

# PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2016

WINSTON-SALEM FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Call to Order:** President Brian Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Opening Comments:** President Cox thanked Chief Trey Mayo and Winston-Salem Fire Department for hosting our quarterly meeting. Thanks also given to Bob Rhinehart and Rhinehart Services for sponsoring our meal tonight.

**Prayer:** Chris Langham offered the opening prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

**Installation of Officers:** Jerry Brooks gave the pledge to all Board Members. Past President Brian Cox was presented with a helmet for his dedication and work with the PNCFA. Jerry Brooks presented President Brooks with the original charter of the PNCFA.

**Introduction of the Board:** President Neal welcomed everyone and asked that they sign the sheet going around. He introduced the Piedmont Association Board of Directors:

Steve Neal – President

Chris Langham – 1st VP

A.C. Rich – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Ed Brinson – Treasurer

Dolly Hulin – South Director

Chris Davis – North Director

Brian Cox – Past President

Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Brian Cox – Past President

## Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous association meeting were provided for review and approval. Motion made to accept by Tommy Cole and seconded by Steve Robertson. Passes unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the period of October-December 2015. Total in all accounts is \$27,135.10. Motion to accept made and seconded. Passes unanimously.

## Agency Reports

1. **NCSFA** – Tim Bradley reported. He introduced the past Presidents, current Board members and staff who were in attendance. He gave an update on the Relief Fund, Roster reporting requirements, scholarships and grants. Benefits and scholarship brochures were distributed. Applications are now available on-line. Please take one home and make sure your members are aware of these. The First Responder Assistance Program (FRAP) are included in the Accidental Health Death and Dismemberment Insurance program with Provident Insurance that is provided by the NCSFA. SAFER Conference will be August 10-13 in Charlotte, NC. It will be in Charlotte for the next two years and then will return to Raleigh. On-line registration will be available January 31<sup>st</sup>.

2. **NCAFC** – Chris Langham reported. Mid-winter 2016 NCAFC is next week. It will be held in conjunction with the NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors. Chris presented an overview of items being worked on. Chief Jerry Brooks and Al Russo names were submitted from PNCFA for Chief and Chief Officer awards. Fire Prevention School in Kure Beach is coming up. Registration is open.
3. **NCFFF** – Ed Brinson reported. On January 13, 2016 the NCFFF Board met and approved names to be added this year. Four are from the Piedmont. Our 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service will be May 7 at 1:00pm in Nash Square, Raleigh. We will have a booth at Mid-Winter. We have a new challenge coin available now. We will be holding a Strategic Planning meeting in February to look at ways to assist the families more. Ed introduced several members.
4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – Jimmy Barrow reported that they are holding their conference in conjunction with the NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference. He gave information on the courses that will be offered at conference. Due date for membership has changed. Dues have increased Membership has remained steady over the last couple of years but they would like to see it increase.
5. **OSFM** – Scott Hackler reported. They are assisting 15 departments with deaths. Couple of updates on classes was given. Several revisions being made.
6. **SEAFCA** – Len Needham reported. New President elected due to death of current President. Ron Fowler moved up to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The Biloxi Conference will be held in June. Go to their website for registration information. Working with Red Cross on Fire Prevention and trying to get education and smoke detectors handed out.
7. **NC Community College System** – Chris Raynor reported. He gave report of items going on across the state at the local Community Colleges. They sent in 65,000 certification from his office to OSFM. Several fire training classes going on over the next several months. They are a few new Directors across the State. Search going on for a new Community College President. Several changes are going on at this time. He has been working closely with EM on new program.
8. **NC Emergency Management** – No report.
9. **NCVSWCF** – No report. Tim Bradley reported there will not be an increase in premiums for workers comp this year.
10. **NC Fire Insurance Programs** – No report
11. **Vendors** – LGFCU, Atlantic Emergency, and Christopher's Uniforms gave updates.

#### **Old Business –**

1. Bylaws – still working on revisions. We hope to have revisions made and ready for the April meeting. We are working on an email list and hopefully, we can post revision for review before April meeting.
2. Scholarship – application process is open now.

#### **New Business**

1. Board approved sponsorship for Mid-Winter Conference in amount of \$1,007
2. Board also approved \$2,000 to the NCFFF for sponsorship of firefighters who died who were from the Piedmont.
3. Board approved the 2016 budget for the PNCFA.

#### **Program**

The NCSFA did a presentation on their program. President Kevin Gordon presented background information on the name of the Association – North Carolina State Firemen's Association. Their board has proposed changing name from Firemen's to Firefighters. The NC State General Assembly has finally

approved definition of a firefighter. The only way to change name to firefighters has to be approved by the General Assembly. A motion was made by Jerry Brooks and seconded Tommy Reid for PNCFA to support the name change to NC State Firefighters Association. Passes unanimously.

Next meeting will be April meeting will be at Wadesboro FD in Anson County, July in Granville County and October meeting at Richard Childress Winery or Shop.

Attendance: 80

**Adjournment** – Motion made to adjourn. The association meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.