Dean Coward – Saunook Fire Department
- Past President Curt Deaton – Mooresville Fire Department
- Mountain Region Director Brian Piercy – Pleasant Garden Fire Department
- Highlands Region Director – Robert Griffin – Edneyville Fire Department
- Foothills Region Director – Todd McMurry – Shelby Fire Department

Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports

Motion moved by David Hughes and seconded by Craig Budzinski to accept the secretary’s report as mailed, emailed and/or posted to the website. Motion Passed.

Motion moved by Jeff Cash seconded by Ryan Cole to accept treasurer’s report as read. Motion Passed.

19:45 – Duke Energy Grant

- President Webster gave an update on the Duke Energy Grant. A committee has been formed and thirteen applications have been received. The disbursement should be coming within the next month. A new application period will be discussed if there is money left over from the first round of applications.

19:50 – By-law Changes

- Proposed changes to the by-laws were posted to the website and emailed out to the membership. Membership was asked to contact board members with any questions and be prepared to vote at the April meeting.

Motion moved by Ryan Heavner and seconded by Andy Webster to accept the changes to the by-laws as mailed and posted on the website.

20:00 – Agency Reports

NCSFA – Tim Bradley

- **Office Relocation and Update**
 - Our offices were damaged due to a fire in a building across the street last month. We anticipate being out of that location 12 – 18 months. We tried to maintain operations, answer questions and request via cell phone and email in the interim. We have secured a 12- month lease with two extensions of six months at 3101 Industrial Drive, Raleigh, 27609. Our phone numbers are the same and our systems are up and running. We were down except for some email for almost two weeks. We had excellent insurance through VFIS, and they have been very helpful in getting our office back up. Kudo's to the Raleigh Fire Department for the outstanding job they did with the fire.
- **Relocation Issues/Changes**
 - NCSFA dues deadline extended until April 30th.
 - NCSFA staff will work with individuals who may have tried to get scholarship information back to the NCSFA.
 - Continued to approve requests for relief fund expenditures as we received them, but it will take a while to catch documentation up.
 - NCSFA fire department files were recovered and have been set up in our new office. There may be some mail that got lost in transition, so if you have not heard from us on a request, please let us know.
- **Scholarships and Grants**
 - Scholarships and grant applications have been received and are being evaluated.
 - We are trying to catch up paperwork and approvals as quickly as we can...
- **Dues Increase for 2018**
 - The NCSFA Board has elected to apply a dues increase of \$5 for the year beginning in 2018. The last increase was in 2009. The new dues amount will be \$25 per member when you pay your 2018 dues. The primary cause for the increase is the rising costs of providing insurance, LODD and A&D. Since 2009 our cost per member has actually increased a little over \$10, but we have been able to offset most of that due to management changes, and the LGFCU Debit card returns.

➤ **SAFRE Conference Update**

- The 2017 FRI/SAFRE Conference is being held in Charlotte this year July 26th – 29th. Registration is now available on-line. We are cohosting with FRI. While you can attend the SAFRE conference for the usual NC Reasonable rates, since we are co-hosting with FRI, you can attend their conference at a rate never offered before if you are a firefighter in NC. The vendor show will be much larger than last year and will not only include our usual vendors, but the national companies that always show.

➤ **Legislation**

- Legislative Bills sent as an attachment with the minutes.

NCAFC – Jake Whisnant

➤ **Mid-Winter Conference**

- The NCAFC and NCSFRI Board of Directors would like to express their appreciation for all who participated in the 2017 Mid-Winter Conference. The conference attendance continues to grow and that growth is greatly influenced by participation from the regional associations. NCAFC has contracted for 2018 and 2019 to remain in Concord NC.
- Next year's conference is scheduled for January 31-February 4, 2018.

➤ **Fire Prevention School**

- March 24, 2017 completed the 58th NC Fire Prevention School in Carolina Beach NC. The School had 161 in attendance; 39 for the Basic Program, 36 for the Intermediate, 25 for the Advance and 61 for the Graduate Program.
- Due to growth of the programs and numerous requests, the planning committee is researching the possibilities of a Master's Program. NCAFC Board would like to thank all those who support the NC Fire Prevention School's program.
- Next Year's school is planned for March 5-9, 2018.

➤ **Fire Caucus**

- NCAFC had board members attend the 2017 Fire Caucus in Washington last week. The NCSFA and NCAFC visited our elected officials on the Capitol Hill. It was a very successful visit.

➤ **NC Accreditation Consortium**

- NCAFC has collaborated with NC Accreditation Consortium to support and promote the quarterly meetings that are held in Greensboro NC. This is a great for those departments looking at future accreditation or those departments utilizing components of accreditation to enhance their present operation.
- **Upcoming Dates**
 - July 2017 Date TBA
 - October 26, 2017

- **2017 SEAFC Conference**
 - NCAFC board members will be attending the 2017 SEAFC Conference in North Charleston SC on June 19-22. Monroe Fire Chief Ron Fowler will be entering the President's position at the conference.
- **2017 Chief Officer Executive Development Program**
 - NCAFC 2017 Chief Officer Executive Development Program- Charlotte NC
 - Week-1 September 18-22,2017
 - Week-2 October 23-27,2017
 - Applications will be on opening in May.
- **NCAFC Strategic Plan**
 - As a part of the NCAFC Strategic Plan, the board is presently conducting Regional Focus Groups to receive feedback from NCAFC stakeholders as to areas the association can better serve and communicate with present and prospective members. The WNCAFF board has graciously allowed the focus group to take place before the July 19 Brevard meeting.

NVFC – Jeff Cash (NVFC 2017 Spring Organization Report Sent With the Minutes)

OSFM – Michael Caviness

- **Driver Operator**
 - Rewrites are finishing up.
 - July 1st is the new program release.
 - Combining Aerial testing and Maintenance into one class.
 - Mobile Water Supply will become a certification – part of the class will be EVD again in a tanker.
 - Instructors need to take the requalification which should be online by then.
- **Qualification School**
 - Removed the two fail rule.
- **Fire Officer 1&2/Instructor 1&2**
 - Now accept reciprocity and equivalent credit.
- **TIMS**
 - The classroom hours has dropped from six to four hours.
- **Retirements**
 - Mike Edwards and Jonathan Sowers will retire on June 1, 2017.

OSFM Ratings and Inspections – Terry Young

March 2017

Total Inspection 34

State Wide	9S Inspections	Surveys
	20	14

Regions	9S Inspections	Surveys
East	0	6
Piedmont	1	5
West	19	3

9S Failures

Number of Departments Failed
3

Failure Reasons

1	Chief Officer did not complete Chief 101
2	Low on Personnel

2017 Year to Date

Total Inspection 136

State Wide	9S Inspections	Surveys
	96	40

Regions	9S Inspections	Surveys
East	27	15
Piedmont	21	12
West	48	13

9S Failures

Number of Departments
13

Failure Reasons

1	No Current Weight Ticket
2	No Current Service Test
6	Chief Officer did not complete Chief 101
6	Low on Personnel
3	No Contract
1	Low on Communications Equipment
1	Low on Protective Gear
1	No AA Contract
1	No Current Service Test
2	No Fire Alarm Reports
1	No Worker's Comp

NCEM – Eric Wiseman

➤ **Upcoming Events:**

- SERC Meeting April 21, 2017. Raleigh NC.
- McGuire Nuclear Station
 - Task Force Meetings Dates.
 - May 4, 2017
 - June 1, 2017
- NCNG Vigilant Catamount Exercise
 - June 4-15, 2017.
 - Jackson, Swain, Transylvania and Haywood Counties.
- Duke Energy Common EOF Validation Drill
 - June 21, 2017.
- Total Solar Eclipse
 - August 21, 2017
- 2018 World Equestrian Games
 - Tryon, NC.
 - September 10-23, 2018.
 - 70 Countries.
 - 500,000 spectators.

NCFS – No Report

NCFFF – Rick Wood

➤ **12th Annual NCFFF Memorial Service**

- May 5-6, 2017.
- Nash Square, Downtown Raleigh.
- **May 5, 2017**
 - 2016 Surviving Families Dinner at Raleigh Station 1 beginning at 5:30 pm. This dinner is for the families of this year's 11 inductee's and also for past survivor families to come together. It will be followed by a candle light service beginning at 8 pm at the memorial. All personnel are invited to attend the candle light service.

- **May 6, 2017**
 - The Day starts off with a parade of Honor Guards, Pipe Bands and Fire Apparatus of those departments that have suffered a line of duty death. The parade steps off at 10 am down Hillsborough Street passing the host hotel, Holiday Inn. The parade turns right onto South Dawson Street and ends at Nash Square in front of Raleigh Station 1.
 - The Memorial Service begins at 1 pm with the Fire Service and Honor Guards providing a Walk of Honor for the families of this year's 11 inductee's. Honor Guards and the Pipe Band start the service in full ceremonial accord. Each name will be read and the families escorted in front of the memorial and presented a folded US Flag that was flown over the memorial in honor of their fallen hero.
 - Please join us as we pay HONOR and RESPECT to Our Fallen and show our care and support to the families of our fallen.
 - Past and current year Surviving Families please Contact Kathy Weatherspoon at Kathy.weatherspoon@gmail.com
 - Honor Guards and Pipe Bands please contact Kevin Davis at kdavis@ci.jacksonville.nc.us
- **2016 WNCFAFF Fallen Firefighters**
 - **Richard Sheltra**, Pineville-Morrow Fire Department April 30, 2016.
 - **Bradley S. Long**, Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire Rescue, June 6, 2016.
 - **Joshua Warren**, Alexis Vol Fire Department, June 16, 2016.
 - **Lee Roy Horton**, Statesville Fire Department, November 22, 1967.
- **NCFFF Contact Information**
 - www.ncfff.org.
 - PO Box 68, Bahama, NC 27503.
 - Can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

NCSFRI – No Report

Community Colleges – Winfield Abee

- **Upcoming Weekend Fire/Rescue Colleges**
 - Cape Fear
 - April 21-23, 2017. 400 students have pre-registered.
 - 1st Annual Buncombe County Fire School
 - June 2-4, 2017.
 - Buncombe County Training Center.
- **Activities**
 - Staff attended and presented workshops at NC Community Colleges Leadership Conference in March.
 - Scheduled Regional meetings for School Directors.
 - Haywood CC Training Center Dedication June 19th
 - Western Piedmont CC training center slated to be demolished as part of 292 million dollar school and housing complex. The training center will be relocated.

20:40 - **Old Business – No Discussion**

20:40 - **New Business**

1. SAFRE Grant Recipients

- PG Fire Department – McDowell County.
- Double Island Fire Department – Yancey County.

2. New Website

- Executive board has approved a proposal to hire FireCompanies.com to design and host our website. Big changes and more ways to keep our membership informed.

3. 2016 NCAFC Award Winners

- Four western members took home awards from the NCAFC Mid-Winter Banquet.
- **Fire Chiefs of the Year.**
 - Chief Joey Webb – Waynesville Fire Department (Career Chief)
 - Eric Wiseman – Parkway Fire Department (Volunteer Chief)
- **Fire Officer of the Year.**
 - Trent Carpenter – Cherryville Fire Department (Career Officer)
 - Todd McMurry – Polkville Fire Department (Volunteer Officer)

4. Next Meeting: July 19, 2017.

- Hosted by: Brevard Fire Department (Transylvania County)
- Meeting Location.
 - Dunn's Masonic Temple
174 East Main Street
Brevard, NC 28712

Meeting adjourned at 20:45.

Respectfully Submitted: Secretary Anthony Penland