

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

APRIL 25, 2018

LAURINBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to Order: President Chris Langham called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Comments: President Langham welcomed everyone and thanked Chief Randy Gibson and Laurinburg Fire Department for sponsoring tonight's meeting and Atlantic Emergency Solutions and Rinehart Fire Services for sponsor of the meal.

Prayer: Steve Neal opened with prayer.

Meal Sponsor: Thanks to Atlantic Emergency Solutions and Rinehart Fire Services for sponsoring the meal tonight.

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

Chris Langham – President

A.C. Rich – 1st VP (Excused)

Chris Davis – 2nd VP

Dolly Hulin – South Director, Thomasville FD

Steven Roberson – North Director, City of King FD

Ed Brinson – Treasurer, Fairview FD Retired

Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary, Bahama FD

Steve Neal – Past President, Fire District #13 FD

Recognitions: President Langham recognized LGFCU and previous Presidents that were present.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous association meeting were provided for review and approval. Motion made by Brian Causey to accept and seconded by Chief Sessions. Passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Brinson presented the treasurer's report for last quarter. We have a total of \$45,953.48 between savings, CDs and checking. Checking balance is \$27,129.12. We received the NCSFA dues check and it was deposited. Motion made to accept by Len Needham and seconded by Brian Causey. Passes unanimously.

Agency Reports

- 1. NCSFA** – Tim Brandley introduced present and past members of the NCSFA who were in attendance. Relief Fund requirements were discussed. If you are \$1 over the limit, you will not get a check. Scholarship and grant deadlines were March 31. Working on legislation issues coming up this session. Potential issues this year include some property tax exception, separation allowance for career firefighters, search and rescue team funding, continuing to add cancer benefits to LODD, building codes issues, fireworks and pension increases. Legislature Day this year will be June 13th. We will meet at 8:00am at the Museum of Science, have our picture taken

on the red carpet steps of the General Assembly and then we will visit with legislators. Federal legislature issues were addressed at CFSI in Washington last week. Some issues we pushed for were Safer grants, VFA funding, firefighter cancer registry act. SAFRE Conference will be back in Raleigh in August. Expo floor will be free this year. We will be voting on some By-laws changes at Conference on Saturday morning. We will have a full report at July meeting on issues that will be voted on in August.

2. **NCAFC** – Steve Neal gave report after introducing prior Presidents who were in attendance. Mid-Winter Conference was successful. Fire Preventio school was a success. We attended CFSI in DC last year. Second management program will be held in Charlotte in October. You can now print out a membership card by going to the NCAFC website. NCAFC working on the maintaining and recruitment of Volunteer firefighters. Insurance coverage was increased. Make sure your beneficiary is correct on our site.
3. **NCFFF** – Robert Templeton reported for the NCFFF. Thanks to the PNCFA who sponsored our Piedmont Survivors Dinner. Great turnout and a fabulous time. Guil-Rand stepped up and catered the meal. Our annual Memorial Service is May 5. Parade starts at 10 and Memorial Service starts at 1:00pm. Please plan on attending. We are looking for bagpipe and drummers. If you know of any, please let Robert know. There will also be a motorcycle ride that morning. Still need voluteers for our Logistical Support Team. If interested, please let us know.
4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – Jimmy Barrow gave report of issues and classes, etc going on. He gave update on insurance policy that is available to members. His department has some resident spots open for any college students in his area. Free board!
5. **OSFM** – Several OSFM staff gave updated. There have been 65 fire fatalities across the State so far this year. This is higher than previous years. May 19 is National Sprinkler Day. OSFM will be participating in several programs including Got to Be NC at the State Fair. Working on possible LODD. Updates given on training and qualifications. New guidelines for qualifications for instructors. Lots of safety and fire prevention opportunites coming up. Fire truck parade coming up. Fire and Life Safety Conference was discussed. Training, education and rating inspections update were given. Remember Chief 101 class is mandatory for rating review. Fire grants will be announced in May. Audits will be done by end of year on equipment that was purchased with prior grants. Departments will be notified by a phone call.
6. **SEAFc** – Chief Len Needham reported for the SEAFc. Leadership conference is end of June in Montgomery, Alabama. Please check the SEAFc website for any GPO purchases. The SEAFc receives some money back from any GPO purchase made in the southeast. Please check this site when making any purchases. They are looking for grant reviewers for the IAFC. If interested, let Chief Needham know. Chief Ron Fowler will move to Past President in June. Chief Neeham will be running for 2nd VP in June. The NCAFC did vote and approved a letter of support and endorsing Chief Needham as 2nd VP. Motion made by Ed Brinson and seconded by Steve Neal to support Chief Needham as 2d VP on the SEAFc. Passes unanimously.
7. **NC Community College System** –No report.
8. **NC Emergency Management** – No report.
9. **NVFC** – Jeff Cash was not present but Tim Bradley reported on the NVFC and spoke how good the benefits were and to please think about joining.
10. **NC IAAI**- Update given.

Old Business –

1. The PNCFA Board nominates Dolly Hulin as our representative to the NCAFC. Motion made to close nominations and appoit Dolly Hulin. Passes.

New Business –

1. Southern Director position is open this year. Anyone interested must submit a letter of intent and resume by June 30, 2018 to be considered.
2. Scholarships have closed and will be reviewed. Two applications received for Brooks – Ward scholarship. Timberlake FD in Person County will be awarded the \$750 for SAFRE Conference. Yadkin County Firefighter Association will be awarded \$750 for the Mid-Winter Conference.

Program – “It will never happen to us or our department” was presented by Allyson Sigmon of Concord Fire Department. Allyson told her story of how she lost her first love, Bradley Long, who was killed in a diving accident in 2016. We are killing ourselves trying to save everyone. We are exposed to cancer, deaths in fires and wrecks, and stressed caused heart attacks. Make sure your beneficiary card information is up to date before you experience a line of duty of death. Remember our life safety comes first! That building will be torn down next week, that body will float tomorrow and that car fire can wait till you have on your airpack to prevent cancer.

2018 Meeting Locations:

July 25 – Central Carolina Community College, Hampton Williams, Retired Chief Emergency Services Training, 3000 Airport Rd, Sanford, NC 27332

October 24 – Northern Wake FD

2019 Meetings

January 24 – Kernersville FD

April 17 – Monroe FD (Scott Safety) (Note change of date due to CFSI conflict)

July and October locations are open if any interested in hosting.

Attendance: 69

Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn. The association meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.