



STONEY POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

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October 23, 2012

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Monthly Board of Directors Meeting October 2012

The monthly meeting of the Stoney Point Fire Department Inc., Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Brown and was let in prayer by Secretary Pate. At 7:30 PM. The meeting was conducted at the Station 19.

A: Roll Call:

Members Present:

Daniel C. Brown	Chairman
Larry Townsend	Vice Chairman
Alan R. Grupy	Treasurer
Angus Pate	Secretary
Jerry R. Hall	Member
Joel A. Siles	Member
Freddy L. Johnson Sr.	Fire Chief
Freddy L. Johnson Jr.	Deputy Chief
Matthew W. Williams	Asst. Chief

Members Absent:

Gary Turlington Member Exc.

B: ANNUAL / SPECIAL / PUBLIC HEARING MEETING:

Not Applicable

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

- Secretary Pate, presented the minutes from the September 18, 2012 Board of Directors meeting for review and approval. Chairman Brown called for the approval of the September 18, 2012 minutes. **MOTION** A motion was made by Director Joel Siles to approve the September 18, 2012 Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented by Secretary Pate. The motion was **SECONDED** by Treasurer Alan Grupy and **APPROVED** by all members present.

D: REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF:

General Information:

- Guests:** None

2. Personnel:

1. The Chief stated that our active firefighter roster is maintaining with additional applications in our waiting list pile. We are looking to start a Pre-Basic Course on Saturday November 10, 2012 in order to replace members that are scheduled to leave the department due to military permanent change of stations during the early parts of 2013.

3. Vehicles:

1. The Chief stated that Engine 1333 encountered brake issues and has been at H&H Garage for the past two (2) weeks. The hold up on our repairs was parts, which have been ordered and we should get our truck back today or tomorrow.
2. In order to better facilitate our Fire Scene Engine Set up we permanently mounted two (2) drop tanks on 1333 and 1932. These two (2) units have been identified and designated as tankers. We have identified on all our pre-plans that we will utilize this procedure along with the closest hydrant for our structure fires.
3. FY **2012-2013** Vehicle & Equipment Expenditures. (List from Quicken)

1311-(1984 Pierce Dash)	\$ 1,290.44
1331-(2004 Pierce Dash)	\$ 671.07
1332-(2004 Pierce Dash)	\$ 5,917.71
1333-(1989 Pierce Dash)	\$
1361-(1999 Pierce Arrow)	\$ 622.26
1362-(2008 Ford F-350)	\$ 108.91
1371-(2002Chevrolet 1500 HD)	\$ 261.41
1376-(1997 EVI International)	\$ 366.62+
1391-(2007 Ford Crown Victoria)	\$ 1,150.52
1931-(1994 Spartan Gladiator)	\$
1932-(1986 Pierce Dash)	\$ 1,861.04
1941-(1987 Chevrolet ¾ Ton)	\$ 83.18
1942-(1989 5 Ton Truck)	
Boat 13	\$ 116.34
Related Vehicle Expenditures	\$ 5,654.59

Total Vehicle Maintenance - **\$19,253.38**
Maintenance Communications \$

Maintenance Equipment \$ 7,418.43
Total Maintenance **\$26,671.81**



Gasoline & Fuel Expenses: \$12,647.24

Combined Total **\$ 39,319.05²**

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4. Grounds and Buildings:

1. We have completed our Trail of Terror (TOT) for this year and started on time. We changed out about a third of our trail and added a stage for entertainment for trail visitors waiting in line to enter the trail. The feedback so far from the public has been positive. The COF Fayetteville issued a Special Amusements Permit for our TOT on October 5, 2012. (See Enclosure # 10)
2. Fire Conditions:
 1. 2012 Year to date we have responded to a total of **1082** calls. He stated that our call volume increased over the last 120 days. (Please see the table below for additional call volume information).

 SPFD INCIDENT RESPONSE DATA 			
MONTH	2010	2011	2012
JANUARY	108	143	116
FEBRUARY	87	166	115
MARCH	132	134	110
APRIL	123	127	111
MAY	111	116	103
JUNE	150	136	138
JULY	146	122	135
AUGUST	121	120	140
SEPTEMBER	140	135	114
OCTOBER	145	134	
NOVEMBER	134	100	
DECEMBER	138	117	
TOTALS	1535	1551	1082

1. Training Report:

1. Training during the last 60 days was hectic. Many of our members completed on-line training courses through FEMA in order to increase their training hours in time for our ISO rating review this month.

E. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

1. Treasurer Grupy presented the treasurers and financial report for review and approval.

Current Fund Balances:	As of today is	\$	410,375.61 1 st Citizens
		\$	139,759.49 BOA
	Combined Total	\$	550,135.10 Total
	CD	\$	154,145.31 = 13% of Budget.
	Total Cash Flow Available	\$	704,280.41 Total Available Funds ³

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Approved County FY 12/13 Budget	\$ 869,980.00
County Budget Funding Received YTD	\$ 23,640.00
County Budget Funding Pending YTD	\$ 851,340.00
Approved Fayetteville FY 11/12 Budget	\$ 331,539.88
Fayetteville City Funding Received YTD	\$ 0.00
Fayetteville City Funding Pending YTD	\$ 331,539.88
Fayetteville City Special Funding–Gates Four Annexation	\$ 38,867.00
Combined City & County Approved Budget	\$ 1,201,519.88
Combined City & County Budget Received YTD	\$ 23,640.00
Combined City & County Budget Pending	\$ 1,232,879.88
Other Income Hope Mills -	12,000.00
Other Income CCFCA -	0.00
Tax Refund (Sales & Fuel Tax) -	0.00
Other Income Miscellaneous-	228.48
Cost of Goods Sold -	0.00
Safer Grant Income FY 09-12 -	42,725.74
Total Board Funds received 12/13 to date all Sources	\$ 112,461.22

1. Treasurer Al Grupy presented the financial transaction report and update for the month of July and August 2012 and Vice Chairman Townsend presented the July and August 2012 Financial Oversight Memorandum with no deficiencies listed to the membership. (See Enclosure # 1 & 2) Chairman Brown called for the approval of the July and August 2012 Financial Transactions and the presented Oversight Reports for the stated months. A **MOTION** was made by Director Mr. Joel Siles to approve both the financial transactions and oversight memorandum as presented by the treasurer. The motion was **SECONDED** by Director Jerry Hall and **APPROVED** by all members present. Mr. Townsend stated that he has not completed the September 2012 and was waiting on Treasurer Grupy to complete his evaluation and will report hopefully on both September and October during the November 2012 meeting.⁴
2. Auxiliary Treasurer Kathy Picon provided the current Auxiliary treasurer's fund balance as of September 3, 2012 as \$ 111,861.77. The fund balance does not include income from the Trail of Terror. TOT income will be reported during next month's meeting.
3. The current fund balance for the ICE/Can Trailer & Miscellaneous Fund is - \$ 4,804.81 as of September 30, 2012. The Chief advised that there is a deposit pending.
4. Child Safety Seat account balance with Wells Fargo is \$ 1,077.75 – Account is managed by Captain Brandon Hanzal our CPS representative.

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F: REPORT OF COMMITTEE'S:

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| 1. | Policy Committee - | No Report |
| 2. | Building & Grounds Committee - | No Report |
| 3. | Small Tools & Gear Committee - | No Report |
| 4. | Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Committee - | No Report |
| 5. | Budget Committee - (Meets Annually in April) | No Report |

G: OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Chief informed the board members that he met with Neil Yarborough our attorney and provided him with a copy of the proposed fire protection contract for his review and to make recommendations. Mr. Yarborough has not made any contact since our meeting earlier this month. The Chief will check with him after the ISO rating inspection if we have not heard anything further from his office.
2. The Chief reminded all members that our ISO Rating starts next week on Monday and is scheduled to run through Friday, but he doesn't think it will take that long. We are ready and are currently going through the process of reviewing all requirements to insure that we didn't miss anything. The Deputy Chief has scheduled several more practices with our mutual aid stations between now and next Wednesday. During our ISO process we will also receive our 9-S inspection during the same time frame, for which we are prepared as well.
3. We have not completed any work on the 5 Ton Brush Truck but have used the truck to pull out 3 brush trucks stuck in the woods near the rail road tracks. This truck will have our priority next month. Chief Johnson stated that the Turn-Out-Gear purchase approved last month has been ordered. He stated that a total of 40 sets were ordered. He stated that after personally observing one of our new members in very poor and substandard turn-out-gear the Chief checked the entire line and found other gear that needed to be replaced immediately. He stated that the funding for extra sets of turn-out-gear will be absorbed from the auxiliary account and come from Trail of Terror proceeds. 40 sets will replace 50% percent of our gear. The plan would be to replace 10 sets per year in order to stay ahead. We should receive the gear within 90 to 120 days from the date ordered.
4. The Chief stated that he had talked with Mr. Townsend after our last meeting to assist with the Inventory of our Property in order to maintain current inventory lists of our property. Mr. Townsend will work with Captain Hanzal to complete this task between now and the next meeting.⁵

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H. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Our submission of our annual fire condition reports has been submitted to the Cumberland County Emergency Services. The CCES will forward this report electronically to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. The report is due October 31, 2012.
2. We now have installed in our remaining trucks computers through the CCFCA – 1311, 1931 and 1932 have all been outfitted with Mobile Data Terminals. We have one (1) more to install in Engine 1911 our reserve truck. We have the mounts and hardware at Station 19 will have this equipment installed sometimes next month when the company comes out and installs our Power Boosters in our trucks.
3. The Chief explained to the board about the New Permanent Plates – Deadline December 31, 2012 – He stated that the North Carolina General Assembly recently passed a new law that cancels all currently issued silver and black permanent registration plates on December 31, 2012. The new law limits the eligibility for permanent plates to certain approved entities and requires a new permanent plate to be designed. The Chief stated VFD's is an approved entity of the state and eligible for the new Orange and Black Permanent Plates. The Chief stated that we received notification from DMV on our entire fleet along with an Application Form - For Permanent Registration Plates. He stated that we would take care of this in November after the Trail of Terror.
4. The Chief informed that the wife of our Insurance Agent Mr. Lamar Johnson passed away suddenly last week. We did send flowers and he asked all the members to keep Lamar and his family in their thoughts and prayers.
5. Deputy Chief Johnson Jr. provided a brief update of our annual memorial service conducted on Saturday October 13, 2012 at 11 AM at the memorial site at FTCC. He stated that it was a very somber service and that our Firefighter Cozette Teasley sang the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies and did an excellent job singing the National Anthem. (See Enclosure # 3)
6. The Chief passed around the NCSFA 2012 – 2013 Calendar – Our department is featured three (3) times in the calendar. Photos were submitted by Captain Belcher earlier this year the NCSFA was soliciting for picture submission state-wide.
7. The Chief informed the membership that both he and the Deputy Chief will be attending the NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference in Concord in February. He has to attend in order to announce the Volunteer Chief of the Year and our Deputy Chief has been asked to serve on a discussion panel dealing with volunteer recruiting and retention. Our department was specifically asked to participate due to our high number of volunteers and successful recruitment strategy.⁶
8. The Chief informed the members that our members both paid and volunteers have worked

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extremely hard this year serving our community, complying with our accreditation protocols, preparing our department for our up-coming ISO rating and working the Trail of Terror. He stated that we are blessed to have the dedicated members that we have, whom give so much back to our department and community. All our efforts are team efforts and he wanted the directors to know that our members work hard and are extremely dedicated.

9. Chief Johnson informed the board members that he was nominated by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association for a vacant position on the North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission. The NCSFA submitted two (2) names to the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal for his selection and nomination to the commission. The Chief stated that he received a letter from Commissioner of Insurance Wayne Goodwin on September 10, 2012 informing him of his appointment to the NC Fire & Rescue Commission pending an evaluation by the State Ethics Commission. (See Enclosure # 4) The Chief stated that he received a letter from the North Carolina State Ethics Commission today, which cleared him to serve on the commission. (See Enclosure # 5) The commission meets quarterly in Greensboro and the next meeting is on January 8, 2013 and he assumes that his appointment will be effective on that date but he wasn't sure. After several questions by the board members Chief Johnson explained the duties and responsibilities of the commission. Chairman Brown congratulated Chief Johnson on his appointment.
10. Chief Johnson passed around a letter from Assistant State Fire Marshal Tim Bradley. The letter was send out state-wide and urges all of us to exercise our voting rights. Fire Marshal Bradley is also supporting Commissioner Wayne Goodwin and the Chief urged all members when they vote to support Commissioner Goodwin. The Commissioner has done an excellent job and we should without hesitation to continue to support him. The Chief stated that he has also asked all our members their families to support Commissioner Godwin when they vote in November. (See Enclosure # 6)
11. Chief Johnson Sr. passed around a letter received from Hope Mills Fire Chief Chuck Hodges concerning the current 800 MHz VIPER system. The Chief stated this is for informational purposes only and our operational staff has been made aware of the letter and that we also switch to line of sight channels in order to be able to communicate on the fire ground. We definitely have a signal problem that needs to be corrected within our Hope Mills area. According the NCSHP the upcoming P-25 Digital Upgrade will address this issue. (See Enclosure # 7)
12. The Chief informed the membership that the Fayetteville Fire Department along with County Units and other emergency services organization on October 6, 2012 from 10 to 2 PM conducted this year's Fall Safety Day at Cross Creek Mall. This event is sponsored by the Fayetteville Fire & Police Departments along with the Cumberland County Chief's Association as well as participating county fire departments. (See Enclosure # 8)
13. The Chief reported that we help out annually with the LUPUS Foundation of America. The group has an annual function and borrows table and chairs from our department to support their annual Fund Raiser. The chief passed around a thank you card from the LUPUS Foundation. (See Enclosure # 9)⁷

I: CLOSED SESSION - WHEN APPLICABLE:

1. **Personnel Issue** – Discussed Personnel Issues.

J: ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by Vice Chairman Mr. Larry Townsend to adjourn. The motion was **SECONDED** by Director Mr. Jerry Hall and **APPROVED** by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 2105 hours. **The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2012 at Station # 13 @ 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Angus R. Pate

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Secretary

11 Enclosures:

1. July 2012 Financial Oversight Memorandum
2. August 2012 Financial Oversight Memorandum
3. CC Emergency Service Memorial Flyer
4. Letter dated September 9, 2012 – Wayne Goodwin Insurance Commissioner
5. Letter dated October 23, 2012 – State Ethics Commission
6. Assistant State Fire Marshal Tim Bradley Letter
7. Letter dated September 28, 2012 – Hope Mills Fire Chief Chuck Hodges
8. Fall Safety Day Flyer
9. LUPUS Foundation of America – Thank You Note
10. Fire Inspection Report dated October 5, 2012 – COF Trail of Terror – Special Amusement Permit
11. Board of Directors Attendance – October 2012

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

Reference: Additional Internal Financial Control & Segregation of Duties

July 2012
Fiscal Year 2012-2013
MONTH

In order to establish and maintain enhanced internal controls, including monitoring of ongoing financial and accounting principles of our organization in addition to the current duties performed by the Clerk of the Board and the Appointed Treasurer, and to comply with the recommendation as outlined in a letter from Haigh, Byrd & Lambert, LLP Certified Public Accountant, addressed to the Stoney Point Board of Directors addressing Segregation of Duties, and whereas the Stoney Point Board of Directors appointed Director Larry Townsend to conduct and perform said duties.

I Director Larry Townsend have reviewed the transactions for the month indicated above. In particular I reviewed and documented the reconciliation process for all financial transactions for the month indicated above.

- I have found no discrepancies
- Discrepancies are indicated below


Larry Townsend

5 Aug 12
Date



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Enclosure # 1 Oversight Memo July 12

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August 2012
Fiscal Year 2012-2013
MONTH

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Larry Townsend



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Enclosure # 2 Oversight Memo Aug 12

3 Oct 12
Date



CUMBERLAND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES MEMORIAL



All are invited to attend this annual memorial service to honor Firefighters and EMS workers who have sacrificed their lives serving the citizens of Cumberland County and Ft. Bragg.

The memorial site is located on FTCC Main Campus, 2201 Hull Rd, next to Cumberland Hall.

Saturday, October 13, 2012 @ 11:00 am

If you would like to purchase a brick or have one placed in the memorial walkway please visit www.BravetheFire.com and click on the Emergency Services Memorial tab.



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Enclosure # 3 - CCES Memorial Flyer

Questions? Contact Capt. David Richtmeyer @ drichtmeyer@ci.fay.nc.us or 433-1581

September 10, 2012

Mr. Freddy L. Johnson, Sr.
7209 Stoney Point Road
Fayetteville, NC 28306-8005

Dear Mr.  Johnson:

Pursuant to General Statute 58-78-1, I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the North Carolina Fire and Rescue Commission pending evaluation of the enclosed Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) as required by the NC State Ethics Commission. You may access the SEI form at <http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/> or complete the attached copy and mail the original to the State Ethics Commission, 1324 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1324. If you need assistance completing the form, please call the State Ethics Commission office at (919) 715-2071.

Very truly yours,



Wayne Goodwin
Commissioner of Insurance
State Fire Marshal

WG/TLB/e

cc: Governor Beverly Perdue
Lt. Governor Walter Dalton
State Legislative Library
State Library
Paul Miller, NC State Firemen's Association

Attachment (1)



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Enclosure # 4 - Wayne Goodwin Ltr



STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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October 23, 2012

Commissioner G. Wayne Goodwin
Department of Insurance
1201 Mail Service Center
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Via email

Re: **Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest Filed By Freddy L. Johnson Sr.
Association of Fire Chiefs – Fire and Rescue Commission**

Dear Commissioner Goodwin:

Our office is in receipt of **Freddy L. Johnson's** 2012 Statement of Economic Interest as a member of the **Fire and Rescue Commission** ("the Commission"). We have reviewed it for actual and potential conflicts of interest pursuant to Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes ("N.C.G.S."), also known as the State Government Ethics Act.

We did not find an actual conflict of interest, but found the potential for a conflict of interest. The potential conflict identified does not prohibit service on this entity.

The State Fire and Rescue Commission is responsible for improving fire prevention and control, and rescue services in North Carolina through the oversight and implementation of a State Fire Education and Training Plan, Rescue Training Plan, and a State Master Plan for Fire Prevention and Control, and Rescue Services. The Commission is responsible for establishing policy, planning and carrying out the State's duties with respect to all programs of and grants to the State by the U.S. Fire Administration, and Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the authority to review and approve subgrants and allocations to local units of government and local fire prevention and control and rescue agencies. In addition, the Commission establishes voluntary minimum professional qualifications for all levels of fire and rescue service personnel, and also serves as the central source of information for fire and rescue service activities and programs in State government.

The State Government Ethics Act establishes ethical standards for certain public servants, including conflict of interest standards. N.C.G.S. §138A-31 prohibits public servants from using their positions for their financial benefit or for the benefit of a member of their extended family or a business with which they are associated. N.C.G.S. §138A-36(a) prohibits public servants from participating in certain official actions from which the public servant, his or her client(s), a member of the public servant's extended family, or a business or non-profit with which the public servant or a member of the public servant's immediate family is associated may receive a reasonably foreseeable financial benefit.



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Enclosure # 5 - State Ethics Com Ltr

Commissioner G. Wayne Goodwin
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Mr. Johnson fills the role of an individual nominated by the NC Association of Fire Chiefs on the Commission. He is the Chief of Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department (Stoney Point VFD) and the Emergency Services Director for Hoke County. Local governmental entities and fire prevention agencies, including Stoney Point VFD and Hoke County, could receive grants or allocations from the Commission. Mr. Johnson should exercise appropriate caution in the performance of his public duties should issues involving these entities come before the Commission for official action or otherwise seek to conduct business with the Commission. This would include recusing himself to the extent that those interests would influence or could reasonably appear to influence his actions.

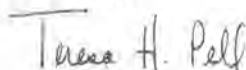
In addition to the conflicts standards noted above, N.C.G.S. §138A-32 prohibits public servants from accepting gifts, directly or indirectly (1) from anyone in return for being influenced in the discharge of their official responsibilities, (2) from a lobbyist or lobbyist principal, or (3) from a person or entity which is doing or seeking to do business with the public servant's agency, is regulated or controlled by the public servant's agency, or has particular financial interests that may be affected by the public servant's official actions. Exceptions to the gifts restrictions are set out in N.C.G.S. §138A-32(e).

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 138A-15(c), when an actual or potential conflict of interest is cited by the Commission under N.C.G.S. 138A-24(e) with regard to a public servant sitting on a board, the conflict shall be recorded in the minutes of the applicable board and duly brought to the attention of the membership by the board's chair as often as necessary to remind all members of the conflict and to help ensure compliance with the State Government Ethics Act.

Finally, the State Government Ethics Act mandates that all public servants attend an ethics and lobbying education presentation. Please review the attached document for additional information concerning this requirement.

Please contact our office if you have any questions concerning our evaluation or the ethical standards governing public servants under the State Government Ethics Act.

Sincerely,



Teresa H. Pell
Attorney, SEI Unit

THP:lj

cc: Chief Freddy L. Johnson, Sr.
Walter Gardner, Ethics Liaison
Clarence Cook, Chairman of the Commission

Attachment: Ethics Education Flyer



NORTH CAROLINA
ASSISTANT STATE FIRE MARSHAL
TIM BRADLEY

Dear Fellow Emergency Responder:

This November it is important that you exercise your responsibility as a citizen to vote. We can do that best by studying the candidates for each office and making informed decisions. While each of us seek out and support candidates who reflect the moral and fiscal values we believe in, we also measure each candidate against the specific position for which they are running. I've been a volunteer fire and rescue responder for 38 years and have worked with the Department of Insurance's Office of State Fire Marshal for the last 27 years. How a candidate handles his or her responsibilities in relation to supporting fire and rescue departments and first responders is an important part in my decision. I'd like to share with you one position that is critical to us as emergency responders in our State, and a candidate that is the best selection by far for the position.

In North Carolina, the Commissioner of Insurance also serves as State Fire Marshal. In addition to dealing with insurance, his staff deals with such things as building and fire codes, fire and rescue grants, training and prevention efforts, professional certification programs for responders, fire and rescue responder relief funds, and fire insurance districts. Obviously from an emergency responder's perspective, the Insurance Commissioner should be a demonstrated supporter for fire and rescue departments. I'd like to tell you about one who has a proven record.

Commissioner Wayne Goodwin has served as our Insurance Commissioner for the last four years. In addition to keeping insurance rates among the lowest in the Country, his support for the fire and rescue community has been strong and consistent. In addition to his support for a strong Office of State Fire Marshal, he has supported finding additional funding for fire and rescue grants, sought better ways to give credit for departmental insurance ratings, fought for member benefits, and pushed for better and progressive injury prevention programs. He has also attended funerals of emergency responders and memorial services for fallen members, pushed for recognition of responders for their efforts, and spent time with responders all across the State. **Wayne Goodwin** has demonstrated his support for emergency services in tangible ways each of us has seen.

In November, one candidate for office will be a clear choice for me: **Wayne Goodwin for Insurance Commissioner**. He is a husband, father, Sunday school teacher, and community leader, and he demonstrates high ethical values in his lifestyle. He has been fiscally responsible, running a department that is totally receipt-supported. He has kept insurance available and rates reasonable in our State. He's also been a huge supporter of the fire and rescue community, something near and dear to me. I'd like to request for you to join me by asking your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors to support **Wayne Goodwin for Insurance Commissioner**. He's supported us the last four years; let's support him and keep an Insurance Commissioner who believes in our mission as first responders.

Sincerely,



Tim Bradley, FIFireE, CFO, EFO
Assistant State Fire Marshal



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Enclosure # 6 - Tim Bradley Letter

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The above reflects the viewpoints of this individual and not necessarily those of the Office of State Fire Marshal.
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OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

09/28/12

Chief Freddy Johnson & Command Staff
Stoney Point Fire Department
7221 Stoney Point Road Fayetteville, NC 28306

Chief,

The purpose of this letter is to address several questions HMFD personnel have received recently on the topic of why we use Talk Group 4-B as our primary tactical channel when we respond to incidents within the Town of Hope Mills.

I feel it necessary to point out that prior to using the VIPER System, our department had little to no problems with radio communications; this was on both the old VHF system and the period of time we were on the CITY's system. Within a few weeks of switching to VIPER, we noticed that we were unable to communicate with the communications center or with other units on the fire ground. We were either getting "bonked" or radios were giving off a steady tone with the display reading "No Signal". We experienced several incidents where command could not communicate with suppression crews inside of a Single Family Dwelling fire on the A-bank channels. Another example is that 90-95 percent of the time, I can not even check enroute to calls when I leave my residence because of "No Signal" in my neighborhood and must travel the approximately one mile to the entrance of my subdivision before I can transmit.

We have had a representative from NCSHP/VIPER ride with us around town with instruments to gauge signal strength which lead to the identification of at least four areas where signal strength is very weak or non-existent and four more that are marginal. He stated that they've know about "Dead Spots" in Hope Mills for years because troopers who reside in town had been complaining about not being able to transmit or receive radio traffic. It is the VIPER representative's belief that part of our radio problems in town has to do with geography and the location of VIPER towers. I brought this to the attention of Kenny Currie, Former Director of Communications; we had hoped that the addition of channels in three of the towers around Cumberland County would remedy the problem; it did not. Our next option was to contact the VIPER upper management in Raleigh and propose putting an antenna on the water tower at the Hope Mills Public Works Facility that would not only help Hope Mills but also all the fire departments located on this end of the county. We were informed that VIPER towers in the western part of the state were the priority (due to mountains) and that there would not be funds to install additional towers for some time. We have also discovered that some areas where the A-bank works today, may not work tomorrow.



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Enclosure # 7 - Hope Mills Chief Ltr

We are aware that the B-bank on our radios is not recorded and that it is a line of site talk group. We have done experiments with the B-bank and determined that it will broadcast for about a mile on a regular basis. Believe me when I tell you that it is a major pain to switch from one bank to another in order to talk to dispatch and the fire ground. Because of the inconsistencies of radio signals within our district, we have decided that fire ground operations will be conducted on 4-B on most occasions.

Although I believe it is important for the communications center to monitor and record our fire ground traffic; I feel it is more important to be able to communicate with units working on the scene.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to rectify our communications problem. Until then, I think we are using the only viable option we have.

Please share this information with the command staff of your department. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



Charles L. Hodges
Fire Chief

c/c:

H.M. Admin.
PMFD
CFD
CRFD
SPFD
CCECC

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Enclosure # 8 - Fall Safety Day Flyer



10/01/2012



Dear Clarke and The Stony Point Fire Department,
Thank you for allowing us to borrow chairs for our walk for Lupus Nov. Fayetteville. It's people like you that help make this event so successful! On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors, and most importantly the 45,000 people in North Carolina living with Lupus, thank you for your time, treasure, and talent.

Jane West
Melvett Miller

Jolene Denton
Carolyn Parsons
Christin G-Ful



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##	NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
01	Daniel C. Brown - President(2016)	P	P	P	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
02	Larry Townsend V-President (2014)	P	A-E	A-E	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
03	Alan R. Grupy - Treasurer (2016)	P	P	P	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
04	Angus Pate - Secretary (2016)	P	P	P	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
05	Joel Siles - (2014)	P	A	P	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	A-E	P		
07	Jerry Hall - (2014)	P	P	P	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
08	Gary Turlington(2014)	P	A-E	P	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	P	A-E		
09	Freddy Johnson Sr. - Chief	P	P	P	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
10	Freddy Johnson Jr. - Deputy Chief	P	A-E	P	A-E	E	P	N/A	N/A	P	P		
11	Matthew W. Williams - Asst Chief	P	P	P	P	E	P	N/A	N/A	A	A		
12	Sean Johnson - Asst Chief	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13	Kevin T. Murphy - Asst. Chief	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

P-Present - A-Absent - N/A - No Meeting Conducted A-E - Absent & not required to attend by invitation only. N/A No Meeting-P-T telephonic participation.



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Enclosure # 11 - Board Attendance

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