

PNCFA

Association Meeting/Orange County Emergency Services

January 28, 2009

Meeting called to order at 18:45 by President Needham

Please remember Commissioner Long and his family and Roger Bone's family.

The Blessing was done by Ron Fowler

Introduction of Piedmont Board Members:

Tommy Cole

Ron Fowler

Vernon Ward

Doug Cline

Scott Alderman

Len Needham

Minutes: Minutes were present from the previous meeting (10/29/2009). Minutes were read and a motion by Doug Cline was made to accept the minutes presented. The motion was seconded by Dale Ellis. Motion carried.

Treasury report: The financial report was presented and reviewed by Vernon Ward. A motion was made by Jerry Brooks to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Fowler. Motion carried.

Focus Group met today with Jack Parker, NCSFA. This was the last of the three regions. NCSFA will now compile the data and present a report. This will give an idea of the direction the fire service is headed. There were a lot of good ideas. Chief Needham said thank –you for their work.

Old Business:

National seat belt challenge forms were distributed.

New Business:

Jerry Brooks presented a proposed by-law change. This change was proposed at the Guil-Rand meeting. The proposed change presented to PNCFA is to dissolve the position of Statistician. This would reduce the number of executive board members to eight. Supporting argument is statistics and data are duplicated and that the position of Statistician is no longer needed.

A motion to support the elimination of the Statistician position was made by Michael James.

Vernon Ward made a motion to discuss the proposal. Reference was made to what is stated in the by-laws; whether there should be an even number or odd number of board members for voting purposes; should an At-Large Position (just learning everything, learning curve and determination of level of commitment); what if the real focus to eliminate the position or save money?

A motion to eliminate the statistician position with the At-Large Regional Director was made by Doug Cline. The motion was seconded by Mike Wright.

Members voted on amending the position to an At-Large Regional Director Position – 19 were in favor. Motion was carried.

Members voted on eliminating the Statistician position – 20 were in favor. Motion was carried. May now send to the NCSFA

Doug Cline talked about the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs (SEAF) Leadership Conference. The conference will be at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach, SC, June 18 -20, 2009. The theme is “A Safer Fire Service

through Cultural Change”. Additional information is available at [www.seafc.org](http://www.seafc.org).

Chief Needham talked about an issue with the new way the state is doing state inspections on vehicles. Because there will no longer be a sticker to indicate when your next inspection is, it will be your responsibility to keep up with your inspection schedule.

19:22 Break for Dinner

19:50 Resume meeting.

Thank you to Orange County for hosting the meeting.

Thank you to Bill Carter from Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU) for providing the meal. LGFCU did a presentation on what the credit union can do for the fire departments. They provide loans for purchasing apparatus, new construction, new gear, and refinancing. There are no lender fees or closing fees. There is a \$25.00 minimum deposit required and you are a member for life. The LGFCU is here to help, please call for your next project.

Scott Kratovil from E-One talked about a contest for a free fire truck. You must write an essay on “Why You Need a Truck”. Go to [www.e-one.com](http://www.e-one.com) for more information.

Jack Parker from NCSFA asked to continue to keep Roger Bone’s family in pray. Roger Bone was our Lobbyist. Fred Bone his son will take over the business.

Also, continue to pray for Jim Long and his family.

March 15 is the scholarship deadline. Department can submit as many as you have eligible.

If you have relief fund issues please call for a one on one.

All Department rosters are due by Saturday, January 31, 2009.

NCSFA Conference is August 19-22, 2009, in Raleigh. The conference will be in Raleigh for the next 4 years. There is a new venue and a new look. Daypasses per department should be ready by Mid-Winter Conference.

Gateway Conference is February 18-20, 2009. If you have any issues please see Scott Alderman, Tommy Cole, or Wes Hutchins.

Sign-up for e-mail communications.

Don't forget the Seat-Belt challenge is July 1, 2009.

Please visit the new location in Raleigh.

NCFFF – Memorial is May 2, 2009. North Carolina had 11 LOD. We are ranking.

Chief Association Conference is Feb 5-8, 2009 at Wrightsville Beach. David Taylor is the keynote speaker.

Fire Prevention School is April 1

Doug Cline talk about the State Ladies Auxillary is sponsoring Chief Mulkey's wife (Charleston Fire) for the Mid-Winter Conference. Chief Cline's wife is the president of the State Ladies Auxillary. Get your Ladies Auxillary involved on the state level. Contact Chief Cline for more information.

Bahama presented a program about the roll-over they have on September 29, 2008. Three of the four involved in the roll-over were present and talked about what they remembered from the accident

(Trey Flamion, Driver; Steve Murray, Officer; Alex Mazolle, FF; and Patrick Lawson, FF).

Some lessons learned after this incident:

- wear your seat belts
- plan route
- drivers education, drivers training
- secure all loose items
- suggestion: seat belt policy, how to contact members' family
- good relations with neighboring departments
- have access to CISM team
- have a plan in place
- relationship with insurance companies
- make sure the vendors care about your members, not just looking for a sale.

Next quarterly meeting is April 8, 2009, at Harnett County. Sponsored by the Harnett County Firefighters.

Please go to the NC Association of Fire Chief or the NC State Fireman's Association websites to sign the seat-belt pledge. Get the policy and adopt it for your department.

Meeting Adjourned 20:53.