

# PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2017

MOORE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY

**Call to Order:** President Steve Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**Opening Comments** President Neal welcomed everyone and thanked Moore County Public Safety for sponsoring tonight's meeting and Code 3 Insurance for sponsor of the meal.

**Prayer:** Chris Langham opened with prayer.

**Meal Sponsor:** Thanks to Code 3 Insurance for sponsoring the meal tonight.

**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 (Excused)

Ed Brinson – Treasurer

Dolly Hulin – South Director

Chris Davis – North Director

Brian Cox – Past President

Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Steven Roberson – North Director (to be sworn in at January 2018 meeting)

**Recognitions:** President Neal recognized all Past Presidents in attendance. LGFCU, Atlantic Solutions, NAFECO and Code 3 Insurance were recognized and given a few moments to speak,

## Meeting Minutes

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

## Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given. Total in all accounts is \$32,136.23. Motion made to accept by Len Needham and seconded by Steven Roberson. Passes unanimously.

## Agency Reports

1. **NCSFA** – Tim Brandley introduced present and past members of the NCSFA who were in attendance. He reported on the 2017 SAFRE Conference and gave an update on their Board members. Chris Davis from the PNCFA is newest board member. The 2018 SAFRE Conference will be August 8-11, 2018 and is back in Raleigh. Tim gave an update on legislature summary. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Relief Fund deadline of October 31, 2017. Rosters are due January 15, 2018. They will send reminders. Tim asked that everyone consider joining the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) when you are doing your rosters in December. Excellent additional benefits for your members. It is well worth the \$15 per member. They fight

nationally for volunteer and paid fire departments. An update was given on their office relocation due to the massive Raleigh Fire which affected their building.

2. **NCAFC** – Chris Langham recognized the past and present members. Held retreat and working on strategic plan. They were able to up insurance amount to \$20,000 for each member for accidentally death and dismemberment. Please update your records with our current mailing address. Executive Development Program is going on now. Class was full. We have 270 attending the North Carolina weekend at the NFA. Mid- Winter Conference is January 31-February 4, 2018. They have an app on line for access to conference.
3. **NCFFF** – Robert Templeton reported for the NCFFF. Fair was a great success this year. Thanks to all who stopped by booth or volunteered to help. We worked one LODD recently. Jason Hensley of Triple Community Fire Department died on October 9, 2017 after being hit by a drunk driver while on the scene of a call. We will be at Mid-Winter and Piedmont Expo and several difference fire schools. We are working on regional survivor family dinners. We are trying to locate those who we have lost contact with. Working on plans for expanding an expansion in the future.
4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – Jonathan Sowers reported on several classes that are scheduled in the near future.
5. **OSFM** – Derrick Clauson reported for OSFM. On the training side, several schools completed. High angle rescue class coming up. On the grants side, they are trying to restructure some things so they are completely realigning that part of OSFM. Looking for a grants administrator. Rescue grants will be released mid-December. Twenty-eight outstanding grants. Working on getting checks out. Trying to develop help within grants to work directly with each county, etc. Scott Hackler reported on the Commission side of OSFM. Bunch of changes coming to instructors.
6. **SEAFRC** – Len Needham reported on SEAFRC. Several things going on. SEAFRC board members who attended SAFRE/FRI where very impressed with North Carolina. SEAFRC Conference will be in Montgomery, Alabama, 2019 in Knoxville, TX and hopefully North Carolina in 2020.
7. **NC Community College System** – Chris Raynor let Winford Abee report since his last meeting. He reported on schools and classes going on across the State. Winford will retire January 1, 2018.
8. **NC Emergency Management** – Yancey King reported that they had several staff working around on numerous emergencies including Puerto Rico. Some information was given on how to file for reimbursement from FEMA after a disaster. Several classes upcoming that were rescheduled from hurricane disaster that caused classes to be cancelled. Yancy will be retiring January 1, 2018 also.

#### **Old Business – None**

#### **New Business –**

1. PNCFA Expo will be January 19-20, 2018 in Winston-Salem, NC. The PNCFA is one of the sponsors. Notices will be going out soon. Registration for classes is ongoing.

#### **Program –**

1. Code 3 Insurance – A.C. Daniel did a presentation on what Code 3 Insurance can do for our members. Jay Howell could not be here tonight due to an emergency meeting that came up. VFIS has changed how they handle their Risk Management - Education, Training and Consultant are very important. They have several videos, CDs, etc for firemen which will teach you what is needed. They will gladly come in and evaluate your department and help you correct things that can lead to deaths or accidents.

2. OSFM – Derrick Clauson and other staff did a presentation of new administrative rules that have been adopted. These rule changes only apply to the 9S rating. He went over process that had to be done before any changes can be made. Comment period ends October 31. They are evaluating and considering all comments now. Hearing for approval would be in December. If approved by State, would take effect January 2018. Davey Sumney reported on what changes they looked at. Motion made by Len Needham and seconded by Brian Cox that the PNCFA do a letter of support for the 9S changes proposed by OSFM. Motion passes unanimously.

2018 Meeting Locations:

- a. January 24, 2018 – Alamance County – Mebane FD #2
- b. April 25, 2018 – Scotland County – Laurinburg FD
- c. July 25, 2018 – Chatham County
- d. October 24, 2018 – Wake County

Attendance: 83

**Adjournment** – Motion made to adjourn. The association meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.