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Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association

Quarterly Association Meeting

January 23, 2013

6:30 pm

Durham Fire Department

Welcome – Chief Ron Fowler welcomed everyone to Durham and thanked Durham Fire Department and Chief Curia for hosting the meeting tonight. He thanked First Choice for the meal.

Introduction – Chief Fowler introduced all members of the Board.

Ron Fowler – President

Brian Cox – 1st VP

Steve Neal – 2nd VP

Tommy Cole – Past President

Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Ed Brinson – Treasurer (absent)

Chris Langham – North Director

A.C. Rich – South Director

Invocation – Chris Langham gave the invocation.

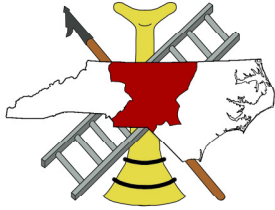
Meal – Sponsored by First Choice

Approval of Minutes from October 24, 2012 Meeting – Minutes were distributed for review. Motion made by Chris Davis and seconded by Tim Sawyer to approve. Passes.

Treasurer's Report – Report was distributed for review. Motion made by Chris Davis and seconded by Chief Brooks to approve. Passes.

Association / Agency Reports/ Vendor Briefs

1. **NCSFA** – Paul Miller gave update for the Association. He reported that Ed is doing fine since his surgery. April 30 and May 1 are important dates as it will be the Legislature Days with the Legislatures in Raleigh. April 30 will be at night and will invite legislatures and provide BBQ. More details will be forth coming. The next day on May 1, they will do their annual visit to the legislatures to target the fire service. The three main items that will be pushed this year are the volunteers worker's comp funding,

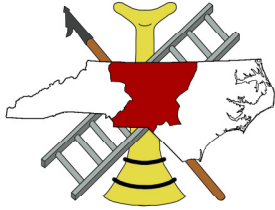


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VIPER radios and background checks. Paul updated the scholarship changes for this year. More scholarships will be offered and for the first time, we will offer scholarships to firemen to continue their education and training. Expo will be August 8-11 in Raleigh. Plans are to have a BBQ cook-off during Expo and funds raised will go to the 501C fund they created to fund the scholarships. NCSFA store is now online. MetLife insurance program is up and running. AFLAC program will have another round for enrollment. Paul reported that we are now 400 people in the retirement – valued at 3-4 million dollars. Enrollment has exceeded their expectations. Pension fund emails are still going out to make sure everyone is aware of the issues involved in the fund. If you are delinquent for more than one year, you have until February 1, 2013 to catch your funds up or you will be dropped from the program. After February 1, your payment will not be accepted. If you are delinquent for 2012, you have until March 31 to get caught up or you will be dropped. From this point further, you can no longer be a year past due on paying dues.

2. **NCAFC** - Steve Neal reported. Mid-Winter Conference is coming up in February.
3. **NCFFF** – Robert Templeton reported for the NCFFF. Robert introduced Shane Allred who is new representative from the Piedmont. Thirteen names will be added this year. In November, we had three LODDs death in one week. Robert also helped with three non-LODD deaths. The Volunteer Logistic Team is still looking for members who are willing to help out when needed. As always, Robert said the NCFFF needs donations.
4. **OSFM** – Derrick Clauson reported. They will be doing a presentation at mid-winter conference. Lots of schools coming up. Instructors Conference May 9-11 in Asheville. Will be creating some regional training. News things being pushed out via web page and Facebook.
5. **NC Emergency Management** – Mike Cook gave updates. New Secretary appointed and is very supportive of public safety. NCEM manager will be retiring soon. Several classes on their website under Training. Several training and exercise courses are coming up. If interested, Mike and Joe Wright have an email list that they blast out emails to anyone interested in receiving them.
6. **Community College** – Chris Raynor reported on several classes they have coming up. Curriculum improvement is going on across the state. Hopefully this realignment of the curriculum so as to maximize the number of hours needed and earned across the state.
7. **Society of Fire Rescue Instructors** – John White gave update of courses, etc. that will be offered in Asheville. In 2014, instructor's conference will be held in Wilmington. Check out their website. You can do a lot thru their website.
8. **Cardiac Science** – Working on state wide project to get AEDs in all schools. Donated 10 AEDs across state for training. BCBS purchased AEDs to place in places of worship. They will be purchasing more this year.
9. **Atlantic Emergency Solutions** - Frank gave report.



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10. **LGFCU** – Bill Carter reported on the NCSFA debit card and encouraged anyone that does not have one, to check out their website. Bill gave update on items that they can help the fire service with. Bill introduce one of their new staff, Sherrie Warwick.

11. **Spartan Emergency Response Vehicles** – Jim Reeves introduced their company and what they are about.

Old Business - None

New Business –

1. Board approved a sponsorship of \$505 for the Mid-Winter Conference.
2. Scholarships are available on our website. They are open now and close March 31.
3. Brooks-Ward Scholarship information is also on our website. A \$500 grant will be given to one department to attend the Annual SE Fire Expo.
4. Warren County will be holding their Jr. Firemen's competition and information is available to any interested.

Program – Intrastate Mutual Aid System (IMAS) – Chief Steve Neal did a presentation of the IMAS system. This system was started as a result of Katrina when it was decided that some type of mutual aid system needed to be created. Now all 50 States are involved in the IMAS. The IMAS has been evolving and has now has some new changes. Since activation in 2011, the IMAS used twice in NC – Simmons Road Fire and Hurricane Irene. Chief Ron Fowler discussed how the PNCFA had been tasked to distribute the IMAS Field Operational Guide to all departments in the Piedmont. If interested in volunteering to be deployed, please let Steve know.

Next Meeting – April 24, 2013
6:30 pm in Warrenton, NC

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