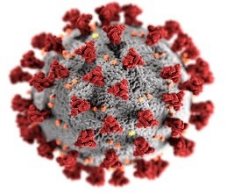


# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Accident Camden Road near the Hoke County Line April 2020



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## 2020 Annual Report *Chief's Message*

The calendar year 2020 certainly has been like no other here at Stoney Point and in our lives. Since March 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic has continually evolved with uncertainty, stress and suffering not only in our communities, but also provided challenges for our emergency response protocols and system. Especially noteworthy is the fact that despite the COVID challenges, it also brought out the best in many people as well as our emergency response system, placing our health care staffs and our first responders on the front lines face to face with COVID.

It is in this perspective that I would like to focus on our membership on behalf of our Board of Directors and myself and thank our dedicated men and women that volunteer and work here at Stoney Point along with their families for what they have already done both in their personal lives and here at Stoney Point to weather the on-going COVID pandemic that will certainly linger into 2021. I'm inspired by the way our members have risen to the challenges of the pandemic, but our commitment over the last nine months has made all the difference not only in our own lives but also in the lives of our citizens that we serve.

Moving forward, I would like to remind our membership of our inclusive mission and how our emergency responsibilities are essential to the lives of our citizens and the motoring public that we assist. It's times like these when our values and services matter a lot to the people and communities that we serve.

In spite of all our COVID-19 challenges our members stepped up and exceeded our overall training requirements in preparation of our upcoming spring 2021 North Carolina Department of Insurance (DOI), Insurance Service Office (ISO)



Rating Bureau assessment. Our goal is to improve our rating to reflect our department's true commitment of our continuous improvement model.

Also noteworthy is the fact that in addition to our emergency response call volume, and as in years past, in 2020 we completely remodeled our J. Wallace Smith training room at Station 13. We purchased a 2006 Pierce Dash Fire Engine from the Eastover Fire Department and placed it in service at Station 19. As a result we now have three (3) Pumper/Tanker Engine Companies at each of our two (2) Fire Protection Facilities. Another notable point is that our Board of Directors allowed the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association (CCFCA) access and built a five (5) bay storage garage at Station 19 in order to store association assets.

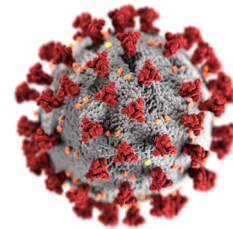
In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic our 2020 Trail of Terror (TOT) fund raiser was one for the record books. With only seven (7) shows, compared to our normal eleven or twelve shows we experienced record crowds and exceeded our annual fund raising goal. To our staffs and the many volunteers, as well as our community that came out in support of our annual fund raiser Thank You Very Much, your assistance is truly appreciated. All funds raised are re-invested into our public safety mission.

In closing and as always, I want to again thank the City of Fayetteville, Hope Mills and all our partner agencies, for assisting us with professional quality automatic aid and we look forward to working with them in 2021. Thank you for what each of you do and know that we will recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Stoney Point team will continue with our mission of taking care and serving the public that need our help.

Respectfully submitted,

*Freddy L. Johnson Sr.*

FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR., CFO



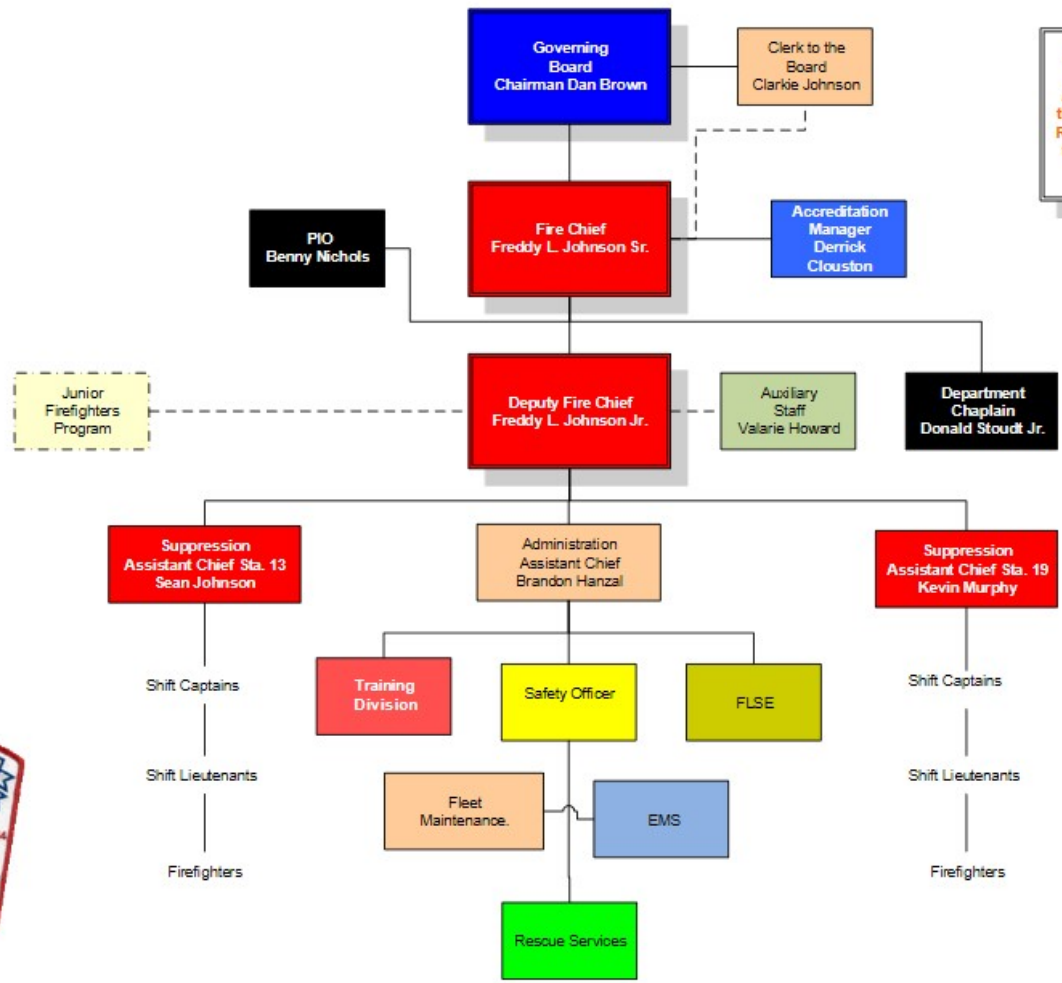
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**Stoney Point Fire Department Inc.**  
 June 16, 2020



On Nov 15, 2011 The Governing Board Appointed the Clerk to the Board as the Human Resources Manager and to assist the Fire Chief with those duties



Fatality Fire April 4, 2020 Lakeview Drive



Assistant Chief Brandon Hanzal  
FLSE

## Fire and Life Safety Education

The year 2020 was a new kind of challenge to the department's Fire Life and Safety Program. The safety measures that were put in place by our local government to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 - definitely impaired the ability of our programs to thrive. We continued to serve the public implementing social distancing and mask wear during our events. Numbers of attending patrons were down as the education part of the program took a hit mostly due to our public schools being closed for the year. The department has four fire life safety trained and certified providers to help deliver our departments public safety message. The program is broken down into four focused sections. During the 2020 campaign 9,565 adults and 6,502 children were educated through Child Passenger Safety, Public Education with focus on the 2020 NFPA fire safety message "[Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen](#)", and Public Recruitment and Smoke Alarm installations.

In our effort to reduce the incidents of injuries and deaths in children riding in vehicles Our department's Child Passenger Safety section of the program now has 6 CPS Technicians and installed 66 child safety seats and educated parents and children about child passenger safety. The Stoney Point Fire Department continues to be recognized as a permanent checking station and hopes to stay involved in 2021 by doing at least one off-site seat-check in the community

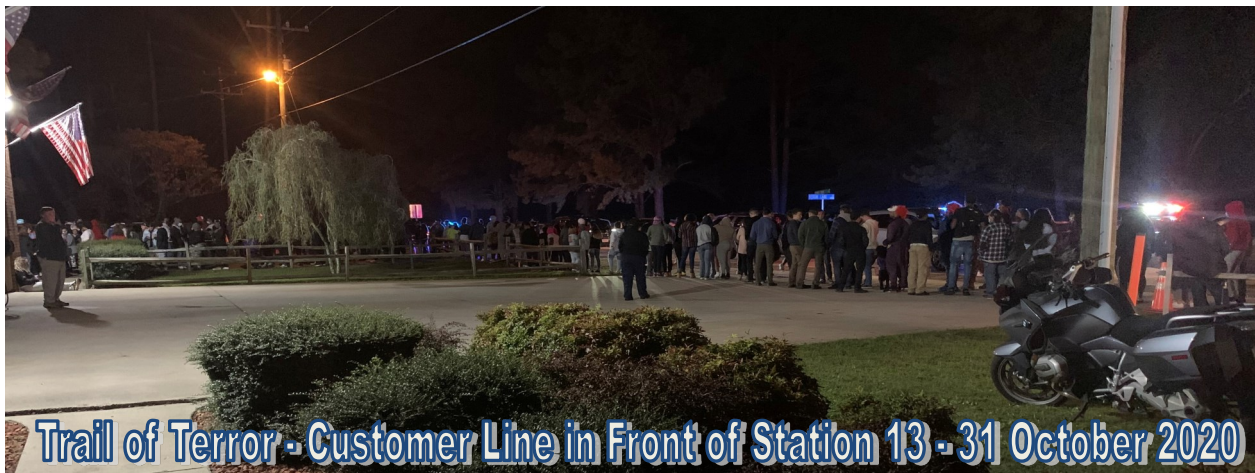
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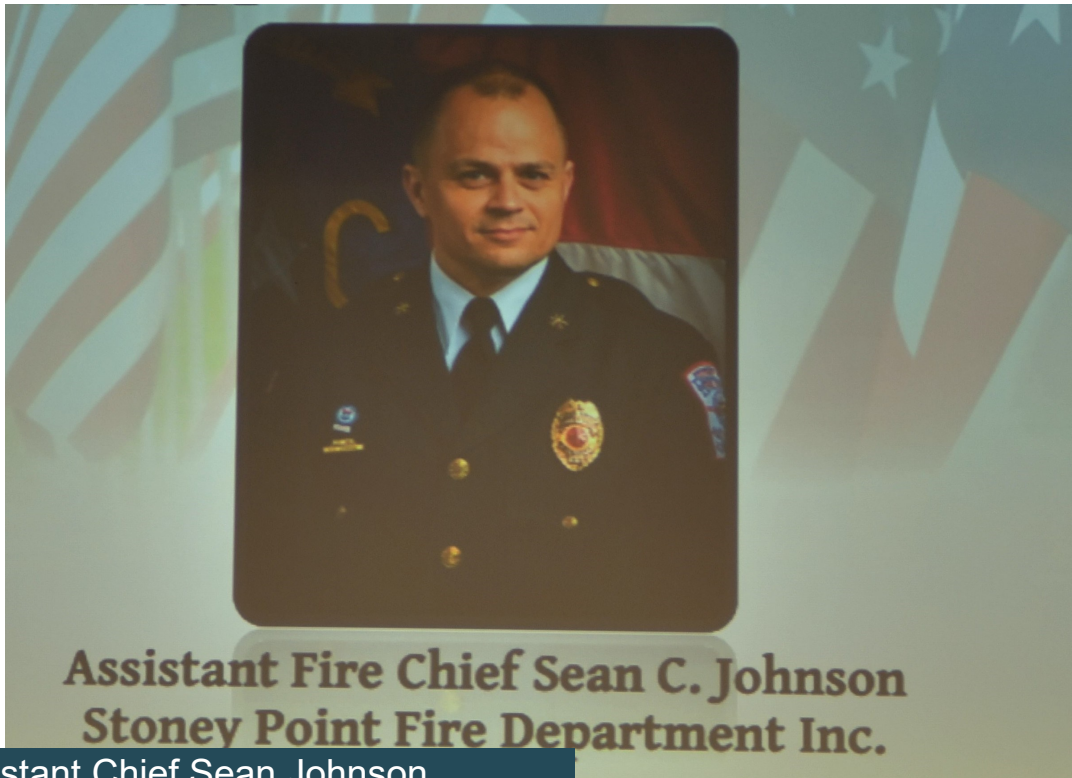
in conjunction with the other agencies. This year the department worked with safe kids Cumberland County and participated in a city wide Safe Kids workshop. We have plans to participate in that event in 2021 pending restrictions due to COVID-19. The Stoney Point Fire Department continues to be a full participating partner in the Cumberland County Safe Kids program which includes our military neighbors from Ft Bragg. The Committee meets on a Monthly basis and shares in the staffing responsibilities for different community events throughout the year.

The Public education was limited in 2020 due to social distance rules. Our previous target for education was halted due to our schools being in session virtually. Small groups such as Girl Scout troops and local church youth groups were still targets of outreach on a limited basis where social distancing was possible. Efforts to find new ways to reach out to school aged children will continue to be a topic of discussion with our schools until we can do face to face learning again.

Smoke detector install 2020 focused on messaging and reminders for residence to remember to perform annual maintenance on their systems. To limit exposure to crews very few installs were performed (only 31 down 61% from previous year).

The **2020 Trail of Terror** did in fact operate again this season but under a limited capacity due COVID-19 limitation. Attendance was over 10,000 patrons but our event only operated 7 nights instead of the traditional 10-12. Our Public safety messages were placed on local Lamar digital advertising boards and all ticketing materials. Website [undeadfd.com](http://undeadfd.com) and other social media sites were used to further messaging efforts.





Assistant Chief Sean Johnson  
Operations/EMS Officer

## Emergency Medical Program

Stoney Point Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services program presents the following summary of the 2020 year.

Our department continues to provide advanced life support in full support of Cape Fear Valley Emergency Medical EMS Medic Units. A Paramedic staffed Ambulance is housed and responds from our Stoney Point Station 13 location. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the 2020 calendar year brought on challenges never witnessed before. The COVID-19 pandemic, also known as the coronavirus pandemic, is highly contagious and an on-going pandemic that can cause severe acute respiratory syndrome. Symptoms of COVID-19 are highly variable, ranging from none to severe illness. Because of a lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect Fire Department Emergency Medical First Responders at the onset of the pandemic the Medical Director suspended the county-wide fire department medical first responders' program for a period of four (4) months, resulting in a dramatic drop in incident calls during the calendar year. Here at Stoney Point we adopted all the recommended [preventive measures](#) including [social distancing](#), wearing [face masks](#) in public, ventilation and air-filtering, [hand washing](#), covering one's mouth when sneezing or coughing, disinfecting surfaces, and monitoring and [self-isolation](#) for people exposed or symptomatic. As an operational enhancement and with the assistance from the 2020 CARES Act our department was able to purchase much needed PPE, Electrostatic Hand Sprayers, and additional needed equipment to



### Emergency Medical Program (Continued)

protect our members from COVID-19. We also purchased and placed in service fifteen (15) new CARDIAC SCIENCE Semi-Automatic Defibrillators by placing a new defibrillator on every department owned apparatus and facility.

Even during the pandemic our Firefighters/EMTs continued to complete competency based medical continuing education monthly throughout the year, where topics were rotated on a continuing training cycle, with some of the training being conducted virtually. With the inclusion of Naloxone (NARCAN), all our EMTs received training in the use and administration of this life saving drug for overdoses encountered within our response district. In addition to maintaining our annual EMS training needs, and with a 40% drop in EMS responses Stoney Point Fire Department Firefighters/EMTs still responded to 497 emergency medical requests for service.

Also noteworthy is the fact that late in December 2020 approximately 70% of our front-line essential members elected to take the Pfizer COVID-19 shot provided through the Cumberland County Health Department and Cape Fear Valley Medical Center during the government's priority A-1 essential personnel vaccination period.





Assistant Chief Derrick Clouston  
Accreditation Manager

## Accreditation / Rating and Strategic Planning

2020 no doubt has offered plenty of challenges as an organization, and in typical fashion our department rose to those challenges and served with distinction. Our continuation and dedication to excellence and service to our community is our driving force. Our culture at Stoney Point embodies leadership for the fire service in not only Cumberland County but the state as well and our dedication to our members and community show this commitment every day.

We have another big year ahead of us in 2021, that will once again set us apart. The ISO rating and Accreditation are the two factors communities use to determine the level of a fire department. This year we will be preparing to do both!

Our ISO rating, or as we call it in North Carolina the RRS is scheduled for March. This will be an opportunity to demonstrate to the taxpayers the exceptional value once again we provide through keeping premiums low for businesses and homeowners. Currently we are rated as a Class 4, and the rating was done under a different rating schedule. We expect to improve on our Class 4 based on the hard work and investments we have made as a department.

Secondly, we start to refocus on the upcoming reaccreditation visit in early 2022 and we will have to meet the new 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the accreditation guidance. As was the case last time Stoney Point was reaccredited, we were one of the first five departments to be reaccredited nationally under the 9<sup>th</sup> edition. This is going to prove to be a pivotal moment in our organization in that we will demonstrate our ability as an agency to sustain the continuous improvement philosophy of accreditation and become the only volunteer department to be reaccredited twice as a volunteer agency in the world!



Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy  
Operations/Training Officer

## Department Training

2020 proved a challenging training year for Stoney Point. During this calendar year, COVID created the biggest challenge to the fire department's training program. Local delivery agency classes limited attendance to ten firefighters due to social distancing and an effort to reduce exposures. Face masks were required and worn throughout instruction. These constraints reduced the amount of Stoney Point firefighters who could participate in the individual classes. Although this was a constraint, many of our members traveled great distances to gain their Firefighter I&II and other certifications.

This year's total training tallied 33,411 training hours. This total shows a considerable increase over 2019's 19,144 hours and equates to a 57% increase. The total training hours reflects the dedication of our firefighters toward excellence and their commitment to our department mission.

2021 is a critical training year. Stoney Point will undergo an Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating inspection which reviews water supply, pumping capacity, staffing, and training. The training review includes the previous year's training and is broken down into several categories which include company training, hazardous materials, driver training, preplan and officer training. Over 75% of our members met or exceeded the ISO requirements in their respective categories.

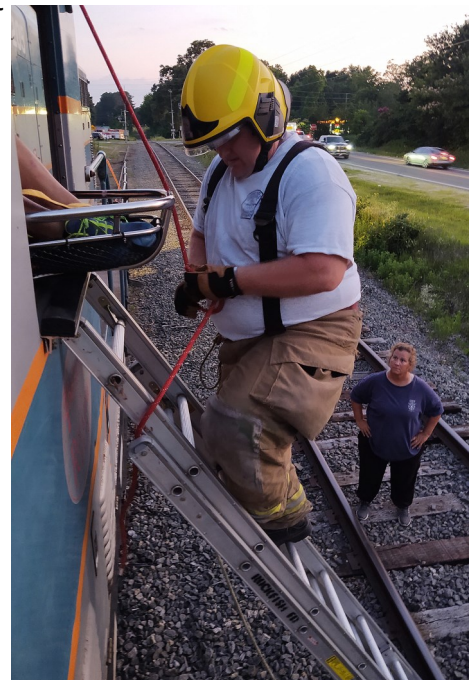
## Department Training (Continued)

Our training program encompasses one collective training event per month. This event normally encompasses a large training drill which may be one of our large, multiple apparatus benchmark drills or an automatic aid drill with our mutual aid partners. This is a mandatory event for all members. Each duty night or paid shift is responsible for conducting crew training while either working or on duty. This training includes our single engine benchmark drills, hazardous materials, and administration requirements, and is the majority of all our company training hours. Most crews accumulate at least two hours of company training during every shift or duty night.

Many specialty classes were conducted during 2020 to enhance our individual firefighter capabilities. Driver/Operator Pumps and Aerials were conducted for our drivers as well as Fire and Rescue Instructor Levels I&II, Fire Officer Levels I&II and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Levels. Stoney Point also conducted monthly initial and refresher CPR training for its members and our citizens.

Our benchmark drills incorporate activities Stoney Point conducts in the first five minutes of structure fires we respond to in our district or during mutual aid responses. These “battle drills” require our firefighters to execute deployment of hose, ladders and equipment and pumping operations that are routinely used at structure fires. Hose line deployment has paid dividends at several structure fires experienced during 2020 where firefighters seamlessly executed tasks trained during the benchmark drills.

Stoney Point will continue training to high standards throughout 2021. Hopefully, by year’s end, we will return to some semblance of normality and without restrictions or constraints. Regardless, we will continue training to deliver the highest operational standards and customer service for our citizens.



## Services and Programs

- Fire Suppression
- Basic Life Support/EMT Defibrillator
- NC Medical Responder
- Heavy Rescue Responder
- Disaster Response
- Terrorism (CBRNE) Response
- Hazardous Material Response
- Public Fire and Life Safety Education
- Permanent NC Child Safety Seat Checking Station
- Wilderness Search
- Rescue Provider
- Swift and Stillwater Rescue Provider

## Goals and Objectives

- Meet the recommended NFPA 1710/1720 response time 90% of the time.
- Maintain all required ISO and Benchmark training requirements for all members.
- Maintain all In-Service EMS training requirements for all certified EMT's
- Maintain Accredited Status with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE)
- Maintain and improve our Insurance Service Office (ISO) & Department of Insurance (DOI) Rating Class 3
- Maintain NIMS Compliance
- Fine Tune our Apparatus Response Fleet Mobile Data Computers (MCT) Automation



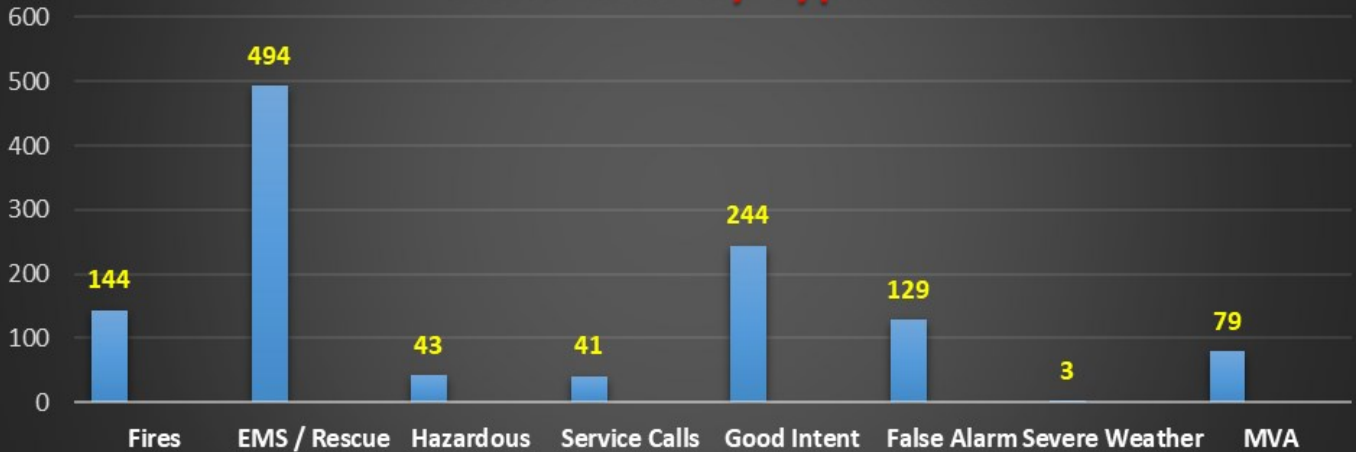
## 2020 Incident Response

Stoney Point is a full-service provider delivering fire, rescue and emergency medical response to our community and surrounding area. In 2020 our dedicated men and woman responded to **1177** calls for service. This represents about a **24%** decrease in call volume compared to 2019. This considerable downward trend is directly contributed to a reduction in EMS responses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on our Firehouse Records Management System (FHRMS) is the fact that our average firefighter response per incident during 2020 was **14** members and the total number of responding members to all calls **17,432**. **58%** of our calls represented fire related incidents, while **42%** of our emergency responses were associated with EMS calls. Our most demanding day of the week was Sunday, and our busiest shift was “**B**” Shift, with our busiest time of the day being **7** PM. Fire zone **1301-F** and **1905-A** continue to be our most active and dominating response zones. **470** Incidents occurred during our volunteer shifts between the hours of 7 pm – 7 am, while **707** incidents occurred between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm with a combination of paid and volunteer staff responding. Our property Dollar loss during 2020 represented **\$ 731,560.00** in losses, with our primary dollar loss contributed to building and structure related fires.



2020 Incident Response (Continued)

**2020 Calls by Type - 1177**



**2020 - Calls by Day of the Week**  
**1177 Total Calls**



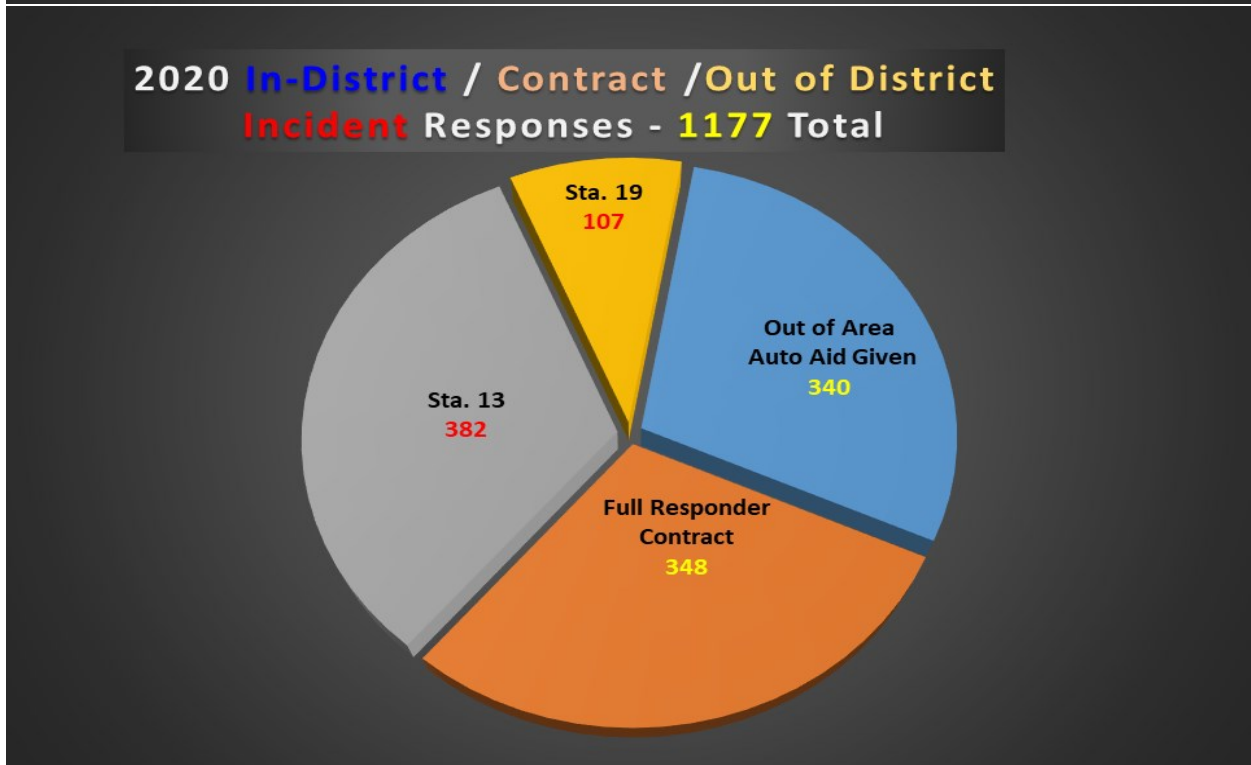
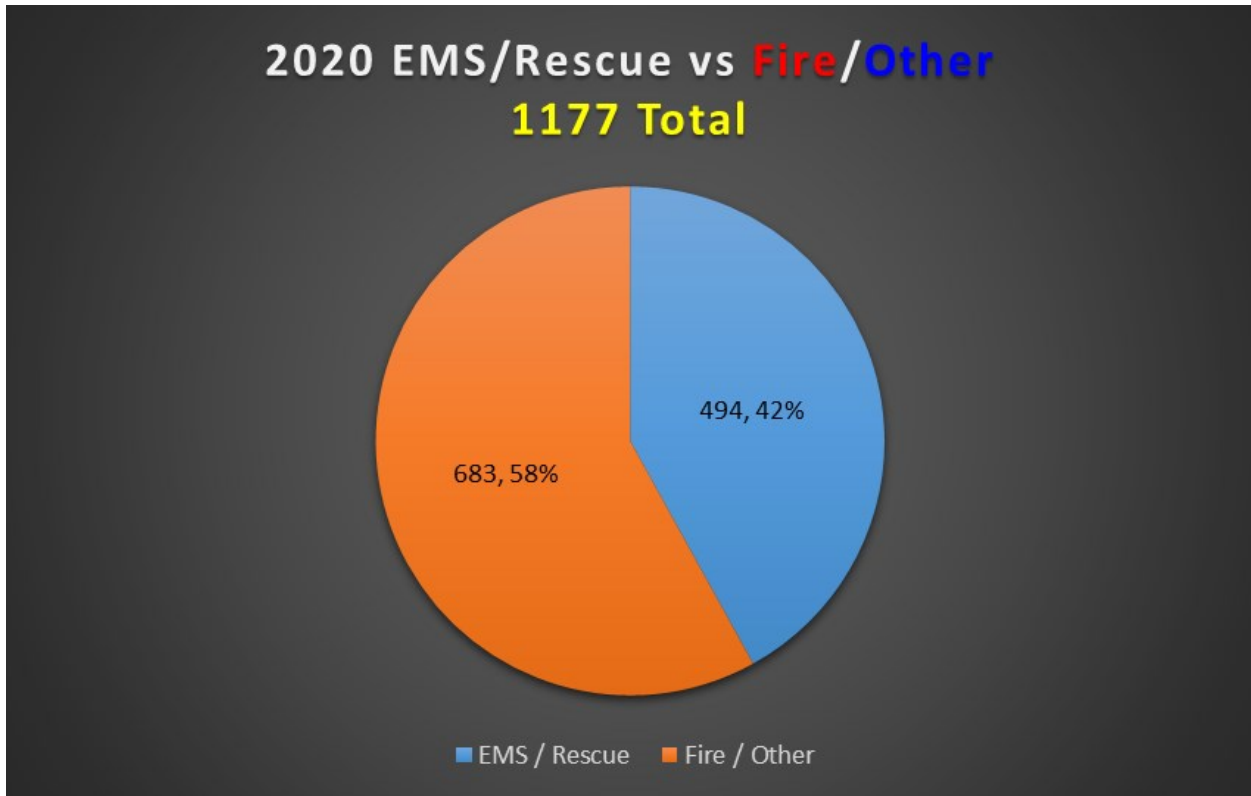
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No # of Calls	172	164	170	145	169	168	189
A Shift	53	50	69	47	54	61	62
B Shift	55	60	61	48	58	53	62
C Shift	64	54	40	50	57	54	65

**2020 Automatic Aid Responses Given**  
**Full Responder Contract Responses FFD & HMFD**



	FFD	Sta. 3	Sta. 4	Sta. 5	Sta. 18	Sta. 21	Sta. 23	Sta. 24	Sta. 26	CFV-EMS	Hoke Sta. 2	Hoke Sta. 3
Auto-Aid	122	4	36	12	8	113	1	4	1	16	14	9
Contract	250					98						

2020 Incident Response (Continued)





## UP THE LADDER—2020 Promotions

### Rank of Captain

Arthur Swartz Jr.



### Rank of Assistant Chief

Brandon P. Hanzal



### Rank of Lieutenant

Spencer Goodwin



Joey Gorman

Jason Sola



### Rank of Firefighter Continued

Recruit Trinity Lutz

Recruit Babatunde Miller

Recruit Fernando Pando

Recruit Tyler Pridgen

### Rank of Driver / Operator

Wendell Cammuse

Mark Gooden

Dave Howard

Raymond Stanifer

Nikolai Van-Kan



### Rank of Firefighter

Recruit Zachary Butler

Recruit Aiden Finney

Recruit Christa Gwinn

Recruit Marshal Hart

Recruit Joshua Henthorne

Recruit Chris Howard

Recruit Samantha Jackson

Recruit Trey Johnson III

Recruit Tyler Rodgers

Recruit Cameron Slinde

Recruit Juwaan Tolbert





Mr. Gary Turlington  
Treasurer, Board of Directors

## FY2020 Budget Information

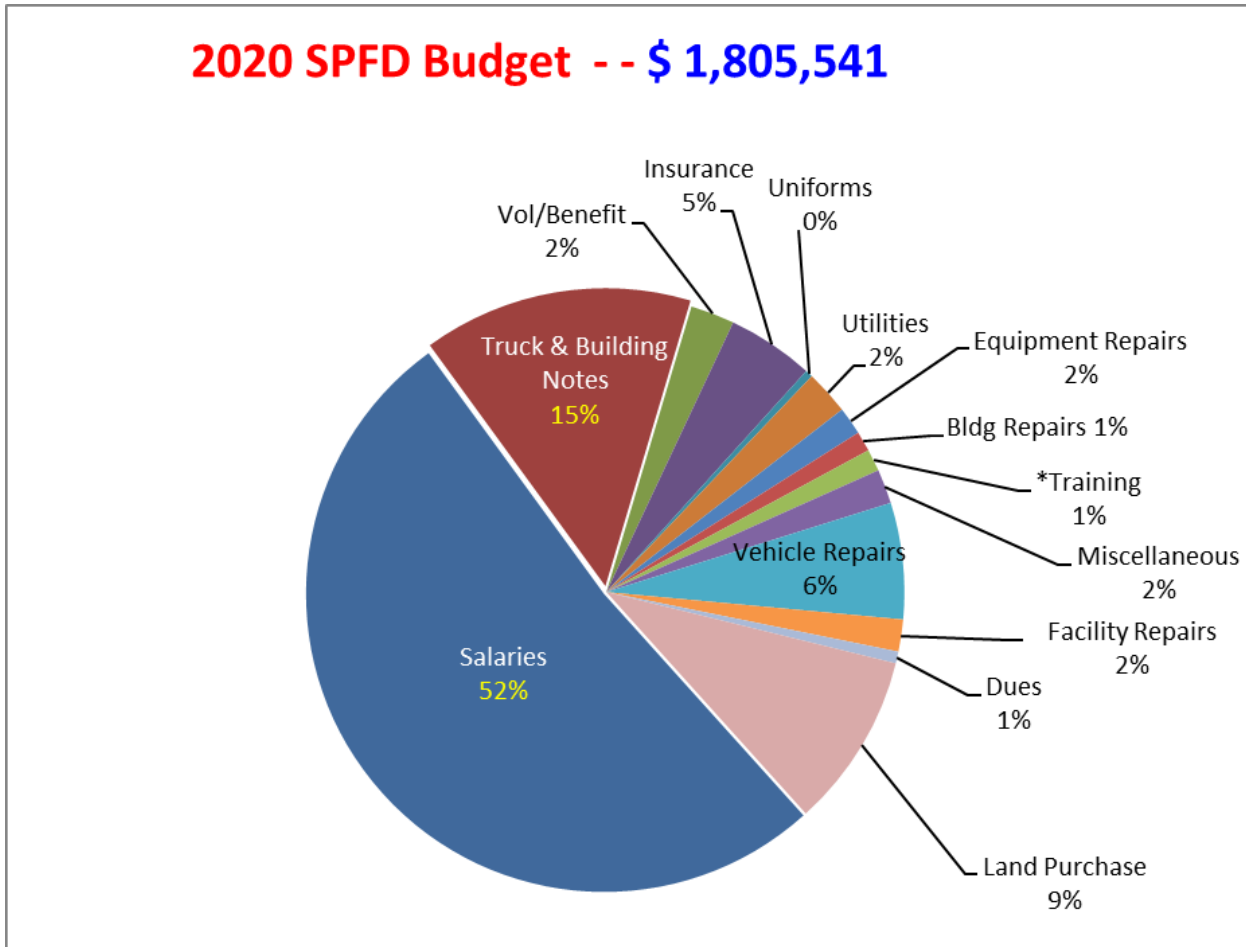
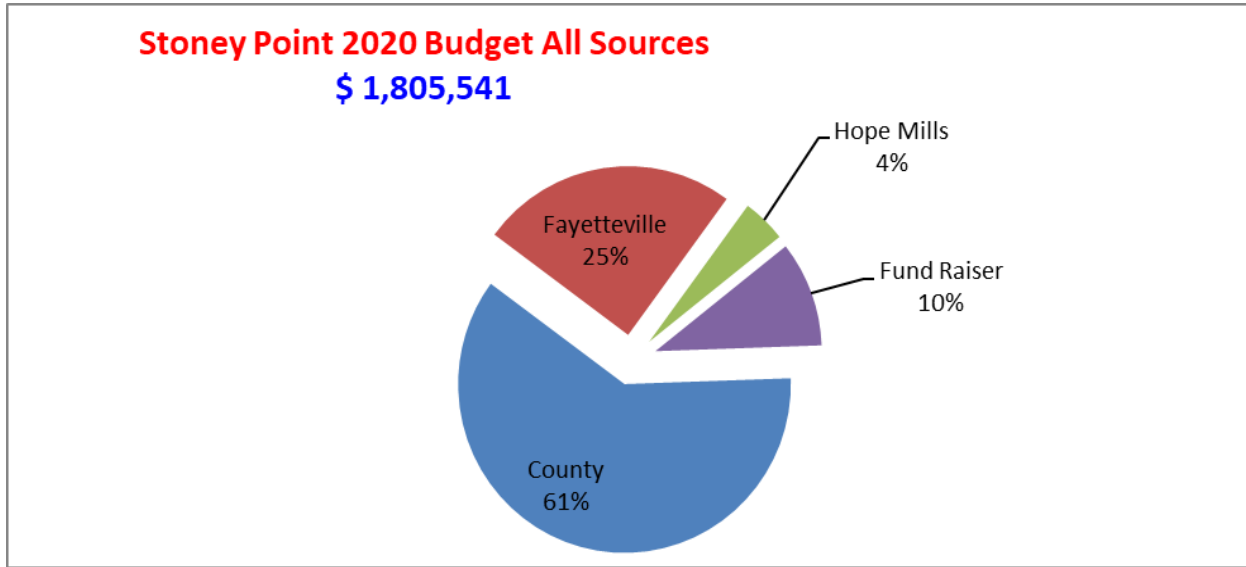
The Stoney Point Fire Department Board of Directors continue to demand and has historically practiced fiscal responsibility, and continuously explores new ways to reduce costs while at the same time maintaining our increasing service level to our district and community.

In 2020 about 52% of our annual budget or \$834,659 supported our 21 full and part time employees. In comparison to a fully staffed career department, that is a savings of 30 to 40%, whereas most municipalities invest 80 to 90% of their total budget in salaries and personnel costs. 15% of our budget supports our Station 19 Facility and payment for our 2017/18 Pierce Fire and Rescue apparatuses. With vehicle operations averaging about 10% annually. Due to COVID-19 and the associated shutdowns and unemployment rates, which affects the payment of property tax we applied and received a Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan in the amount of \$148,400.00 to sustain our full time staffing during COVID

**\*Training:** Our members receive their Firefighter, Driver Operator, Rescue and EMS certification training through the North Carolina Community College System free of charge, thus providing a tremendous financial savings.

See charts on next page.

FY2020 Budget Information (Continued)

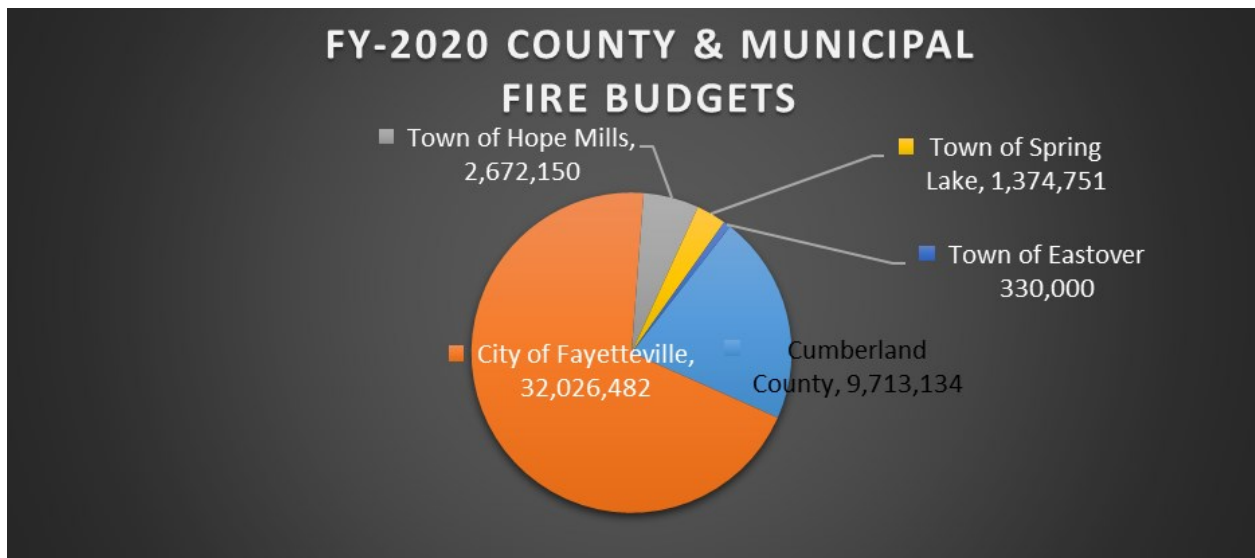




**Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr.**  
 President, CCFA

## 2020 Cumberland County Municipal Fire Protection Budgets

The graph below identifies the dollar amount spent on fire, rescue and EMS services within Cumberland County and Municipalities with budgets of more than \$250,000 annually. Significant is the wide-ranging variance between the City of Fayetteville and the Cumberland County Fire Protection Funding. While the City of Fayetteville is a total career department with over 325 full time employees with a budget 3 times larger than what Cumberland County invests in fire protection services. While the COF operates out of 16 fully staffed fire protection facilities, Cumberland County operates out of 20 facilities relying on a combination of full and part time firefighters supplemented by approximately 550 volunteers county-wide when available. Although citizens expect professional service regardless of pay status, the slide below clearly continues to demonstrate the VALUE of dedicated volunteers when comparing budgets.

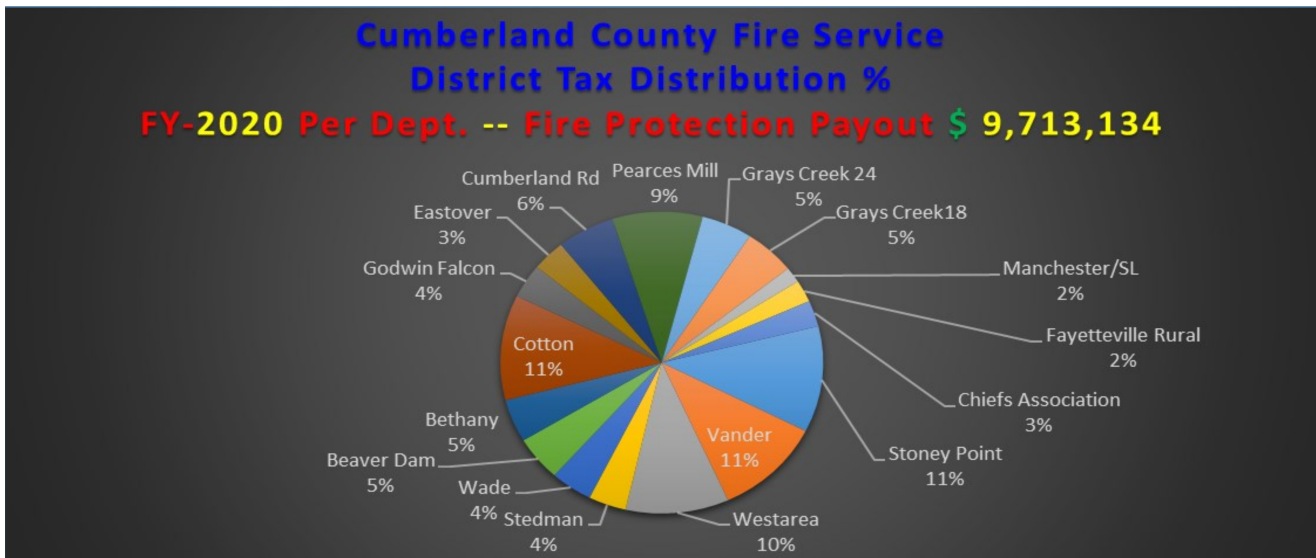


Cumberland County Fire Service Funding (Continued)

As a result of the Public Safety Task Force (PSTF) funding recommendations, in early 2018 in full support of the County Manager’s Office the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners adopted an improved rural fire protection funding model for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. As a result, the County’s Board of Commissioners established a single Fire Protection Service District encompassing the territory of all the Rural Fire Protection Districts within Cumberland County for the purpose of financing, providing, or maintaining fire protection, to include emergency medical and/or rescue services as defined by North Carolina General Statute §153A-309, to a greater extent than provided or maintained for the entire county, and referred to as a Service District. Therefore, starting with the 2020 Fiscal year the total Service District tax is based on \$ .15/100, however the base funding for each Cumberland County Fire Protection District is based on the amount calculated to be equivalent of \$ .10/100 valuation generated within the Rural Fire Protection Approved Insurance and Response District.

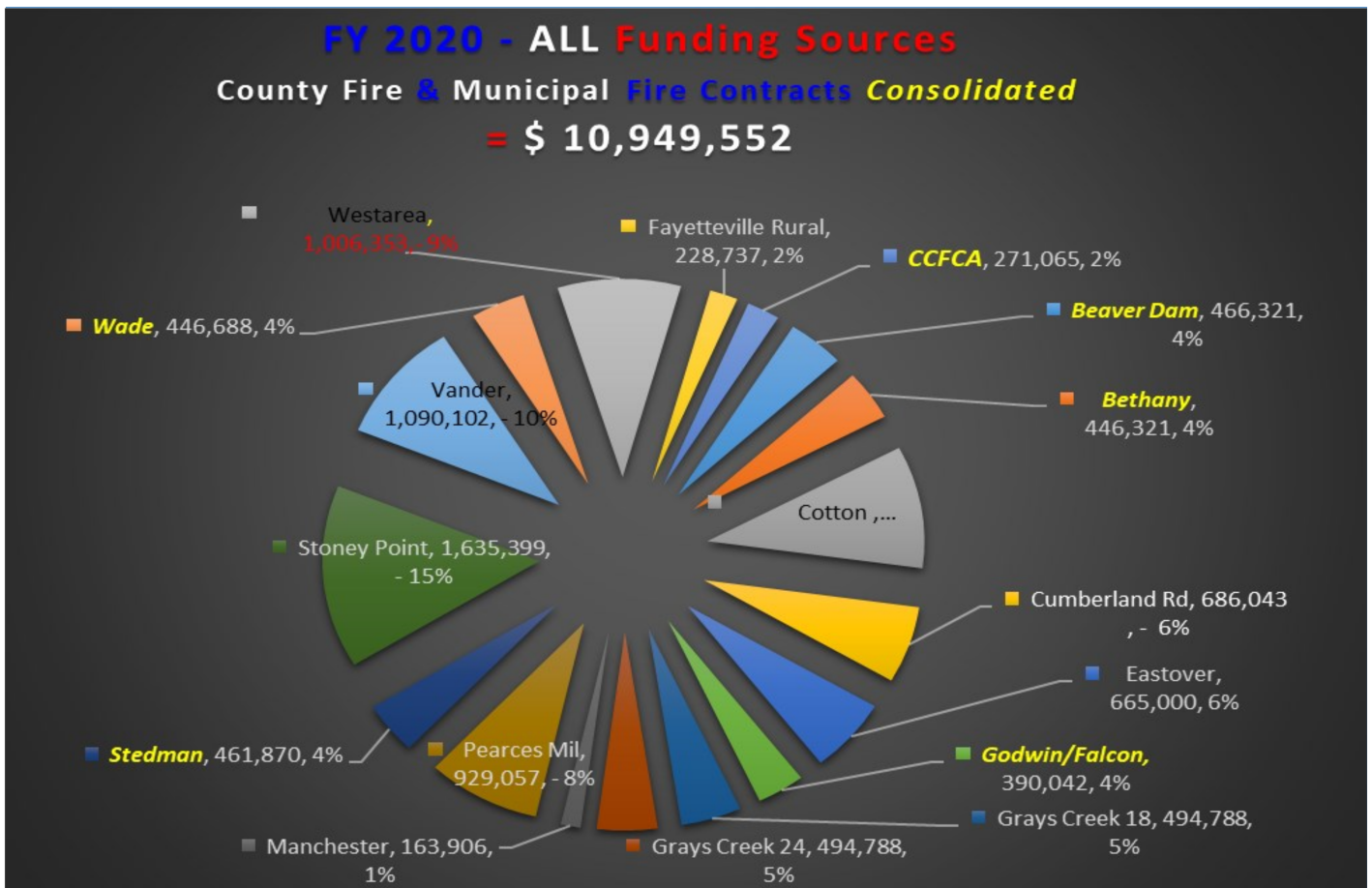
The remaining \$ .05 cents represents funding stimulus and incentives for all fire protection districts and incorporates additional funding for qualifying low wealth fire protection districts, enticements for emergency medical, rescue, improved Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating and multiple station augmentations and established the Cumberland County Fire District Protection Grant Program as well as funding for the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association (CCFCA) for county-wide service extensions. Funds from the service district are also distributed to the City of Fayetteville for unincorporated areas surrounded by the City of Fayetteville.

The pie chart below identifies ALL fire tax sources for rural departments including contract fees with municipalities and neighboring counties. The Cumberland Road, Pearce’s Mill, Stoney Point and Vander Fire Departments also have fire protection contracts with the City of Fayetteville, while Cotton, Cumberland Road, Pearce’s Mill and Stoney Point have fire protection contracts with the Town of Hope Mills. Godwin-Falcon Fire Department has a response area within Sampson County and receives fire tax funding from Sampson County. The Eastover, Stedman and Wade Community Fire Departments also receive fire protection funding from their perspective towns.



Cumberland County Fire Service Funding (Continued)

Beaver Dam, Bethany, Godwin-Falcon, Stedman, and Wade receive low wealth funding augmentation. The chart on previous page also identifies the amount dedicated to the CCFCA to support county-wide programs such as, Firehouse Software Records Management Programs, Spectrum Internet Connections, Verizon Hotspots for MCT's and tablets, 4 Mobile Air Systems, Public Fire Life Safety and Education Programs, 3 mobile 500-gallon foam trailers, 3 mobile DECON Trailers, a mobile communications and command bus, Caisson Unit, and a state-of-the-art Fire Safety House. The association also pays for 1910.120 OSHA required medical requirements as approved by the association for rural departments as well as other county-wide requirements. \*\* Chart does not include grants or local fund-raising profits collected by various fire districts. The City of Fayetteville (COF) provides services for designated county farmland within the COF and has a contract with Cumberland County for unincorporated areas located within the former Westarea Station 10, Bonnie Doone, & Lake Rim areas. Funds collected within the Manchester Fire District are paid to the Spring Lake FD under contract with Cumberland County for Fire Protection Services within the Manchester Fire District.



Funds collected for the Cumberland County Fire Protection Service District Grant Program during Fiscal Year 2020 will be expended during the 2021 Fiscal Year, with information and data provided during the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report.



## Stoney Point Auxiliary

Mrs. Valarie Howard  
President, Auxiliary

The Stoney Point Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary traces its history back to when the Fire Department was first chartered in June 1964. At the time a small group of women wanted to serve and support their husbands as firefighters and assist with annual fund raisers in support of the fire department mission. Early fund raisers sponsored by the ladies auxiliary consisted of beauty contests, bingo nights, raffles as well as the fire departments annual Fish Fry and Barbeque Plate sales, with all proceed going towards fire department operations and equipment. Over time and at the turn of the century in 2000's the name of the ladies auxiliary was changed to the Stoney Point Auxiliary. Today the Stoney Point Fire Department Auxiliary consists of a core group of dedicated volunteers that proudly serve our department and community. There primary mission is to serve and support our emergency services objective. During the 2020 calendar year our auxiliary's mission was mostly curtailed because of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, with all our normal support functions canceled for the safety of our auxiliary members.

Membership in the Stoney Point Auxiliary is an excellent way to show your community support, and our auxiliary members always encourage participation by inviting new members to participate and join. Our auxiliary meets at Station 13 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm, and anyone interested in joining should call the Station at 910-424-0694.



David A. Stewart  
Sr. Engineer

## Fleet Maintenance

The Stoney Point Fleet Maintenance program is a multi-facet program that starts with our apparatus operators. Proper maintenance is the responsibility of the operators who are required to perform daily maintenance and keep our assigned apparatus and equipment clean, safe and in serviceable condition. Our operators inspect our equipment and apparatuses daily and note any defects by completing the required Vehicle / Equipment Repair Forms and complete a log entry into our daily journal with copies to our fleet maintenance division. Our Fleet Maintenance staff conducts all scheduled fleet, equipment, and facilities preventive maintenance, testing and repairs. Annual certification of all ladders and breathing apparatus repairs and testing is performed by private contractors. Major fleet maintenance and repairs are conducted by local private truck and machinery vendors and Atlantic Emergency Services (AES) a local Pierce Fire Truck warranty and repairs merchant.

Currently there are two (2) experienced Engineers trained, skilled in mechanical diagnostics, repair, and maintenance of our front-line and administrative fleet including all accompanying equipment. With one (1) fleet maintenance engineer working a twelve (12) hour shift daily, so that units needing repairs are back in-service as soon as possible.





## Fleet Maintenance (Continued)

Our fleet is serviced in the Stoney Point Fire Department Fleet maintenance facility, located behind Station 19 on Lake Upchurch Drive. The maintenance facility consists of two (2) large bays, parts area, and storage space. To keep our emergency apparatuses in a constant state of readiness our equipment and fleet maintenance program includes the following program requirements.

- ☑ Daily Apparatus & Equipment Inspections
- ☑ Weekly Apparatus Inspections
- ☑ Monthly Apparatus Inspections
- ☑ Annual Apparatus DOT & Emission Inspections
- ☑ Annual NFPA Recommended Pump Testing
- ☑ Annual NFPA Hose Testing
- ☑ Routine Preventive Maintenance of Apparatus
  - Lube, Oil Filter
  - Brake Inspections
  - Tire Replacement
- ☑ Planned Repairs of long-term Items
- ☑ Emergency Repairs of out of Service Apparatus-





Chandler Stewart  
Assistant Safety Officer

## Safety

A highlight can only summarize our safety and health success during 2020. We are proud to claim a total of 166,247 working hours and that we did not sustain a single OSHA Recordable Injury or Illness during that time. To that end, we can say that we have a Total Recordable Injury Rate (TRIR) of 0.00. To maintain that record into the future, we did take action on several fronts that will have a long-lasting effect. This year, safety initiatives aimed to prevent head injuries, limit exposure to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), prevent cancer, and increase cardiopulmonary resuscitation quality.

In a challenge to the norm, the department fought against tradition. It became one of the first fire departments to adopt the MSA Cairns XF1 Fire Helmet. More commonly known as the "Euro" helmet to most firefighters, features include the ability to break down modular components for inspection, care, and maintenance. Soft goods are easy to clean and rid of potentially cancer-causing contaminants. The side caps drop down to the jawline and offer protection from impacts while also protecting the firefighter from heat and flame. The helmet provides a sleek design that has the intent of snag prevention. Integrated eye protection and face protection offers a clear view while conducting fire ground operations without a self-contained breathing apparatus face mask. These new helmets provide similar protection as traditional helmets and add protection to prevent cancer and side impacts.

As COVID-19 swept the globe, our firefighters fought the front lines of responding to calls with the potential of exposure to any individual in the community. Following guidance from the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention, each department member was provided a neck gaiter to cover the nose and mouth. Additional measures included surgical face masks for members responding to calls. On specific calls, the spread was reduced by limiting the number of personnel that had contact with the community. As an individual could contract COVID-19 without knowing, measures

## Safety (Continued)

were implemented in the station to limit the spread amongst department members. Entry doors to the buildings were outfitted with sanitization stations. Provisions were made for members that showed symptoms related to COVID-19 to quarantine outside of the department. Each station was provided with an electrostatic sprayer intended to sanitize each station periodically and after calls where a patient may have had symptoms of the virus. As the virus progressed and vaccination became available, the membership was the first to receive it. Provisions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to vaccinate membership will continue through the coming year.

In addition to helmets and face covers, 15 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) were sourced and purchased for responding to calls and responding to any potential cardiac arrest at each station. As early Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Shock are proven to provide greater odds for survival, the AEDs provide real-time feedback to bystanders performing CPR. Real-time feedback provides a correction opportunity to improve the quality of CPR provided to the patient.



The coming year will bring new challenges to safety and health. However, the department does not lack the ability and resilience to provide a safe environment for the firefighters and the community. A highlight of those changes includes foam that is not carcinogenic and radios that offer safety features designed to provide efficient fire ground communications.





The Valor Awards are presented annually to the men and women who serve our communities in public safety who have performed acts of exceptional merit, distinguished service, remarkable bravery, and common valor. Valor is defined as great courage in the face of danger. The annual Valor Awards are sponsored by the Greater Fayetteville Chamber and presented by Highland Construction Company and Manna Church to show community appreciation to our local first responders. This year's ceremony was conducted on October 13, 2020 at Manna Church. Due to COVID-19 the ceremony was held virtually with only award recipients present.

Awardees are nominated by their chief or agency head from a range of law enforcement, fire/rescue, and emergency management agencies that serve Cumberland County for the awards listed below. Incidents should have occurred within Cumberland County in the past year or have involved first responders representing a local public safety agency. Nominations are reviewed by a layperson panel consisting of the event's top sponsors, which include Highland Construction & Restoration, Manna Church, the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association and Cape Fear Valley Health System.

**Valor Award**

The highest award for valor and heroism. Awarded in cases in which a public safety official knowingly places themselves at risk of death or extreme serious bodily harm in the performance of an official act.

**Lifesaving Award**

To be awarded in recognition of official acts taken in a life-threatening situation where an individual's life is in jeopardy, either medically or physically.

**Award of Merit**

To recognize outstanding public safety work which demonstrates initiative, ingenuity, and/or diligence in the performance of his/her duties. Ex: Creating a new program or process, solving a cold case, detective work over a long period of time on a major initiative, etc.

## Valor Awards (Continued)

The following Stoney Point members were recognized and received the Award of Merit during the 2020 ceremony. We thank all of them for what they have done and what they will continue to do for our department and communities.



Deputy Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Jr. was recognized for his work with the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association (CCFCA) where he has been re-elected every two (2) years as the association's treasurer since 1995. Deputy Chief Johnson Jr. was presented the Award of Merit.

Engineer David A. Stewart was recognized for his distinguished work on the association's CAISSON Unit. David completely remodeled a 1985 Pierce Fire Truck for use as a county-wide Caisson Unit. Engineer Stewart was presented the Award of Merit.



Assistant Chief Sean C. Johnson was recognized for his work with setting up new and improved 800 MHz radio code plugs customized for each of the fourteen (14) volunteer and two (2) smaller municipalities working on the North Carolina State Highway Patrols VIPER Radio System and received the Award of Merit for his accomplishment.

Cumberland County Commissioner Michael Boose is recognized for his unwavering support of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association by serving as the Assistant Fire Commissioner. Association President Freddy L. Johnson Sr. presented Commissioner Boose with the Award of Merit.



Valor Awards (Continued)



Cumberland County Commissioner Jimmy Keefe was recognized for his unwavering support of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association by serving as the Fire Commissioner. Commissioner Keefe also served on the Public Safety Task Force (PSTF). Association President Freddy L. Johnson Sr. presented Commissioner Keefe with the Award of Merit.

Fort Bragg Fire Chief and Stoney Point member Mark Melvin was recognized for his many years of service to the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association where he has been continually re-elected as the Association's Secretary and serving on the Executive Board. President Freddy Johnson Sr. presented Mark with the Award of Merit.



Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association President and Stoney Point Fire Department Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr. was recognized with a Special Thank You recognition by the out-going Chamber CEO Christine Michaels for his support and work in conjunction with the Annual Valor Awards program since 2018.

Pearce's Mill Fire Chief and Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association Vice President Ronnie Marley was recognized for his decades of service to the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association where he has been continually re-elected as the Association's Vice-President for the past twenty (20) years. President Freddy Johnson Sr. presented Ronnie with the Award of Merit.



# Our board of directors

The Stoney Point Fire Department Inc. is governed by an elected seven (7) member board of directors. Board members serve a staggered four (4) year term with bi-annual elections. The board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm with meetings rotated between Stations 13 & 19. The meetings are open to the public to attend and to provide public comment. For meeting locations go to [www.stoneypointfirerescue.com](http://www.stoneypointfirerescue.com)



**Daniel C. Brown – President**



**Larry Townsend – Vice-President**



**Gary Turlington  
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**Jerry Hall  
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**Roger Hall  
Assistant Secretary**



**Joel Siles  
Member**



**Clarkie Johnson  
Clerk to the Board**

## 2020 PERSONNEL

### FIRE CHIEF

**Freddy L. Johnson Sr.**

### DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

**Freddy L. Johnson Jr.**

### ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS

**Sean C. Johnson**  
Operations

**Kevin T. Murphy**  
Operations

**Derrick S. Clouston**  
Accreditation Mgr.

**Brandon P. Hanzal**  
Administration

### FIRE CAPTAINS

Sean Austin  
Joseph A. Belcher Jr.  
A. J. Brown  
Marshall A. Clary  
Brain Gerber

Jordan Hughes  
John D. Kline  
Matthew Zamora  
Arthur Swartz

### FIRE/EMS LIEUTENANTS

James C. Buie  
Brynn Fitzpatrick  
Spencer Goodwin  
Robert E. Gorman Jr.  
Joseph Gorman

Michael Minnick  
Jose Pomales  
Michael "Joey" Regenhart  
Jason Sola

### MEMBERS

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Vincent Avalos  
Justin Barrow  
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Josiah Blystone  
Katelyn Burns  
Zachary Butler  
Anthony Calhoun  
Austin Calhoun  
Wendell Cammuse  
John P. Carragher  
Bryan Carter  
Madeline Catone  
Michael Childers  
Roni Cola  
Destiny Collier

Kylie Davis  
Tyson Dennis  
Robert Dwyer  
Nathan Eder  
Reagan Fedowitz  
Aiden Finney  
Michael Frederickson  
David Gadbow  
Angela Gaffney  
Alexander Galarza  
Brian Gerity  
Nora L. Giles  
Mark A. Gooden  
Cody Gorman  
Joseph E. Gorman  
Christa Gwinn

Jordan Hall  
Willie Hall Jr  
Marshall Hart  
Nyric Hassell  
Kasey Hayes  
Joshua Henthorne  
Janea Hicks  
Aram Hinz  
Christopher Horton  
Christopher Howard  
David A. Howard  
Jamel Howard  
Devin Hurley  
Samantha Jackson  
Winston Jobe  
Janiah Johnson



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Dewade Jones  
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Alexander Kuhn  
Mike Long  
Gabriel Lotson  
Brendan Lubbe  
Trinity Lutz  
Jimmy E. Mabe III  
Gary Maddox  
Christopher Magoon  
Rashad Martin  
Nathasha Martinez  
Lauren Mathias  
Matthew McKnight  
Donna Meijn  
Malachi Middleton  
Babtunde Miller

Robert Moore  
Jacob Nadalini  
Patrick K. Nuttle  
Katelind Ortega  
Blair Palko  
Fernando Pando  
Jaslyn Patterson  
Katherine Peterson  
Jose Pomales Jr.  
Tyler Pridgen  
Dominic Proctor  
Michelle Renwick  
Juan Rivera  
Tyler Rodgers  
Emmanuel Rutledge  
Jessica Sanderlin  
Robert Santana  
Ryan Sellers  
Simon Sharipoff  
Cameron Slinde

Raymond Stanifer  
Chandler Stewart  
David A. Stewart  
Matthew Supan  
Alan Taylor  
Jarod Terry  
Cody A. Thomas  
Syaire Tisdale  
Juwann Tolbert  
Marcus Valldeperas  
Nikolai Van Kan  
William Wade  
Andrew Warnock  
Connor Welch  
Deandree Woods  
Malia Xavier  
Zully Yanes  
Dave Yensan  
Teresa Garris

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William Kent Pierce  
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Howard Thomas  
John Thompson  
Plato Williams

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Henry Bunnell Jr.  
Alan Grupy  
Alton McCulloch  
Jack L. McFayden  
Ralph M. Moyer

Mike Peele  
Junior Porter  
Jim Ray  
J. Wallace Smith  
Walter G. Smith



## FIRE STATIONS & APPARATUS

### STATION 13

7221 Stoney Point Road Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306  
910-424-0694 (Phone)  
910-425-2795 (Fax)  
Emergency 911

Engine 1331 - 2017 Pierce Dash 1500 GPM Pumper/Tanker  
Engine 1332 - 2004 Pierce Dash 1500 GPM Pumper/Tanker  
Engine 1333 - 1989 Pierce Dash 1250 GPM Pumper/Tanker  
Truck 1351—1995 E-One Cyclone 75ft Aerial 1500 GPM Pump  
Brush 1341 - 1995 5 Ton LMTV  
Rescue 13 – 2018 Pierce Heavy Rescue  
Service 1362 – 2015 GMC Sierra Crew Cab 2500 HD 4x4  
Air 19—2016 Mobile Air Support Trailer





### **STATION 19 (Lake Upchurch)**

Principle Office of the Corporation 2190 Lake Upchurch Road  
Parkton, North Carolina 28371 910-263-8900 (Phone)  
910-425-2795 (Fax)  
Emergency 911

Engine 1911—2006 Pierce Dash 1500GPM Pumper  
Engine 1931 – 2004 Pierce Dash 1500 GPM Pumper/Tanker  
Engine 1932 – 1985 Pierce Dash 1250 GPM Pumper/Tanker  
Service 1961 – 1984 Chevrolet 1 Ton 4X 4  
Service 1962 – 2015 GMC Sierra Crew Cab 2500 HD 4 X 4  
Boat 13– 2014 Inflatable Rescue Boat w/25 HP Motor  
Boat 19 – 2014 Connector Boat w/50 HP Motor  
2006 FEMA Command Trailers  
Foam Trailer Unit # 1 – Fully equipped (CCFCA)  
Caisson 1 - 1985 American LaFrance (CCFCA)  
2005 Thomas Mobile Command & Communications Bus (CCFCA)  
2006 Surrey Fire Safety House (CCFCA)



## Mission Statement

The Stoney Point Fire Department's mission is to protect its citizens and to create a safer community through coordinated training, education, prevention, investigation, emergency response and leadership.

## Our Vision

The vision of the Stoney Point Fire Department is to enhance its capability as a community resource within the next five years to meet the needs of its citizens, volunteers and employees. This will be accomplished by embracing change and challenging ourselves to be under a constant state of improvement striving for excellence.



## Our Values

The Stoney Point Fire Department achieves its mission and vision by building upon a system of values. We uphold professionalism as our core value. Our defining values also include: Integrity, Compassion, Service, Honesty, Stewardship, and Courtesy.

**Professionalism:** Our core value of professionalism defines who we are. We believe in upstanding and sound service to the community we serve. We take our role seriously and do all that we can to be a positive role model for future generations.

**Integrity:** We believe in living by moral and ethical principles. We demonstrate our values by the way we live our lives in the public's eye and in the confines of the fire station.

**Compassion:** We believe in caring for our community members who are suffering from tragic events in their lives. We do all that is possible to assist in stabilizing the situation with a merciful attitude.

**Service Excellence:** We believe in providing the best possible service to the community where we live and work. We do all we can do, to meet the needs of our neighbors through a humble, competent, and well-trained, efficient team.

**Honesty:** We believe in being truthful, ethical, and fair. We strive to say what we mean and mean what we say even in times when the truth may hurt. We are dedicated to disclosing the entire truth.



## STONE POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY

**1964** The Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department was formed from within the Cumberland Road Fire District and in June appointed its first Fire Chief Bill Hess who served until October 1964 to get the department up and operating. In October, the Board of Directors appointed Fire Chief Jack L. McFayden to lead the department.

**1969** The original building was expanded to provide additional apparatus bay space. In March of 1969 Fire Chief Walter G. Smith was appointed after Chief McFayden stepped down from office. During the annual meeting in June of 1969 the Board of Directors re-appointed Jack L. McFayden to the position of Fire Chief.

**1970** In June the Board of Directors appointed Ralph M. Moyer Fire Chief of the Department.

**1972** A second building addition added a meeting room, bathrooms, and a kitchen.

**1976** A second station, station 19 was built in the Lake Upchurch Community at the end of Lake Upchurch Road, by dedicated volunteers and building material donations from various businesses in Cumberland County.

**1979** The department purchased its first new 1979 Mack Fire Truck a 1000 GPM Crew Cab apparatus and a 1979 Ford F-750 Tanker capable of carrying 1250 gallons of water. The purchase was made possible through a Farmers Home Administration (FHA) low interest loan in the amount of \$ 110,000. The loan also included much needed equipment to outfit the two (2) apparatuses.

**1980** Stations 13 and 19 separated their ways and split apart. The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners formed the Lake Upchurch Tax District and at the time on March 1, 1980 the Board of Directors appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr. as Fire Chief of Station 13 and the newly formed Board of Directors for the Lake Upchurch Tax District appointed Ralph Moyer as the Fire Chief for the Lake Upchurch Station 19 Fire Department.

**1985** With the assistance from Fayetteville Technical Institute's (FTI) Building Curriculum Station 13 completely upgraded its facility by adding a six (6) bay apparatus floor and completely renovating and adding much needed administrative offices and training rooms.

**1987** October 7<sup>th</sup>, due to financial restraints and critical low manpower along with failing the North Carolina State 9-S Rating Inspection in the Station 19 tax district Station 13 and 19 were re-merged by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners after station 19 was no longer able to provide fire protection services due to a low tax base. The combined Board of Directors selected and appointed Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr. as the district Fire Chief of both stations 13 & 19.

**1987** The department purchased and financed its second new fire truck, a 1987 Quality 1250 GPM Ford 8000 Fire apparatus for \$ 165,000.00.

**1988** Station 19 was completely upgraded and re-modeled. We also hired our first full time firefighter from local fire district tax funds. A federal CETA program had previously provided part time firefighter assistance on a limited basis for daytime operations.

**1989** The Fire District was re-rated by ISO and received a class 7 district-wide Insurance Rating providing lower insurance premiums for the entire district and the first Hazardous Material Responders were trained.

## Department History (Continued)

**1993** The department added a second full time firefighter to assist with daytime responses.

**1996** The department took on emergency medical and rescue response responsibilities after the Cumberland County Rescue Squad went out of business, thus doubling our annual call volume.

**1996** Department initiated overnight duty crew for its volunteers to improve response time and coverage for critical emergency medical and rescue calls.

**1997** The Fire District requested another ISO rating and received a district-wide Class 5 ISO Rating. The department also placed in service a new 1997 EVI International Heavy Rescue Truck for \$ 137,000.00.

**1999** The department purchased and placed in service a 1999 Pierce Arrow Heavy Rescue Unit. The \$ 350,000 apparatus contained the latest apparatus technology and was completely outfitted. Also, in November 1999 the department conducted its last Turkey Shoot fund raiser after 35 years of operation because of urban sprawl.

**2001** The department added more daytime workers to deal with the increasing number of calls for service and the department found itself in transition, whereas the department was nearing 1000 calls per year, a major impact on a volunteer system.

**2001** In October the department conducted its first successful, "Haunted Trail" Fundraiser

**2002** The department received Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant for Gym Equipment and built a Picnic Shelter and Gym for its members use.

**2004** The department purchased two (2) Pierce Dash Fire Trucks with 1500 GPM capacity each, replacing three (3) worn out older fire apparatus ranging between 25 to 30 years in age. The purchase price for both trucks was \$ 1,000,000 with ten (10) year financing provided by United Financial Services. Also, in 2004 the department received a second Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant to initiate a medical, fitness and wellness program and to purchase 50 sets of Protective Ensemble (Turn-Out-Gear).

**2006** The department sponsored a regional Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) grant on behalf of the entire Cumberland County Fire Service and received a \$ 987,000.00 grant to up-grade and purchases an 800 MHz communications system.

**2007 October** - the department initiated its quest to become a national accredited organization through the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) and initiated the Self- Assessment Process.

**2008 February** - The department received a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency

Response Grant (SAFER) and hired eight (8) additional full-time firefighters and initiated 24-hour duty shifts staffed with 12 full time firefighters, four (4) per shift backed up by volunteers.

**2009 April 19** - A brand new 1.2 million 10,000 square foot fire protection facility was dedicated and placed in service in the Lake Upchurch Community and the old station 19 was closed. The new station is manned 24 X 7 with both paid and by volunteer staffing.

## Department History (Continued)

**2010 In March** we lost one of our second longest serving members, Engineer J. Wallace Smith after 38 years of faithful service. Engineer Smith received a full firefighter's farewell.

**2011 January** - the Station 13 Training Room was re-named the J. "Wallace" Smith training room by proclamation displayed in the training room henceforth permanently.

**2011** Two members of the department, Chairman of the Board of Directors Daniel C. Brown reached a milestone by achieving 45 years of continuous service and membership with the SPFD, while Auxiliary member Ella Rose Smith completed 40 years of dedicated and faithful support.

**2011** The Town of Hope Mills initiated voluntary annexation in exchange for water services on properties within 3 tenths of a mile from our Station 13 and the Town refused to enter a service contract with our department.

**2011 December 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>** the department prevailed, and the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) conducted its Site Review in our on-going quest of becoming a nationally accredited agency. The site review was positive with the PEER team recommending full accreditation to the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

**2011 December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – Members were recognized during the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Christmas Dinner for length of service and outstanding performances rendered to the department. 45 Years of Service Daniel C. Brown, 40 Years of Service Ella Rose Smith, 35 Years of Service Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr., 30 Years of Services – Assistant Chief Matthew W. Williams, Clarkie A. Johnson, 25 Years of Service Angus A. Pate, 20 Years of Service Joseph A. Belcher and Bonnie Stewart. Volunteer Firefighter Brian A. Parker was recognized as Firefighter of the Year and Fire Captain Brandon Hanzal was recognized as employee of the year.

**2012 February 4<sup>th</sup>**, – Stoney Point Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr. was recognized by the North Carolina Association of Fire Chief's (NCAFC) during their Mid-Winter Conference in Concord, North Carolina as the North Carolina 2012 Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year.

**2012 On March 7<sup>th</sup>**, a contingent of members consisting of Chief Johnson Sr., Deputy Chief Johnson Jr., Accreditation Manager Clouston and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors Larry Townsend traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada and appeared before the Commission Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and were recognized and awarded full accreditation.

**2012 On March 19<sup>th</sup>**, The Stoney Point Fire Department was recognized by the Commissioner of Insurance the Honorable Wayne Goodwin along with the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners during the monthly County Commissioners meeting for our accreditation efforts. Our department is the 1<sup>st</sup> volunteer department in North Carolina to receive this recognition and only the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the entire nation.

**2012 June 16<sup>th</sup>**, Hampton Virginia, Stoney Point Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr. was selected by the South-Eastern Association of the International Association of Fire Chief's as the SEAFV Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year 2012 during the association's annual meeting.

**2012 July**, All Cumberland County Volunteer Fire Departments through the Cumberland County Fire Chief's Association employed new state of the art Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) in



## Department History (Continued)

their first out fire apparatuses. These new devices provide critical information directly to the apparatus, capture response time and reduce voice radio transmissions.

**2012 October 29<sup>th</sup>**, through November 2<sup>nd</sup> our department received its 3<sup>rd</sup> ISO Rating Review Conducted by the North Carolina Department of Insurance (DOI) on behalf of ISO – Rating Inspector Vernon Ward spend a week in our department reviewing all aspects of our operations and process. Our department utilized a combination of hydrants and water shuttle for the rating process.

**2012 December 16<sup>th</sup>** the Department held its 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas and Recognition Dinner with over 300 members, families, friends, and special guests in attendance. Cumberland County District Attorney Billy West was the guest Speaker with the Honorable Senator Wesley Meredith, Representative Szoka and City Council Member Bill Crisp in attendance. Firefighter of the Year James Buie, employee of the year Lieutenant Jordan Hughes, Officer of the Year Deputy Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Jr. and Auxiliary member of the year Ms. Jamie Pierce receiving special recognition.

**2013 January 8<sup>th</sup>**, Stoney Point Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr. was appointed by North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Wayne Goodwin to the North Carolina Fire & Rescue Commission representing the North Carolina State Firemen's Association - a three (3) year appointment to the statewide commission.

**2013 May 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Stoney Point Fire Department was awarded an ISO Rating of [Class 3](#) by the North Carolina Rating Bureau. This is another first for the State of North Carolina, whereas this is the only Water Haul Class 3 rating in the state. This rating puts our volunteer department within the top 50 departments within the State.

**2013 August 15<sup>th</sup>**, Chicago Illinois, Fire Chief Magazine, announces Stoney Point Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr., the national 2013 Volunteer Chief of the Year during the 2013 Fire-Rescue International (FRI) sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chief's (IAFC). The annual Chief of the Year award is sponsored by Fire Chief Magazine, IAFC and Pierce MFG.

**2013 December 15<sup>th</sup>**, the department held its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Christmas Dinner attended by North Carolina State Senator Wesley Meredith, Representative John Szoka, Fayetteville City Councilmen Bill Crisp, COF Manager Ted Vorhees, COF Fire Chief Ben Major, Puppy Creek Fire Chief Johnny Joseph, and Retired Rocky Mount Fire Chief Ken Mullen who served as the guest speaker. The department recognized the following members for length of service and outstanding performance rendered to the department. For ten (10) years of dedicated service to the department and community Firefighters Eddie Bartlett and Nora Giles were recognized. The 2013 high incident responders were Firefighter Kevin Hagerman and EMS Lieutenant Michael D. Minnick. For outstanding service throughout 2013 the following members received plaques. John P. Carragher – Firefighter of the Year, Thomas W. Ramsey Jr. – Career Firefighter of the Year, Michael D. Minnick – Fire Officer of the Year and Bonnie Stewart – Auxiliary Member of the Year.

**2014 December 14<sup>th</sup>**, Stoney Point Fire Department held its **51<sup>st</sup>** Annual Family Christmas dinner and included North Carolina State Senator Wesley Meredith and Representative John Szoka

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on our dais. Other distinguished guests were Fayetteville City Councilmen Bill Crisp, Fayetteville Fire Chief Ben Major and Derrick Clouston from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The keynote speaker was the first Vice President of the NCSFA, Assistant Chief Kevin Gordon from the Charlotte Fire department who spoke on fire service leadership, obligation, and dedication to duty. The 2014 high incident responders were Lieutenant James Buie and Firefighter Joseph Gorman. For outstanding service throughout 2013 the following members received plaques. Firefighter Joseph Gorman was Firefighter of the Year. This is the first time in the history of the fire department that a junior firefighter received this prestigious honor. Firefighter/Engineer Traci Preston was honored as Career Firefighter of the Year. Lieutenant Travis Bunce was recognized as Fire Officer of the Year and Clarkie Johnson was selected as Auxiliary Member of the Year. Firefighter/Engineer David Stewart received the Life Saving Award for a rescue he performed while vacationing at the beach. David executed a water rescue, by himself, saving a man who was drowning in the surf. Firefighter Jose M. Pomales received the 2014 Rookie of the Year for his outstanding performance as both a Pre-Basic and Black Helmeted firefighter. Of particular regard was the Appreciation Award Plaque that was presented to Board of Director Alan R. Grupy. Mr. Grupy's numerous years of unselfish service and dedication to the department was recognized with this plaque.

**2015 July 8<sup>th</sup>**, Stoney Point Fire Chief Freddy L Johnson Sr., was appointed to the North Carolina Certified Arson Investigators Board representing the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) and was selected as Chairman of the statewide Arson Certification Board which serves as a sub-committee to the North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission.

**2015 July 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Stoney Fire Department was notified by the United States Department of Homeland Security as a recipient for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program, receiving a regional grant award in the amount of \$ 869,780.00 for the purchase of new G-1 MSA Self-Contained-Breathing-Apparatus (SCBA) and a new Bauer Air Compressor and fill station. Stoney Point submitted the grant application as the host department for the regional interoperable equipment grant, which also benefitted the Cotton, Cumberland Road, Eastover, and Grays Creek # 18 Fire Departments. Equipment interoperability directly addresses fire ground safety, whereas interoperable equipment is employed on the fire ground and emergency scenes.

**2015 October 13<sup>th</sup>**, Stoney Point Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr. was re-appointed by North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Wayne Goodwin to the North Carolina Fire & Rescue Commission representing the North Carolina State Firemen's Association – to another three (3) year term to the statewide commission.

**2015 December 20<sup>th</sup>**, Stoney Point Fire Department held its **52<sup>nd</sup>** Annual Family Christmas dinner and included the following distinguished guests, North Carolina State Senator Wesley Meredith, Fayetteville City Councilmen Bill Crisp, Cumberland County Manager Amy Cannon, Assistant Cumberland County Manager for Emergency Services Tracy Jackson, North Carolina Association of Fire Chief Executive Director Benny Nichols, Fayetteville Fire Chief Ben Major and Derrick Clouston from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The keynote speaker was the President of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association and Hoke County Sheriff Hubert A. Peterkin who spoke on volunteerism and dedication to the emergency services. The 2015 high incident responders were Lieutenant James Buie and Firefighter Joseph Gorman. For outstanding service throughout 2015 the following members received plaques. Firefighter Jimmy Mabe was selected Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter John Carragher was honored as Ca-

## Department History (Continued)

reer Firefighter of the Year. Captain Marshal Clary was recognized as Fire Officer of the Year and Ms. Kelly Bower was selected as Auxiliary Member of the Year. Firefighter Kylie Perry received the 2015 Rookie of the Year Award.

**2016 February 6<sup>th</sup>**, – Stoney Point Deputy Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Jr. was recognized by the North Carolina Association of Fire Chief's (NCAFC) during their Mid-Winter Awards Banquet in Concord, North Carolina as the first recipient of the newly implemented award category and selected as the 2016 Volunteer **Fire Officer** of the Year.

**2016 October 8<sup>th</sup>**, SPFD responded to over 98 emergency services calls within a 72-hour time frame relating to Hurricane Matthew which devastated Cumberland County and the surrounding region with torrential rain resulting in unprecedented flooding.

**2016 December 11<sup>th</sup>**, Stoney Point Fire Department held its **53<sup>rd</sup>** Annual Family Christmas dinner and included the following distinguished guests, North Carolina State Senator Wesley Meredith, Fayetteville City Councilmen Bill Crisp, Fayetteville City Manager Doug Hewitt, Assistant Cumberland County Manager for Emergency Services Tracy Jackson, Fayetteville Fire Chief Ben Major, Puppy Creek Fire Chief Johnny Joseph, and Derrick Clouston with the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The keynote speaker was City of Fayetteville Manager Doug Hewitt who spoke on emergency services. The 2016 high incident responders were Junior Firefighter Devon Gloria, and Lieutenant Jose Pomales. For outstanding service throughout 2016 the following members were honored with special plaques. Firefighter of the Year Mark Gooden, Fire Officer of the Year Lieutenant Jose Pomales, Employee of the Year Captain Brandon Hanzal, and Mrs. Valerie Howard was selected as Auxiliary Member of the Year. Firefighter Chandler Stewart received the 2016 Rookie of the Year award and Junior Firefighter Devon Gloria received the first Junior Firefighter of the Year Award. The following members were recognized for longevity with the department. Chairman Daniel C. Brown was recognized for 50 years of volunteer service. Chief Freddy L. Johnson Sr. for 40 years, Captain Joseph A. Belcher Jr. 25 years, Assistant Fire Chief Kevin T. Murphy 20 years, Captain Marshal Clary, Auxiliary members Kimberly Mueller and Ashley Strickland 15 years, Captain John Kline 10 years. Assistant Fire Chief was recognized for 34 years of dedicated service and received a retirement plaque. Engineer Bobby Carter received a Life Saving Award for saving the life of Board Member Joel Siles, with members of the department receiving the Humanitarian Service Medal for their action during Hurricane Matthew.

**2017 January 4, through 8<sup>th</sup>** a 4-member peer team with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) conducted its Site Review in our re-accreditation quest and maintaining our nationally accredited agency status through 2022. The site review was positive with the PEER team recommending full re-accreditation to the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

**2017 March 21**, Garden Grove California – Chief Johnson Sr., Deputy Chief Johnson Jr., Accreditation Manager Derrick Clouston and Board Vice Chairman Larry Townsend appeared before the full Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) at Garden Grove California. The eleven-member commission voting unanimously for re-accreditation for our department. This is another significant accomplishment, whereas Stoney Point VFD is the first Volunteer Fire Department to achieve re-accreditation.

## Department History (Continued)

**2017 April 1<sup>st</sup>**, Cape Fear Valley Emergency Medical Services (EMS) stationed a Medic Unit at Station 13 to better service the citizen within the area with emergency medical transport.

**2017 April 7<sup>th</sup>**, Alexandria Virginia – Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Sr., was recognized by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest award presented annually by the NVFC.

**2017 April 26**, Cumberland County, The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners approved the formation of a second Public Safety Task Force, with the task to provide a funding recommendation for rural fire districts. Chief Johnson Sr. was re-appointed to the Task Force.

**2017 June 2**, Stoney Point VFD took delivery of a new 2017 Pierce Arrow-XT Pumper / Tanker. The new apparatus replaced a 1981 Pierce Dash Pumper / Tanker.

**2017 October** – Completed another successful Trail of Terror (TOT) Fund Raiser. This annual fund raiser raised more than \$ 180,000.00 for emergency services operations.

**2017 November 14**, Stoney Point VFD received from the City of Fayetteville One (1) 1995 E-One 75ft Ladder Truck in the form of a donation from the City Council. This apparatus after some extensive refurbishing will be placed back in service with service to the citizen of the Stoney Point Fire District and the City of Fayetteville.

**2017 December 8**, Stoney Point VFD took delivery of a new 2018 Pierce Arrow-XT Walk-In Heavy Rescue Truck. The new rescue truck replaces a 1999 Pierce Sabre Heavy Rescue Truck.

**2017 December 10**, Stoney Point Fire Department held its **54<sup>th</sup>** Annual Family Christmas dinner and included the following distinguished guests, North Carolina State Representative John Szoka, Cumberland County Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe, Cumberland County Commissioner Michael Boose, Fayetteville City Councilmen Bill Crisp, Cumberland County Assistant Manager for Emergency Services Tracy Jackson, Fayetteville Fire Department Fire Chief Ben Major. North Carolina Emergency Management Director Michael Sprayberry spoke on volunteerism, volunteer resources and their dedication to the emergency services. The 2017 high incident responders were Lieutenant Jose Pomales, and Firefighter Chandler Stewart. For outstanding and dedicated service throughout 2017 the following members received recognition plaques. Firefighter Wendell Cammuse was selected Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Patrick Nuttle was honored as Career Firefighter of the Year. Lieutenant Jim Buie was recognized as Fire Officer of the Year and Mrs. Tracie Johnson was selected as Auxiliary Member of the Year. The following members were recognized for longevity and years of dedicated service to the department and community. Mrs. Ella Rose Smith 45 years, Captain Donald Stoudt Jr., 40 years, Board of Director Mr. Angus Pate 30 years, Lieutenant Bobby Gorman 20 years, Captain Aubrey Brown 15 years, Firefighter Marcia Hanzal 15 years, Captain John Kline 10 years, Lieutenant Travis Bunce 10 years. A civilian Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Kathleen Skinner for dedicated support throughout 2017 by providing food each week to the Monday night duty crew.

**2018 February 8** Stoney Point today donated to Columbus County a 1981 Pierce Dash Engine Company. The unit was in a reserve status, in good repair and upkeep and with the delivery of our new 2017 Pierce Arrow-XT Engine Company the unit became surplus and was therefore

## Department History (Continued)

provided to a needy volunteer fire department in Columbus County in dire need of a fire apparatus.

**2018 March 29**, Stoney Point Fire Department Fire Chief Johnson Sr., promoted Lieutenant Travis Bunce to Fire Captain and Engineer Joey Regenhardt to Fire Lieutenant. Both will serve as Officers for the Sunday Duty Shift.

**2018 April 3**, - Stoney Point VFD today sold its 1997 International EVI Rescue Truck to the Pearce's Mill VFD for \$ 25,000.00. The apparatus was in excellent condition and has served the Stoney Point Fire District very well for the past twenty-one years and will continue to serve the Pearce's Mill Fire Department and Cumberland County into the future.

**2018 June 12**, Stoney Point Assistant Chief Kevin Murphy was recognized during the annual Greater Fayetteville Chambers annual Valor Awards and recognition program at Manna Church on Cliffdale Road. Assistant Chief Murphy received the distinguished Merit Award for his role in the Cumberland County Active Shooter Program.

**2018 October 8<sup>th</sup>**, SPFD responded to many emergency services calls in conjunction with Hurricane Florence which again devastated parts of Cumberland County and the surrounding region with torrential rain and unprecedented flooding.

**2018 November 1**, Fire Chief Johnson Sr., promoted Engineer Brynn Fitzpatrick to Fire Lieutenant on "A" Shift to fill a vacancy.

**2018 December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Chief Johnson Sr. was reappointed by Department of Insurance (DOI) Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey to a 3<sup>rd</sup> three (3) year term to the North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission.

**2018 December 16**, Stoney Point Fire Department held its **55<sup>th</sup>** Annual Family Christmas dinner and included the following distinguished guests, Major General Kurt Sonntag, Commander United States John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center – NC State Senator Wesley Meredith, NC State Representative John Szoka, Cumberland County Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe, Fayetteville City Councilmen Bill Crisp, Cumberland County Assistant Manager for Emergency Services Tracy Jackson, Assistant City Manager Dr. Kyle Whitted, Fayetteville Fire Department Fire Chief Ben Major, and NC Deputy Commissioner of Insurance Brian Taylor. With 297 in attendance, Major General Sonntag provided the keynote and spoke on leadership. The 2018 high incident responders were Captain Joe Belcher, and Firefighter Wendell Cammuse. For outstanding and dedicated service throughout 2017 the following members received recognition plaques. Firefighter Wendell Cammuse, for the second year in a row was selected Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Patrick Nuttle was again honored as Career Firefighter of the Year. Lieutenant Jim Buie was recognized for the second year in the row as Fire Officer of the Year and Mrs. Cynthia Buie was selected as Auxiliary Member of the Year. The following members were recognized for longevity and years of dedicated service to the department and community.

**2019 June 11**, Stoney Point Auxiliary Member and North Carolina Paramedic Aislin Otero was recognized with a Life Saving Award during the annual Cumberland County Public Safety Valor Awards Recognition Program conducted at Manna Church or Cliffdale Road. Aislin was credited with saving the life of Amy Robarge.

## Department History (Continued)

**2019** September 1, prepared to respond and recover from Hurricane Dorian one of the most powerful Hurricanes with highest winds recorded at 185 MPH, our crews were ready and prepared. The storms easterly track devastated the outer banks and was mostly a rain even for Cumberland County.

2019 November 12, Chief Johnson Sr. was notified by the Department of Homeland Security, Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG) that our 2018 Staffing for Adequate fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of 536,152.20. This will allow the department to hire six (6) additional Firefighters and increase our current three (3) Firefighters per shift to five (5) effective January 2020.

**2019** December 13, Deputy Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Sr., graduated from the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Academy in Quanico, Virginia.

**2019 December 15, Stoney** Point Fire Department held its **56th** Annual Family Christmas dinner. The dinner was conducted in the Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) All Purpose Room. The extra-large capacity room provided sufficient space to accommodate our 302 members, families, and special guests. Dr. Larry Keen, President Fayetteville Technical Community College, our host served as our keynote speaker and spoke on commitment and education. Also in attendance was North Carolina National Guard Commander Major General Todd Hunt who presented an overview of guard capabilities and also spoke on leadership. Other special guests included North Carolina State Representative John Szoka, Cumberland County District Attorney Billy West, Cumberland County Fire Commissioner Jimmy Keefe, Cumberland County Board of Commissioner vice Chair Glen Adams, Fayetteville City Councilmen Davis, Cumberland County Emergency Services Director Gene Booth, Fayetteville Fire Department Fire Chief Mike Hill, and Pearce's Mill Fire Department Chief Ronnie Marley. The 2019 high incident responders were Captain Joe Belcher, and Firefighter Wendell Cammuse. For outstanding and dedicated service throughout 2019 the following members received recognition plaques. Firefighter Alan Taylor was selected as our Firefighter of the Year, Engineer David Stewart was recognized as our Employee of the Year, Captain Jordan Hughes received the honor of Officer of the Year, Junior Firefighter Malia Xavior was honored as our Junior Firefighter of the Year and Auxiliary member Betty Jo Cooper was selected as the Auxiliary Member of the Year 2019. Both Engineer Patrick Nuttle and Firefighter Wendell Cammuse received a special recognition plaque for their continued dedication and commitment during 2019. Both Captain Joe Belcher and Firefighter DeAndree Woods received the 2019 high firefighter and officer incident responder recognition plaque. The following members were recognized for longevity and years of dedicated service Captain John Kline 15 years, Captain Jordan Hughes 15 years, Lieutenant Jim Buie 10 years, and Engineer Spencer Goodwin 10 years.

**2020** January 1, Stoney Point Firefighters transitioned from the traditional American standard Fire Helmet to the newer and much safer MSA Cairns XF1 Fire Helmet. This new European style jet fighter engineered helmet is in compliance with North American firefighting standards and meets the 2018 edition of NFPA-1971. The easy to disassemble, clean, and reinstall soft goods is helping our agency to comply with cancer prevention thus keeping our firefighters much safer.

**2020** January 15 Hired six (6) additional firefighters/EMTs in conjunction with our approved SAFER grant. With the additional six positions our total full-time staff increased to 20.

## Department History (Continued)

**2020** February 27, The Fayetteville - Cumberland Human Relations Commission recognized Chief Johnson Sr. with the 2020 Patriot Award during the commissions annual banquet at the Bordeaux Holiday Inn.

**2020** March 23, The COVID-19 national and world-wide pandemic struck here in North Carolina and North Carolina Governor Cooper declared a State of Emergency. As a result, Cumberland County Fire Departments stopped responding to medical calls and instead only Cape Fear Valley Emergency Medical Units responded.

**2020** April 5, an early morning fire with heavy fire showing on Lakeview Drive, off Waldo's Beach Road claimed the life of an elderly female because of unattended late-night cooking.

**2020** April 21, The Board of Directors approved to provide space and access for the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association (CCFCA) to construct a 50 X 100 storage building on the grounds of Station 19 and approved a zero-dollar rent ten-year contract.

**2020** July 24, Fire Chief Freddy Johnson Sr., was stricken and tested positive for COVID-19 symptoms. Chief Johnson Sr. self-quarantined for 14 days and returned to full duty with no implications.

**2020** September 1, Cumberland County Fire Departments resumed a modified medical response protocol to assist CFVEMS units as needed.

**2020** September 11, Stoney Point purchased a 2006 Pierce Dash Fire Apparatus from Eastover Fire Department for \$110,000.00. The truck was purchased with equipment minus Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA).

**2020** October 13, Stoney Point members Deputy Chief Freddy Johnson Jr, Assistant Chief Sean Johnson and Engineer David Stewart were recognized during the annual Greater Fayetteville Chambers annual Valor Awards and recognition program at Manna Church on Cliffdale Road. All received the distinguished Merit Award for dedicated service.

**2020** October 31, The Stoney Point Trail of Terror concluded and with only seven (7) scheduled trail nights saw record crowds and with the assistance of our dedicated men and woman and trail volunteers raised a total of \$186,535.85.

**2020** December 17, Due to the still on-going COVID-19 pandemic the 57<sup>th</sup> annual family Christmas and recognition banquet was canceled. Instead, a modified and informal recognition event was included with the monthly administrative membership meeting to recognize those outstanding members that went above and beyond during the 2020 calendar year. During the event, the following members were recognized. Receiving the employee of the year recognition was Firefighter Alan Taylor, our officer of the year was Captain Joseph A. Belcher, our Auxiliary person of the year went to Ms. Betty Jo Cooper and our Firefighter of the year was Lieutenant Jason Sola. The following individuals were recognized for their years of dedicated service to our organization. Clerk to the Board Mrs. Clarkie Johnson 40 Years, Deputy Fire Chief Freddy L. Johnson Jr. 35 Years, Assistant Fire Chief Sean Johnson 30 years, Assistant Chief Brandon Hanzal 20 years,

## Glossary of Terms

North Carolina Department of Insurance (DOI) -The North Carolina General Assembly created the North Carolina Department of Insurance in 1899. Now, more than 100 years later, the Department of Insurance provides valuable services to the people of North Carolina by regulating the insurance industry, licensing insurance professionals and others, educating consumers about different types of insurance, handling consumer complaints and much, much more. The Department also houses the Office of State Fire Marshal, which is responsible for a host of other services that improve North Carolinians' daily lives.

Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). -A section within the North Carolina Department of Insurance (DOI). Many people may not realize that the Commissioner of Insurance also serves as the State Fire Marshal in North Carolina. OSFM is comprised of the following six divisions: Engineering and Codes; Manufactured Building; Risk Management; Fire and Rescue Training and Inspections; Fire and Rescue Commission; Programs, Prevention and Grants.

Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) -is a nonprofit corporation that promotes continuous quality improvement by providing training and career resource information to the fire and emergency service agencies and personnel that serves communities throughout the United States. In addition, CPSE serves as the governing body for the essential entity organizations that offer accreditation, education and certification services to first responder and fire service industry professionals and agencies. CPSE's dedicated board members individually contribute a wealth of experience and fresh ideas to the progression of the industry.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) – NFPA is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research training, and education. NFPA serves as the world's leading advocate of fire prevention and is an authoritative source on public safety.

Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) – OSHA'S mission is to prevent work related injuries, illnesses and deaths by issuing and enforcing rules (called standards) for workplace safety and health.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) – The Assistance to Firefighters grant (AFG) provides financial assistance directly to fire departments and non-affiliated EMS organizations to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The primary goal is to help fire departments meet their firefighting and emergency response needs.

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained "front line" firefighters available in their communities. The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' ability to comply with staffing, response and operational standards established by the NFPA 1710 & 1720 and OSHA 1910.134.

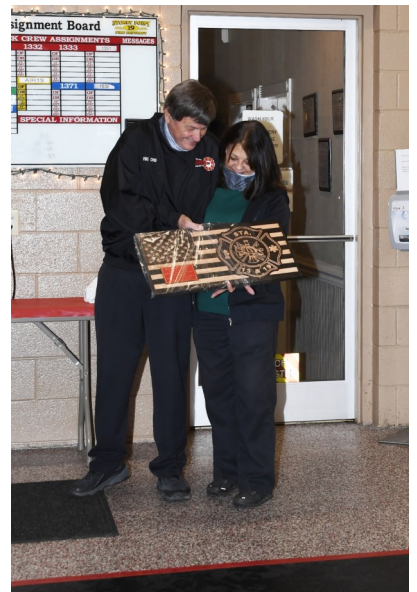
TOT - "Trail of Terror", our local and annual department fundraiser conducted during the month of October and all funds raised are re-invested back into the fire department with purchases directly related to our missions and goals.



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