



STONEY POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

Stations 13 & 19

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October 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting October 17, 2023.

The annual Board of Directors' meeting of the Stoney Point Fire Department Inc. was called to order by Chairman Brown and was led in prayer by Secretary Roger Hall at 7:30 PM. The meeting was conducted at the corporate office Station 19.

A: Roll Call:

Board Members Present:		Board Members Absent:	
Daniel C. Brown	Chairman	Robert "Bo" Barbour	Member Medical LOA
Larry Townsend	Vice Chair – On-Zoom	Joel A. Siles	Member
Roger F. Hall	Secretary	Jerry R. Hall	Member / Asst. Treasurer
Gary Turlington	Treasurer		

Chief Officers Present:		Chief Officers Absent:	
Freddy L. Johnson Sr.	Fire Chief	Freddy L. Johnson Jr.	Deputy Chief
		Sean C. Johnson	Asst. Fire Chief

B: ANNUAL / SPECIAL / PUBLIC HEARING MEETING:

N/A.

C: READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

- Secretary Roger Hall presented the minutes from the September 19, 2023, Monthly Board of Directors' meeting for review and approval. Chairman Brown called for the approval of the September 19, Monthly Board of Directors' Minutes. Vice Chairman Larry Townsend made a **MOTION** to approve the September 19, 2023, Monthly, Board of Directors' minutes as presented. The motion was **SECONDED** by Treasurer Gary Turlington and unanimously **APPROVED.**



D: REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF:

1. **General Information.** - Chief Johnson Sr. welcomed the members of the board to the October meeting. He reminded the members that Director Bo Barbour is out on an extended medical leave of absence until the first of the year.
2. **Guests:** None
3. **Personnel:**
 1. Chief Johnson provided an update on our on-going volunteer recruiting efforts since the first of the year. So far this year through October 17 we had 47 volunteer applications submitted for membership. Six (6) did not move forward due to back-ground issues, while eleven (11) did not complete our recruit training program for various issues. Claustrophobia issues ranked on top of the list, while others realized they did not have the time to commit to volunteering. Thirty (3) of those are now in varying stages of completing our recruit training program. We are starting our final recruit class for 2023 next month in November and this class will run into 2024. The chief also stated that we had five (5) new applicants walk in last Thursday night, with their applications being processed. He reminded the members of the board that our recruiting efforts are on-going throughout the year. He also highlighted that some of our volunteer turn-over is contributed to our active-duty military members who are scheduled to exit the military or being reassigned by the military to other bases.
 2. Chief Johnson also addressed our full and part-time staffing posture and announced that we currently have two (2) full-time position vacancies. One (1) member resigned to accept a higher paying job, while the other was terminated. We have been utilizing part-time members to fill the void. We do have several internal and external candidates that have expressed interest in the positions, and the Chief will fill both positions early next year. The chief also stressed that by using part-time members we save on our salary and benefit budgets.

E: Apparatus Fleets:

1. The Chief advised that Truck 1351, our Ladder Truck, is still at Gregory Poole awaiting parts. We did find the required motor-mounts, but they are still three (3) months out from shipping. We have received the six (6) required rubber bushings that go with the six (6) motor mounts. The Chief expressed that due to the parts supply issues our ladder truck will not be back in service before the first of the year.
2. The Chief advised that the Motorola in-car camera system is providing us with great feedback in terms of safe driving, interior observations as well as on-scene exterior observation if in camera view. Unless there is a complaint, we have it set up to randomly review incident runs every Friday. All our officers have access to the system and can review at any time. They do not have any editing or deleting permissions. Only the primary administrators have access to edit or delete. We will establish a Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) for the use, reviews as well as system editing or deleting. Vice-Chairman Townsend has access to the system, with Assistant Chief Hanzal and the Fire Chief having full system permissions. Chief Hanzal is not authorized to edit or delete video footage. We have it set up where the footage is over-written after 90 days. So, in other words stored videos will eventually time out.



3. The Chief advised that we are waiting on graphics for 1341 from Image Graphics and hope to have the truck back at Station 13 by the end of the month. The old 1341 has been parked out back next to the Conex boxes at Station 19 and will be used for parts.

4. **FY 2023 – 2024** Vehicle, Equipment Maintenance and Fuel Expenditures as of October 17, 2023 (List from Quicken) (Previous two (2) Fiscal Years for comparison purposes)

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>FY 21/22</u>	<u>FY 22/23</u>	<u>FY 23/24</u>
1319	1960 American LaFrance (Antique)	484.04	26.94	3,367.76
1331	2017 Pierce Arrow-XT	5,847.98	13,310.97	15,103.24
1332	2004 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	13,797.46	9,650.25	9,171.10
1333	1988 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	6,368.06	4,687.60	0.00
1341	**1994 LMTV 5 Ton Truck Brush	2,762.25	10,292.04	1,139.42
1351	1996 E-One 75ft Aerial Ladder	15,575.87	1,753.00	3,421.01
1362	2023 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 X 4	1,684.30	1,115.07	1,067.60
1371	2021 GMC Sierra 1500 4 X 4	3,793.22	846.60	802.50
1391	2023 Tahoe Cmd Vehicle (1301)	2,816.66	9,310.49	682.07
R-13	2017 Pierce Arrow-XT-Walk In	896.44	5,050.49	917.66
1911	2006 Pierce Dash Engine	20,877.24	6,767.84	809.23
1931	2004 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	11,546.48	18,983.60	8,284.44
1941	1994 LMTV 2.5 Ton Truck Brush	0.00	3,949.59	2,490.46
1961	1984 Chevrolet ¼ Ton Diesel-Lift Gate	708.18	918.55	0.00
1962	2024 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 X 4	1,318.30	659.21	2,517.46
1963	2017 – Auxiliary Support Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00
1991	2019 Tahoe Cmd Vehicle (1303)	2,816.66	1,436.69	105.87
Air-19	2016 Mobile Air Trailer	241.22	0.00	0.00
Boat 1981	14” Zodiac Inflatable 25 HP	73.79	0.00	0.00
Boat 1986	19” Rescue 1 Connector Boat 50 HP	109.73	392.60	0.00
Trailers	2009 Boat Trailer Double Stack	0.00	0.00	0.00
U-Trailer	Utility Trailer (Small & Large)	0.00	393.76	0.00
Cmd Trl	2006 FEMA Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISC	RELATED VEH EXPENSES	8,801.47	7,897.78	981.54
	Total Vehicle Maintenance	97,708.99	97,443.07	50,861.36
	EQUIPMENT OTHER	26,289.09	22,094.26	9,154.50
	TOTAL VEH/EQUIP EXPENSES BUDGETED (\$120,000.00)	\$123,998.08	120,137.33	60,015.86
	GASOLINE & FUELS (\$ 40,000)	\$44,824.10	46,389.69	8,717.19
	FY-BUDGETED TOTAL 160,000	\$168,822.18	164,095.48	68,733.05
	Total over / under Budget	+\$8,822.18	+\$6,527.02	

** 1341 – 5 Ton LMTV taken out of service and replaced by 1941 with number change

** 1962 – New 2024 GMC 4 X 4 Sierra HD 2500 – Replaced 2016 GMC Sierra (Trade in)



F: Building and Grounds:

1. The Chief advised that although the PWC sewer lines have been installed on our property, it will be May or June of 2024 before connections with PWC will be possible.

2. We have transformed our back field at Station 13 to accommodate our annual Trail of Terror fund raiser.



3. We experienced septic tank issues during our opening Trail of Terror weekend at Station 13. Our septic tank required to be pumped out. Our installed pump that pumps liquids to the septic tank in our back yard suddenly stopped working. Carter’s Septic Tank Services determined that our pump was still good, however the 220-Watt electrical outlet stopped working. We have a new outlet on back order because we could not locate one here in Fayetteville.

4. The Air Conditioning Unit that cools and heats the Station 13 Computer Room is eight (8) years



Old Unit

old. The unit stopped cooling and required a new mother board. Because the unit is over five (5) years old parts are now harder to find. The technician also informed Chief Johnson that we will also start to have other issues arise with the unit that will start costing money. As a result, the decision was made to replace the unit with a new unit. This will run about \$6,500.00 installed. Nathan’s Heating and Air Conditioning was hired.



New Unit

5. Building and Grounds Expenditure Chart as of October 17, 2023

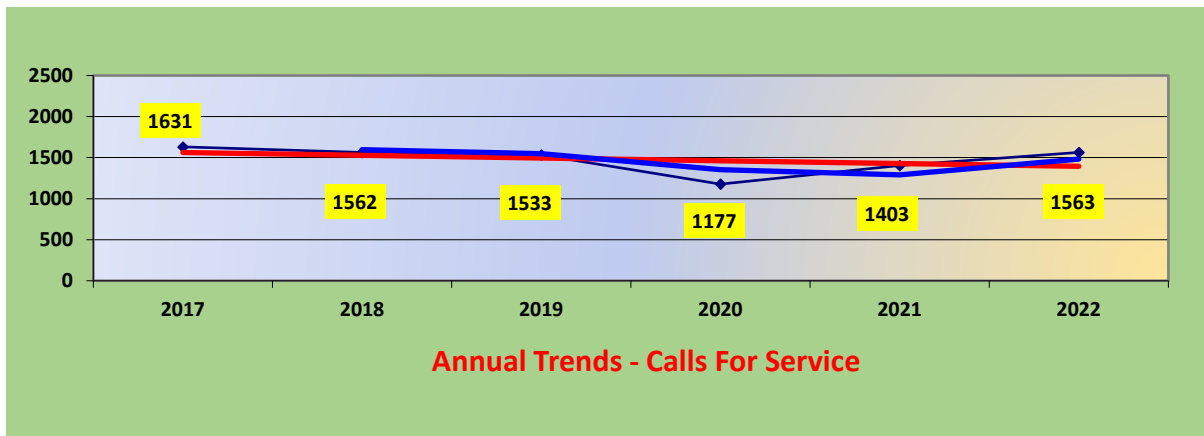
	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24
BUILDING AND GROUNDS EXPENDITURES					
Station # 13 – 7221 Stony Point Road – Building	\$ 3,947.69	15,565.74	35,701.43	17,040.52	602.93
Station # 13 – 7221 Stony Point Road – Grounds	\$ 4,870.45	2,123.52	111,335.19	2,678.44	303.80
Station # 19 – 2190 Lake Upchurch Dr – Building	\$ 2,250.46	15,147.35	8,902.83	10,030.46	761.70
Station # 19 - 2190 Lake Upchurch Dr – Grounds	\$ 4,870.45	1,533.35	11,043.19	7,436.20	625.15
Consumable Items	\$12,302.73	5,689.12	9,084.38	6,613.85	2,204.35
Maintenance Building Other	107.71	725.46	1,606.23	834.16	855.94
Maintenance Grounds Other	1,461.76	894.31	1,453.45	652.91	0.00
TOTAL PAY OUT	\$ 29,811.25	\$41,678.85	\$179,126.76	\$45,664.85	5,353.87



G. Fire Conditions:

- The Chief advised that this year to date we are answering more calls compared to last year. (See Charts below – Monthly calls by year and annual trend line chart.)

MONTH	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JANUARY	159	163	139	131	146	117	127	136	
FEBRUARY	136	141	113	110	142	97	119	103	
MARCH	156	138	137	120	122	126	126	154	
APRIL	139	134	130	114	072	114	125	139	
MAY	144	120	128	128	069	96	124	152	
JUNE	126	100	131	122	059	113	140	133	
JULY	135	153	132	113	074	102	117	156	
AUGUST	175	147	108	129	118	118	147	143	
SEPTEMBER	169	120	144	143	084	122	148	151	
OCTOBER	198	150	137	131	077	135	120		
NOVEMBER	147	127	132	140	098	140	116		
DECEMBER	214	138	131	152	116	123	154		
TOTALS	1898	1631	1562	1533	1177	1403	1563	1267	



- The Chief reviewed our October 2023 incident statistics for review and discussion. (See Enclosure # 2)

H: Training Report:

- The new Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) Swift Water Center’s ribbon cutting is scheduled for Monday November 13, 2023, at 2 PM at the new Regional Dr. Larry J. Keen Fire and Rescue Training Center. FTCC staff is already working on scheduling classes. Our Assistant Chief Sean Johnson will be one of the Swift Water Certification Instructors. (See Enclosure #3)
- With the 2024 North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) Mid-Winter Conference (MWC) scheduled for Tuesday January 30, through Saturday February 3, 2023, our entire Chief Officers corps has been scheduled to attend the training conference. One of our senior Captains will be in charge with our on-call chief officer being about 2 hours away and ready to return should there be a need.



3. Chief Johnson also informed the members of the board that the 2024 Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) is scheduled from April 15 - 20, 2023 in Indianapolis and along with the Chief the following department officers have been registered. Captains Jose Pomales and Arthur Swartz, Lieutenants Wendell Cammuse and Spencer Goodwin. Assistant Chief S. Johnson is also attending with no costs to the department. FDIC is another annual training event that we attend to stay abreast of nationwide initiatives.
4. Chief Johnson Sr. informed the members of the board that after meeting all the recertification training requirements, that his North Carolina Executive Emergency Management Certification was renewed for the next five (5) years by the North Carolina Emergency Management Training Division. Recertified in EM for the next five years. (See Enclosure #4)
5. The Chief advised that we have a Live Training Burn Scheduled at the Regional Training Center on Saturday November 4, 2023 from 9 until 5 PM. All our volunteers and our new recruits meeting the NFPA 1043 Live Burn standard will participate. Our full and part-time staff will do the same training in-conjunction with the Fayetteville Fire Department Live Fire Training schedule in November also.
6. Training other than on-line and selected special technical training during the month of October has been suspended. This is something we do each year during the "Trail of Terror" fund raiser which requires extensive assistance from our volunteer membership.
7. Currently we have several of our paid staff members attending the Technical Rescue (TR) certification at Robeson Community College. With I-295 scheduled to partially open from Camden Road to I-95 south we will move our Rescue Truck to Station 19. The I-295 on and off ramp on Glenn Road is only about 6 tenths of a mile from Station 19. That will allow Rescue 13 to respond both North and South. We will enter into an agreement with the City of Fayetteville to assist us by coming North and us going South and we will do the same agreement with both Parkton and St. Paul's Fire Departments in Robeson County. TR is a required skill for all our officer's corps and full-time members and optimal for our volunteers.
8. The Chief also advised that we currently have both volunteers and full-time members attending the North Carolina Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) course. We have members enrolled in both day and night courses. With over 50% of our total calls being medically related EMT-B is a job requirement for our full time and career members.
9. Chief Johnson also informed the members that he is currently attending the North and South Carolina Association of International Association of Arson Investigator joint chapter annual training conference. The weeklong training conference is held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and the annual training classes meet the North Carolina Certified Fire Investigator Boards (CFIB) recertification requirements for Certified Fire Investigators (CFI). Having CFIs in our agency also provides us with extra credit during our Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating requirements.



I: REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget Information

- Assistant Treasurer Jerry Hall presented the monthly treasurer’s report and provided the current fund balance and financial information from all sources.

Balances: As of October 17, 2023,	\$	1,538,920.78	First Citizens.
6-month CD as of August 7, 2023,	\$	215,131.55	14% of Budget.
Total Cash Flow Available	\$	1,754,052.33	Total Available Funds

Approved County FY 23/24 Budget	\$1,665,550.00
County Budget Funding Received YTD	\$87,176.42
FY 21-22 County Budget Funding Pending YTD	\$1,578,373.58
FY-23/24 Additional Payments above approved Budget	\$0.00

County Fire District FY 23/24 (SPFD) Grant Program Requested	\$49,610.00
County Fire District FY 22/23 Gant Program Received	\$0.00
County Fire District FY 21 Grant Program Pending - Supply Issues	\$33,610.00

County Fire District FY 22/23 (SPFD) Grant Program Requested	\$33,610.00
County Fire District FY 22/23 Gant Program Received	\$0.00
County Fire District FY 22/23 Grant Program Pending - Supply Issues	\$33,610.00

Approved Fayetteville FY 22/23 Budget	\$478,158.00
Fayetteville City Funding Received YTD	\$239,079.00
Fayetteville City Funding Pending YTD	\$239,079.00

Approved Town of Hope Mills Contract FY 23/24 Budget	\$ 70,000.00
Town of Hope Mills Full Responder Contract Fee FY-2023-24 Paid in Full 08/23	\$ 70,000.00
Town of Hope Mills Full Responder Contract Fee FY-2022-23 Paid in Full 08/23	\$ 70,000.00
Hope Mills Budget Funding Received YTD	\$ 140,000.00
Hope Mills Funding FY-2023-24 Pending	\$0.00
Town of Hope Mills 1-time Debt Assumption Payment \$16,451.06-Outstanding - On-Going since -2014	

Combined County / COF / & Hope Mills Approved FY 23/24 Budget	\$2,213,708.00
Combined FY 23/24 COF / HM & County Budget Received YTD	\$346,715.92
Combined FY 21/22 COF / HM & County Budget Pending	- \$1,747,452.58
Other Income (First Citizen Bank) -	\$66.51
Other Income /Tax Refund (Sales & Fuel Tax) -	\$1,231.62

Total Board Funds YTD received 20/21 to date ALL SOURCES \$467,553.55

- Treasurer Gary Turlington reminded the members that both June and July 2023 financials remain with our accountant reference our FY-22-23 annual audit and will not be available for review



until the completion of our audit. He presented the August 2023 financials review along with the oversight review memorandum conducted by Vice Chairman Townsend indicating that no discrepancies were noted. He further stated that September and October 2023 financials will be presented to the board during our November 21, 2023, meeting. After a review by the attending members Chairman Brown called for a **MOTION** to approve or disapprove both the financial and oversight report for August 2023. Secretary Roger Hall introduced a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** both the Financial and financial oversight report for the month of August 2023 as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Townsend and **APPROVED** by all members present. (See Enclosure #5)

2. **Auxiliary Account** - Treasurer Tracie Johnson, via text message provided the Auxiliary Account fund balance of **\$530,770.94** as of October 17, 2023.
3. **Miscellaneous Firefighter Account** (Ice & Cans) - Our balance as of October 17, 2023, is **\$15,629.03** - We have our final summer sales deposit pending.
4. **Firefighter Relief Fund** – Vice-Chairman Townsend who also serves as treasurer of the firefighters relief fund board advised that a **\$13,234.40** deposit was made into our relief fund checking account, representing this years disbursement. With the new deposit our current relief fund checkbook balance is **\$33,379.39** and our current relief fund CD is holding steady at **\$78,600.23**. He also advised that he would transfer **\$13,000.00** from the checkbook account to the Certificate of Deposit Account and report the new balance during our November 2023 board meeting.(See Enclosure #6)
5. **Child Passenger Safety Seat Account** – The Chief advised that the fund balance with TRUIST as of September 19, 2023, is **\$1,225.51**
6. **Station 19 Building Loan** - Vice Chairman Townsend updated the members of the board and stated that the current balance on our Station 19 building loan with First Citizens Bank as of September 19, 2023, is **\$480,885.11** with sixty-three (63) monthly payments consisting of **\$7,562.05** remaining.
7. **Pierce Fire Truck Loan– (\$1,400,000.00 - First Citizens Bank)** – Chief Johnson Sr. reported that as of October 17, 2023, 2023, the outstanding commercial loan balance is **\$631,974.07** He reminded the members of the board that our truck payment plan is annual therefore there is no change to loan balance until the next annual payment is applied.

J: REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

1. **Policy Committee** Meets Annually during the first quarter of the year. – Per PEER team recommendation the policy committee’s annual review has been moved to the first quarter of each new calendar year.
2. **Building & Grounds Committee** - See Item F (On-going monthly during our BOD Monthly meetings).
3. **Small Tools & Gear Committee** – Meets semi-annually Mar/Apr & Oct/Nov – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 3rd week in October 2023.
4. **Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Committee** - 2023 Minutes are on file.



5. Budget Committee (Meets Annually) The budget committee met on Saturday March 18, 2023, to produce recommendations for the FY23-24 budget addressed during the public hearing portion of these minutes. (See the Budget Committee Minutes dated March 18, 2023)
6. Safety and Health Committee - Quarterly meeting minutes are on file.

K: OLD BUSINESS:

1. With only 7 weeks before our annual 2023 Annual Family Christmas Dinner, Chief Johnson provided another reminder for the board members to place this important date on your family calendar.
2. The Chief stated that our twenty (20) sets of Personal Protective Ensemble (PPE) have been delivered and issued out to our members. We are now in the process of recouping our funds. This PPE purchase was part of the FY 22-23 the Cumberland County Fire Protection District Grant Program. We will also apply for the FY 21-22 PPE order refund, which is now complete as well.
3. There have been no further updates concerning our ordered FIROVAC Tanker with a 2025 Freightliner Chassis and a 3500 Gallon water Tank. The president of the company stated that he has hired additional staffing and hopes to deliver our tanker late next year. We are still planning on touring the factory after the arrival of our chassis next year.
4. There has been no further action taken on the replacement of our letter sign marquee at Station 19. Current inflation prices associated with electronic marquees are so high, that the Chief recommended to take a wait and see attitude.
5. The Chief stated that METRONET came out today to do a site survey to see what is needed to switch us from Spectrum to METRONET for a much faster speed as reported during our September 2023 meeting. He hopes to be totally switched over by our November meeting.
6. The Chief announced that the annual Fire, Rescue and EMS worker memorial service was conducted last Saturday at the new Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center with about 60 in attendance. The service was moved into the main classroom due to inclement weather. There were two (2) Line of Duty names added to the memorial this year. It was a great service and well attended. (See Enclosure #7)

L: NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Chief announced that it is time to prepare for our annual family awards Christmas banquet and a memorandum is forth coming to announce our 2023 awards selection board. Two (2) members from the board have traditionally assisted with that endeavor. Both Treasurer Turlington and Assistant Treasurer Jerry Hall and Vice Chairman Townsend have served on the committee in previous years.
2. The Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association (CCFCA) has also opened nominations for the annual Arnold J. Koonce Legacy Leadership Award. Nominations are open through November 30, 2023. Nominations can be submitted on-line @ CCFCANC.com.
3. The North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) annual Fire Chief and Fire Officer of the Year nominations are being accepted through October 31, 2023. Nominations can be submitted through the association's website.



4. The Chief provided an update on our annual fund raiser the “Trail of Terror” and reported that after two six (6) hour weekends have grossed \$79,188.00. He also announced that our on-line sales have been tremendous. We have two (2) weekends and Halloween night left. The last two (2) weekends are generally our biggest weekends. Saturday nights are always our biggest customer participation nights, while Friday nights we are in competition with high school sports activities and other events offered in Fayetteville. So far, we have been receiving great reviews on our Facebook page.
5. The Chief informed the members that we now have completed installation of cameras and equipment to support zoom meetings in both Station 13 and 19.
6. The Chief announced that he has a meeting scheduled with County Manager Clarence Grier and Emergency Services Director Gene Booth, to discuss our expiring county fire protection contract, up-coming FY 24/25 re-evaluation funding and communications issues.
7. Member Jimmy Mabe completed his NC EMT Certification. Jimmy has been trying for years to obtain that certification. He never gave up.
8. The Chief advised that he attended the Quarterly North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting in Weaverville (Asheville) North Carolina last Tuesday October 10, 2023, and provided a quick overview.
9. The Chief advised that during the September Fire Chiefs Meeting in Godwin-Falcon former North Carolina State Senator Kirk deViere was presented with his Honorary Fire Chiefs’ Helmet. Senator deViere was initially inducted as an honorary Fire Chief with the Association during our 2022 Christmas Meeting along with Dr. Larry Keen, President, Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC) for his contributions and work for the Association while serving as our Senator in the General Assembly. Because of supply issues the special presentation helmet was on back-order and just recently received.
10. The Chief passed around a letter from Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) announcing capital credits check to our organization. Station 19 is serviced by LREMC. (See Enclosure #8)
11. Chief Johnson passed around a letter from the Board of Directors from the North Carolina State Firefighters Association (NCSFA) about current misinformation concerning General Assembly Budget Negotiations. (See Enclosure #9)



M: CLOSED SESSION - WHEN APPLICABLE:

1. N/A

N: ACCIDENT/MISHAP TRACKING:

This section was created to track injuries, accidents and mishaps involving department owned vehicles, apparatuses, equipment, and real property. The chart below represents accident tracking data for the current Fiscal Year. A complete accident report prepared by the department safety officer is available and on file for each trackable item. The chart will be updated monthly for board review.

Fiscal Year 2022, 2023 & 2024 Reportable Accidents			
TYPE OF ACCIDENT	EMPLOYEE	COSTS	REMARKS
Total for Fiscal Year	2021=	\$6,795.00	8 Reportable Accidents
Fiscal Year	2022=	\$5,305.71	“B” Shift Loss of RIT Pack
Backing Incident 1371	May 2022=	291.00	FFs Mahdi / Taylor
Total for Fiscal Year	2022 YTD =	\$5,596.71	0 YTD Reportable Accidents
<i>1371- Minor Incident</i>	August 22 – Repaired	\$150.00	FF. P. Crenshaw
<i>1362 – Bumper Damage</i>	April 23 – Repaired	\$100.00	FFs Taylor / Butler
Fiscal Year	2023	\$250.00	

O: Adjournment:

With no further business Chairman Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; Secretary Roger Hall made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The motion was **SECONDED** by Vice Chair Larry Townsend and **APPROVED** by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 2015 hours. **The next Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday November 21, 2023, beginning at 7:30 PM at Station # 13.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger F. Hall
ROGER F. HALL
Secretary

Cc.

- 1 - Each Board Member
- 1 - Board File / Minutes Book / Web Page
- 1 - Accountant File Copy

7 Enclosures:

1. Board Member Attendance Roster
2. September 2023 Incident Statistics
3. FTCC Swift Water Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 11/13/2023
4. Chief Johnson Sr. Executive EM Re-Certification Letter dated 10/12/2023
5. Financial Oversight Memorandum for the month of August 2023
6. North State Bank – Firefighter Relief Fund - Certificate of Deposit dated 09/29/2023
7. Emergency Services Memorial Ceremony – 10/14/2023
8. Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) undated Letter
9. Letter North Carolina State Firefighters Association (NCSFA) dated 10/03/2023



2023

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S & PRIMARY STAFF
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

##	NAME	JAN (17) Sta. 13	FEB (21) Sta. 19	MAR (21) Sta. 13	APR (18) Sta. 19	MAY (16) Sta. 19	JUN (20) Sta. 19	JUL (18) Sta. 13	AUG (15) Sta. 19	SEP (19) Sta. 13	OCT (17) Sta. 19	NOV (21) Sta. 19	DEC (19) Sta. 19
01	Daniel C. Brown - President (2024)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
02	Larry Townsend V-President (2026)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
03	Roger Hall - Secretary (2024)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
04	Gary Turlington – Treasurer (2026)	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	N/A	N/A	P	P		
05	Joel Siles – (2026)	P	Work	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	Work		
06	Jerry Hall – (2026)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	Work		
07	Bo Barbour - (2024)	P	Work	Work	P	Excused	Excused	N/A	N/A	LOA	LOA	LOA	LOA
08	Freddy Johnson Sr. - Chief (Annually)	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
09	Freddy Johnson Jr. - Deputy Chief	Work	P	Work	Work	P	Work	N/A	N/A	P	Work		
10	Sean Johnson – Asst. Chief	P	P	P	P	P	Work	N/A	N/A	P	Work		
11	Kevin T. Murphy – Asst. Chief	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	N/A	N/A	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused
12	Brandon Hanzal – Asst. Chief	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	N/A	N/A	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused

**P-Present - A-Absent - N/A – No Meeting Conducted A-E – Absent & not required to attend by invitation only. N/A No Meeting-
CC-telephonic conference call participation.**

- Due to **summer vacations**, Board of Directors meetings are not scheduled for the months of **July** and **August 2023** unless there is a pressing need or emergency.
- Except for the Fire and Deputy Chief – Assistant Fire Chief Officers are **not** required to attend the monthly board meetings unless directed by the Fire Chief

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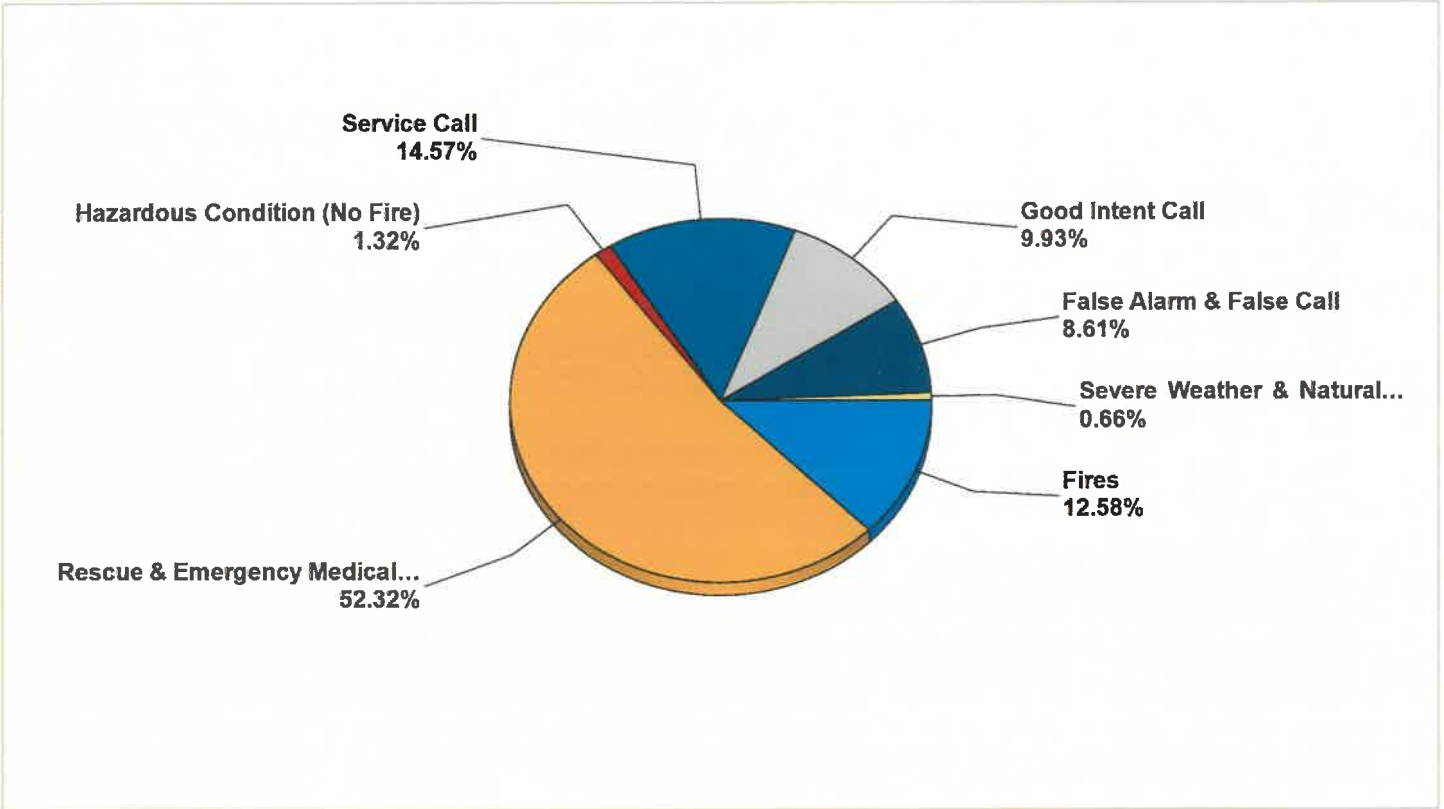


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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 09/01/2023 | End Date: 09/30/2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	19	12.58%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	79	52.32%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	1.32%
Service Call	22	14.57%
Good Intent Call	15	9.93%
False Alarm & False Call	13	8.61%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.66%
TOTAL	151	100%

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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	14	9.27%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	2	1.32%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.66%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2	1.32%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	0.66%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	62	41.06%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	15	9.93%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	0.66%
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.66%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.66%
500 - Service Call, other	8	5.3%
511 - Lock-out	1	0.66%
522 - Water or steam leak	2	1.32%
550 - Public service assistance, other	2	1.32%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.32%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	7	4.64%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	11	7.28%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	4	2.65%
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.66%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.66%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	8	5.3%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.66%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2	1.32%
814 - Lightning strike (no fire)	1	0.66%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	151	100%

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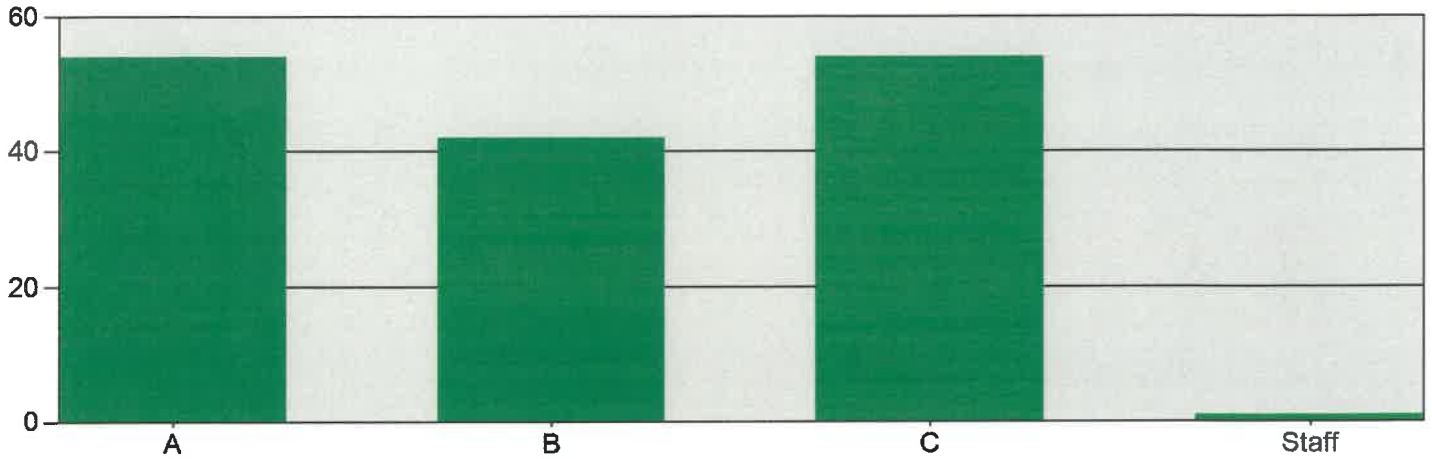
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Incidents by Shift for Date Range

Start Date: 09/01/2023 | End Date: 09/30/2023



SHIFT	# INCIDENTS
A	54
B	42
C	54
Staff	1

TOTAL: 151

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Incidents with multiple EXPOSURES, with distinct stations, may create a slight difference between the report total and total number of actual incidents for the DATE RANGE provided. The totals reflect the # INCIDENTS each STATION was assigned. Only REVIEWED incidents included.



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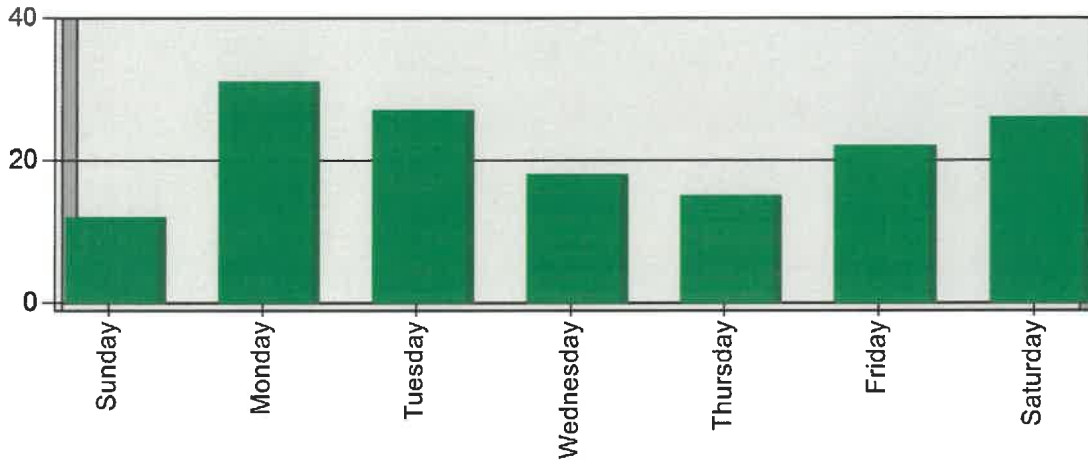
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Incidents by Day of the Week for Date Range

Start Date: 09/01/2023 | End Date: 09/30/2023



DAY OF THE WEEK	# INCIDENTS
Sunday	12
Monday	31
Tuesday	27
Wednesday	18
Thursday	15
Friday	22
Saturday	26
TOTAL	151

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Incident Statistics

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 09/01/2023 | End Date: 09/30/2023

INCIDENT COUNT			
INCIDENT TYPE		# INCIDENTS	
EMS		79	
FIRE		72	
TOTAL		151	
TOTAL TRANSPORTS (N2 and N3)			
APPARATUS	# of APPARATUS TRANSPORTS	# of PATIENT TRANSPORTS	TOTAL # of PATIENT CONTACTS
1331	0	0	2
1332	0	0	3
1371	2	2	35
1911	0	0	1
1931	0	0	12
RES13	0	0	2
TOTAL	2	2	55
PRE-INCIDENT VALUE		LOSSES	
\$2,181,700.00		\$98,560.00	
CO CHECKS			
TOTAL			
MUTUAL AID			
Aid Type		Total	
Aid Given		31	
Aid Received		4	
OVERLAPPING CALLS			
# OVERLAPPING		% OVERLAPPING	
54		35.76	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Station 13	0:04:12	0:05:54	
Station 19	0:03:57	0:06:40	
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS			0:04:30
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Station 13	0:00:39	0:01:01	
Station 19	0:00:23	0:00:41	

Only Reviewed Incidents including types are counted as FIRE. CC of incidents where apparatus type = # of PCR contacted by apparatus calls that span over multiple days

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1 other incident
 Transports = #
 Patient Contacts
 or overlapping

AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:00:38
AGENCY	AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)	
Stoney Point Fire Department, Inc.	27:06	

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Only Reviewed Incidents included. EMS for Incident counts includes only 300 to 399 Incident Types. All other incident types are counted as FIRE. CO Checks only includes Incident Types: 424, 736 and 734. # Apparatus Transports = # of incidents where apparatus transported. # Patient Transports = All patients transported by EMS. # Patient Contacts = # of PCR contacted by apparatus. This report now returns both NEMSIS 2 & 3 data as appropriate. For overlapping calls that span over multiple days, total per month will not equal Total count for year.

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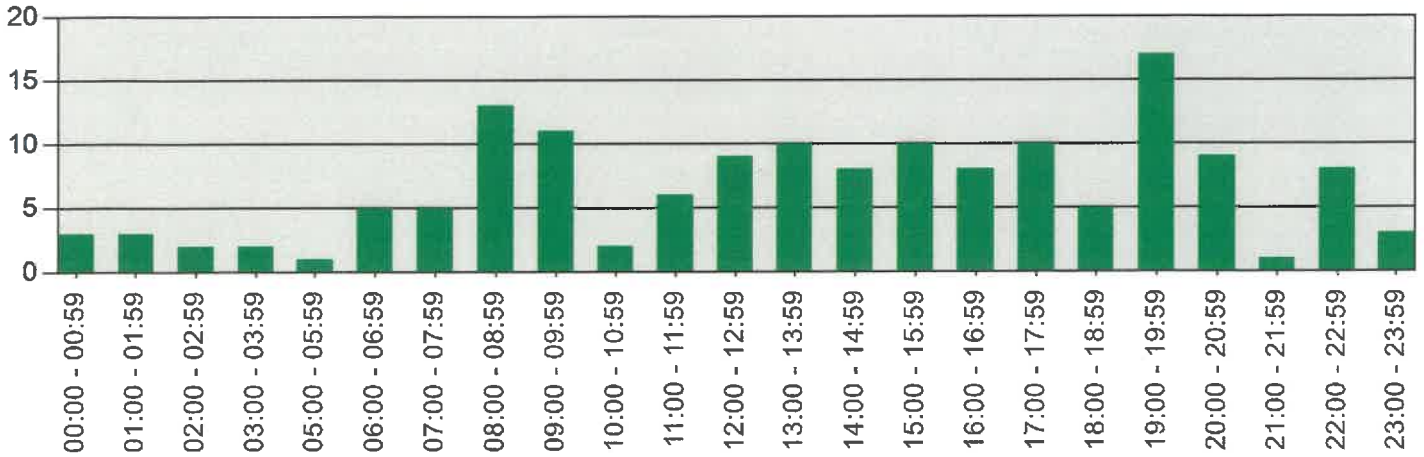


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Incidents by Hour for Station for Date Range

Station: All Stations | Start Date: 09/01/2023 | End Date: 09/30/2023



HOUR	# INCIDENTS
00:00 - 00:59	3
01:00 - 01:59	3
02:00 - 02:59	2
03:00 - 03:59	2
05:00 - 05:59	1
06:00 - 06:59	5
07:00 - 07:59	5
08:00 - 08:59	13
09:00 - 09:59	11
10:00 - 10:59	2
11:00 - 11:59	6
12:00 - 12:59	9
13:00 - 13:59	10
14:00 - 14:59	8
15:00 - 15:59	10
16:00 - 16:59	8
17:00 - 17:59	10
18:00 - 18:59	5
19:00 - 19:59	17
20:00 - 20:59	9
21:00 - 21:59	1
22:00 - 22:59	8
23:00 - 23:59	3

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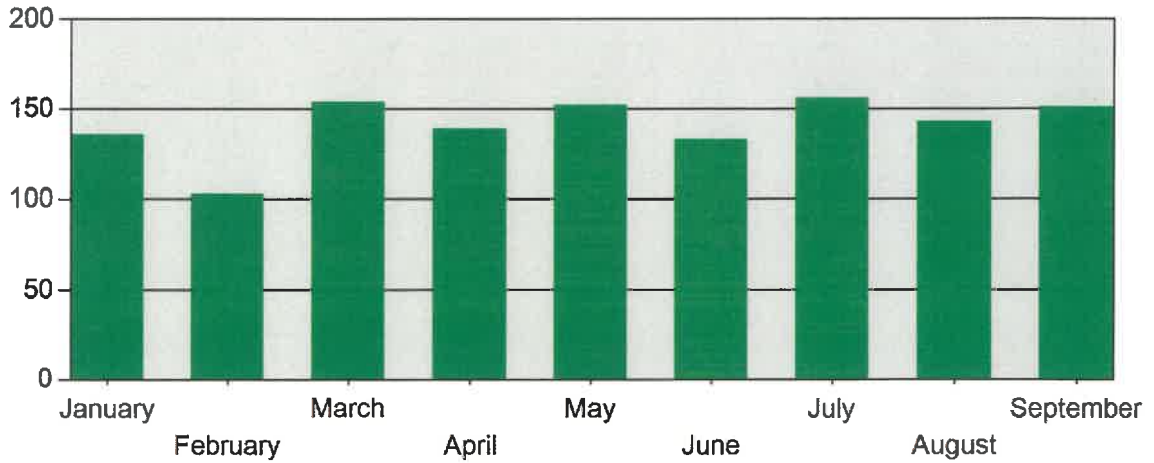


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Incidents by Month for Month Range

Start Month: January | End Month: September | Year: 2023



MONTH	INCIDENTS
January	136
February	103
March	154
April	139
May	152
June	133
July	156
August	143
September	151

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President Dr. Mark Sorrells
and the
Board of Trustees
of
Fayetteville Technical
Community College
cordially invite you to the
Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
for the
Swift Water Rescue
Training Facility

NOV
13
2023

2PM

4740
Corporation Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28306

*RSVP by November 3
dailw@faytechcc.edu*

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NC Department of Public Safety
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Roy Cooper, Governor

Eddie M. Buffaloe Jr., Secretary
William C. Ray, Director

October 12, 2023

Dear Freddy Johnson, Sr.,

Congratulations! This letter is your official notification of meeting all the necessary requirements for **North Carolina Executive Emergency Manager Recertification.**

You are scheduled to recertify in 2028. Recertification packets will be accepted up to one year prior to the expiration date on your current certification. It is your responsibility to keep your email address updated in the North Carolina Training, Exercise, and Response Management (TERMS) System. You will receive periodic reminders to recertify as the expiration date draws near.

As a reminder, all recertification training hours must be obtained between October 1, 2023 and October 1, 2028. If at any time the recertification requirements change, you will be required to meet the new requirements within your next recertification submission.

Again, you have my sincere congratulations on your outstanding achievement in maintaining the North Carolina Executive Emergency Manager designation.

Sincerely,

Robin J. Brown

Robin Brown
North Carolina Emergency Management
Training and Standards Advisory Board Chair



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**STONEY POINT
FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.**

Stations 13 & 19
2190 Lake Upchurch Road
Parkton, North Carolina 28371
Phone # (910) 424-0694
Fax # (910) 425-2795
Email: spfd1301@nc.rr.com

Station 13 & Mailing Address
7221 Stoney Point Road
Fayetteville, North Carolina
28306-8005



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Fire Chief

Memorandum For: Haigh, Byrd & Lambert, LLP, Certified Public Accountants

Reference: Additional Internal Financial Control & Segregation of Duties

August 2023

In order to establish and maintain enhanced internal controls, including monitoring of ongoing financial and accounting principles of the Stoney Point Fire Department; in addition to the current duties performed by the Clerk to the Board and the Appointed Treasurer, and to comply with the recommendation as outlined in a letter from Haigh, Byrd & Lambert, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, addressed to the Stoney Point Board of Directors addressing segregation of duties, and whereas the Stoney Point Board of Directors appointed Mr. Larry D. Townsend to conduct and perform said duties. I Director Larry D. Townsend have reviewed and documented the reconciliation for all financial transactions for the month indicated above.

X

I have found no discrepancies.

I have discrepancies as indicated below.


Larry D. Townsend

Oct 2, 23
Date



NORTH STATE BANK

P.O. Box 18367
Raleigh, NC 27619

ACCOUNT NUMBER	xxx7887
MATURITY VALUE	\$78,600.23
MATURITY DATE	10/11/23
NEW MATURITY DATE	10/11/24



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
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STONEY POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT INC
RELIEF FUND
7221 STONEY POINT RD
FAYETTEVILLE NC 28306-8005



September 29, 2023

Certificate of Deposit Maturity Notice

The Certificate of Deposit will renew on the date listed above if you do not redeem it within 10 days after the maturity date. You can call us toll-free at 1.877.807.9668 after 10/11/23 for the renewal rate.

Thank you for choosing North State Bank for your financial needs.

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LAST ALARM

ONE OF THE OLDEST FIRE SERVICE TRADITIONS is that of the bell. Long before two-way radio communications and computer technology, the alarms that alerted firefighters to the call of duty and cries for help were by way of the bell.

On street corners mounted on utility poles were large red pull boxes marked "Fire Alarm". When an emergency arose the citizen ran to "Pull the Box" and waited for help. At headquarters the box number rang out. Units were sent to the location of the box number and suddenly the fire department was "on scene". When the job was done the box was reset and 5-5-5 "tapped out" signaling assignment complete, returning to quarters.

In keeping with tradition, we now ring out 5-5-5 honoring our fallen brothers and sisters, their assignment complete, returned to quarters and reassigned to the Chief Shepherd receiving their well done.

Luther P. Horne	Fayetteville Fire Department	December 21, 1929
William I. Capps	Fayetteville Fire Department	July 18, 1956
Jesse M. Jones	Wade Community Fire Department	September 14, 1978
Thurmon C. Bishop	Fayetteville Fire Department	April 10, 1983
John C. Tyner	Gray's Creek Fire Department	May 3, 1983
Ferrell D. Hood	Westarea Fire Department	November 15, 1986
Steve E. Russell, Jr.	Vander Fire Department	December 16, 1988
Jesse U. Shockley, Jr.	Fort Liberty Fire Department	December 10, 1994
David C. Sharp II	Fayetteville Fire Department	March 17, 2000
Joseph E. Boles	Westarea Fire Department	May 11, 2004
Paul I. Boyer III	Fort Liberty EMS	October 22, 2009
Frank R. Echevarria	Cumberland County EMS	July 9, 2017
Corbin L. Rogers	Spring Lake Fire Department	January 31, 2020
Paul D. Sherman	Westarea Fire Department	January 20, 2021
Vanessa L. Burris	Cumberland County EMS	August 10, 2021
John A. Bowen	Fayetteville Fire Department	April 16, 2022

Please remember those who have fallen and their families.

That is the greatest tribute we could possibly give.

Memorial Brick

If you would like to order a brick to be placed in the walkway, please visit www.BravetheFire.com and click on the Honor Guard tab or contact AC David Richtmeyer at 910-624-5042 or DavidRichtmeyer@FayettevilleNC.gov.

Memorial Fund

C.C.F.C.A.
c/o Memorial Fund
7221 Stoney Point Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306



CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Emergency Services Memorial Ceremony

Saturday, October 14, 2023
11 a.m.

Fayetteville Technical Community College-Cumberland County
Regional Fire & Rescue Training Center

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MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Welcome	Chief Freddy Johnson, Sr. <i>Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association</i>
National Anthem	Mrs. Sara Hopkins <i>Wife of Assistant Chief Joshua Hopkins</i> <i>Fort Liberty Fire & Emergency Services</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	Cumberland County Schools Fire Academy <i>E. E. Smith High School</i>
Invocation	Kenny Tatum, Sr., Chaplain <i>Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association</i>
Guest Speaker	Deputy Chief Derrick Clouston <i>President, NC Association of Fire Chiefs</i>
Firefighter's Prayer	David Richmeyer <i>Assistant Chief, Fayetteville Fire Department</i>
EMS Prayer	David Grovdahl <i>Chief, Cumberland County EMS</i>
Introduction and Recognition of Non-LODD	David Richmeyer <i>Assistant Chief, Fayetteville Fire Department</i>
Laying of the Wreath	Reeves Family
Roll Call	Joshua Hopkins <i>Assistant Chief</i> <i>Fort Liberty Fire & Emergency Services</i>
Placing of Name Plaque & Laying of the Wreath	Bowen Family Deputy Chief Derrick Clouston <i>President, NC Association of Fire Chiefs</i>
Last Alarm	Kenny Tatum, Sr., Chaplain <i>Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association</i>
Bell Ringing 5-5-5	Robert Brogden <i>Firefighter, Fort Liberty Fire & Emergency Services</i>
Taps	Honor Guard <i>Fayetteville Fire Department Pipe & Bugle Corps</i>
Bagpipes	Honor Guard <i>Fayetteville Fire Department Pipe</i> <i>Fort Liberty Fire & Emergency Se</i>

ROLL CALL - LODD

Firefighter	Thurmon C. Bishop	Fayetteville Fire Dept.	April 10, 1983
Firefighter	John A. Bowen	Fayetteville Fire Dept.	April 16, 2022

ROLL CALL - ACTIVE DUTY / NON-LODD

Secretary/Treasurer Larry Reeves Pearce's Mill Fire Dept. December 5, 2022

Firefighter's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
wherever flames may rage;
Give me the strength to save some life
whatever be it's age.

Help me embrace a little child
before it is too late;
Or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
and hear the weakest shout
And quickly and efficiently,
to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and
To give the best in me
To guard my every neighbor
and protect their property.

And if according to our fate
I have to lose my life
Please bless with your protecting hand
My children and my mate.

EMS Prayer

As I perform my duty Lord
Whatever be the call,
Help to guide and keep me safe
From dangers big and small.

I want to serve and do my best
No matter what the scene,
I pledge to keep my skills refined,
My judgment quick and keen.

This calling to give of my self
Most do not understand,
But I stand ready all the time
To help my fellow man.

To have the chance to help a child
Restore his laugh with glee,
A word of thanks I might not hear,
But knowing is enough for me.

The praise of men is fine for some,
But I feel truly blessed,
That you oh Lord have chosen me
To serve in EMS!



Dear Valued LREMC Member:

Great organizations are recognized for operational efficiency and delivering outstanding value. This is something we strive for each and every day at Lumbee River EMC. The Lumbee River EMC Board of Directors, staff and management team work hard to provide you an exceptional level of service while delivering meaningful value to you, our members.

With this in mind, I am pleased to announce that your Board of Directors has approved the retirement and distribution of \$10,000,000.00 in Capital Credits for 2022.

We are proud to enclose a check to you, one of our member-owners, for your portion of those capital credits related to calendar years 2001, 2002, 2016 and 2017.

As a not-for-profit cooperative, all excess capital (revenues less expenses) is allocated to you, our member-owners. This excess capital is then put to work building, maintaining and improving the electrical grid. Each year, the Board of Directors makes a decision on how much of that excess capital is no longer needed for the building and maintenance of the electric grid. That amount is then retired and distributed to you.

The capital credit allocations and refunds for Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation members are issued in accordance with the bylaws of the Cooperative. Should you have any questions, please call (910) 843-4131 and select the Capital Credit option.

Member ownership...a true cooperative difference!

Sincerely,

Rory Eddings
Chairman of the Board

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NCSFA Officers

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2nd Vice President*

*Past Chief
Dennis Presley
Statistician*

*Past Chief
Jay Howell
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Western Director*

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*Kris Wyatt, IOM
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Conference Director*

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Specialist*

*Tabitha Breen
Marketing and
Conference Specialis*

*Daniel Berg
Project and Relief
Fund Specialist*

October 03, 2023

To: All NC Fire Service Personnel

RE: Misinformation Concerning General Assembly Budget Negotiations

During the past two weeks some incorrect information was provided by another fire service group concerning the actions of the NC State Firefighters' Association (NCSFA) regarding budget negotiations within the NC General Assembly. The information provided on social media and in newsletters indicated the NCSFA had opposed permanent funding of firefighter cancer insurance. It also indicated that this other group had saved the day by protecting the funding. These were baseless claims and lies. Just as passage of firefighter cancer was a top priority in 2021 for NCSFA, so was continual funding a priority in this year's General Assembly session.

While the NC State Firefighters' Association works tirelessly for every firefighter in North Carolina, it is the firefighters, both career and volunteer, that hold the success of the passage of firefighter friendly legislation, by speaking with and contacting their representatives.

Two years ago, the NC State Firefighters' Association, working with the NC Association of Fire Chiefs, began collecting and analyzing data from the Department of Insurance concerning the Gross Premium Assessment (often called the Gross Premium Tax) and formulating a plan to permanently fund Firefighter Cancer Insurance from portions of proceeds previously going to the Volunteer Workers Comp Fund (VSWCF). Last Fall, the joint legislative Committee of NCSFA/NCAFC reviewed language to accomplish that, which was later provided to Senator Todd Johnson representing Cabarrus and Union Counties, and became SB 326, which passed the Senate this year with bipartisan support. That bill would have permanently funded Firefighter Cancer Insurance into the future, as well as fixed some issues with the Volunteer Safety Workers Comp Program (VSWCF).

This plan of action is well documented in legislative messaging from our organization. **TO BE CLEAR, NCSFA DID NOT OPPOSE CANCER FUNDING IN ANY MANNER, AND THE GROUP PRESENTING THIS MISINFORMATION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND ACTIONS TRYING TO SECURE PERMANENT FUNDING THROUGH SB 326.**

The concerns the NCSFA had with the budget, as presented, were as follows:

- It did not include the language from SB 326 which would have permanently funded cancer and kept workers comp (VSWCF) reserves funded at an adequate level.

- It indicated the cancer pilot program worked, but then gave the Department of Insurance responsibility for managing it, who does not have the staff, and loses the quality management it had during the pilot program with over 115 claims.
- It continued to reduce the reserve funding for VSWCF and took responsibility away from the Fire and Rescue Commission, whose VSWCF Board had successfully managed the program for over a decade. It also limited the ability for local agents to work with departments, bringing into question how local departments would acquire this coverage.
- It removed the Commissioner of Insurance as State Fire Marshal, bringing confusion into the operation of fire service programs, and ended a system that has worked since the mid 1900's.

The history and actions of the NC State Firefighters' Association on these issues and working with the Chief's Association are well documented. Just follow the facts.

The NCSFA continues to work toward a budget correction on these issues, whether now or in the short session of the General Assembly next year, and will seek passage of legislation that permanently funds Cancer Insurance for Firefighters and maintains a viable self-funded workers compensation program for volunteers.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the NC State Firefighters' Association