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## *Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association*

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April 27, 2011

### Officers

*Tommy Cole*  
President

Tommy Cole welcomed all. Thanks to all the Bahama Auxiliary for the meal. Thanks to LGFCU for sponsoring the meal tonight. Tommy introduced Board.

Minutes from last meeting were distributed for all to review. Kathy read the minutes. No changes. Motion to accept and seconded. Passes

*Ron Fowler*  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Treasurer's report by Len Needham. Statement was distributed to all for review. Motion to accept and seconded. Passes.

*Doug Cline*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

Tommy introduced guest and Board reports.

NCSFA Board and Staff – Paul Miller reported for the NCSFA. Several other current and previous members were introduced. Retirement plan is still on track with startup date of July 1. An amendment will be introduced at Conference to change the name of the NCSFA. More information will be mailed. Roster reporting is now on line and up and working. Website has been updated. Legislator Day is on May 17 and is an important day in the State of NC. Annual Conference starts on August 10. Please plan to attend. A committee has been formed to see if there is a possibility to help provide insurance to firefighters and departments across NC. Hopefully, a package will be put together that will be appealing to all. You can go to website to keep up with legislator bills. One of interest is the workers compensation bill changes. Death benefit will increase. LODD benefit will increase. Bad things are also in bill. Suitable employment changes are probably not good. Rumor has it that if injured on the job and declared disabled, you will have to take a minimum wage job to receive workers' compensation. Working on issue to make sure that does not happen. If any questions or concerns please feel free to call his office.

*Brian Cox*  
South Director

*Steve Neal*  
North Director

*Ed Brinson*  
Treasurer

*Kathy*  
*Weatherspoon*  
Executive Secretary

*Len Needham*  
Past President

NCAFC Board – Len Needham gave report. Website up and running. Mid-winter Conference will be held in February 2011 at Concord, NC. Bylaw changes in process concerning filling treasurer position. Attended the Fire Service Congressional Conference in DC. Went well.

NCFFF Board – Joey Webb, President, NCFFF reported for the Foundation. Memorial Service is May 7 – two being honored from 2009. No deaths in 2010. So far, we have responded to 4 possible LODD. Speed is a factor in most of the deaths. Working a funeral for a 19 year old from Bandy FD. Not a LODD. Interstate Batteries is now supporting the NCFFF. If your department purchases any batteries from them, they will donate 1% to the Foundation. We have started a Friends of the Foundation membership drive. Cost is \$25. See our website for more information. Also, if you have had a death in the past year, please contact Chris so they can be included in Conference Memorial Service.

NC Society of Fire/Rescue Instructors – website up and running.



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OSFM gave update.

SEAFCA – Doug Cline gave update. Conference is coming up in Alabama. NC is third in registration for conference. Conference will be in Hampton, VA in 2012. Hope to have pod casts, etc. up in the next month. They are also looking at regional conferences for training. Sent two representatives from NC to represent SEAFCA in DC. Len Needham was one of them. Len gave a brief overview of conference.

Bill Carter with the LGFCU, thanked everyone for what they do. Thanks to letting LGFCU sponsor the meal tonight. Bill introduced several of his staff. The debit card for the NCSFA program has now donated over \$500,000 to the NCSFA. There are about 5,000 members using the NCSFA debit card. Please talk the card up.

Melissa Cartwright with the MDA did a presentation looking support for the MDA. Looking for departments to help raise money for the MDA.

Emily Dondero with Fire Connection located out of Rocky Mount just wanted to meet and let you know she is available if anyone interested.

Karl Mosbacher with Stewart, Cooper, and Newell did a short presentation to let everyone know they are available for new or remodel projects.

Ken Huston with Safe Air thanked all who use their product. Anyone one interested in more information can see him. He introduced another member of his team.

Representative from Anchor Richey was introduced and gave a quick update of their products and services they can provide to the fire service.

Ted Edwards represents the Chaplain 101service. A brochure was distributed with information about his non-profit organization in the State of NC. Several workshops have been held across the State and are available if needed.

Old business: None

New business:

We realized today that our membership dues are only at about 40% which may be due to communication problems. Over the next month, we will be sending emails about dues that have not been paid.

We received 6 scholarships but only 2 of those departments had paid their dues. We will be contacting those departments that have not paid to see if they want to pay. If not, they will be disqualified at that time. We will also be contacting the applicants so they will be aware of problem. We will wait until the end of May to review the scholarship applications.

Tommy thanked several members who helped review the NCSFA Scholarships. Over 200 applications were reviewed. Thanks to Jerry Brooks, Walter Gardner, James Griffin, Todd Wright, John Gentry and Ed Brinson.

The Board decided today to create a sponsorship for one department from the Piedmont to attend the State conference. The PNCFA will provide one room for two people for two night, registration and



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banquet tickets. More information will be forthcoming. The sponsorship will be called the Brooks Ward Sponsorship.

Special speaker tonight is Chief Walter Gardner and Asst. Chief Lee Edmonds of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department who spoke about the Southern States Farm and Garden fire in downtown Warrenton. Twenty three fire departments responded to the fire. His presentation included pictures, 911 communications, and actual communications between command and the 911 call center. Extremely fortunate that only one minor injury was reported.

Drewry Fire Department joined the PNCFA tonight and we are glad to have them.

Next Meeting will be July 20 at Southern Pines Fire Department. Trying to get a golf event setup.