

# PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2018  
MEBANE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

**Opening Comments:** President Neal welcomed everyone and thanked Mebane Fire Department for sponsoring tonight's meeting and Safe Air Systems for sponsor of the meal.

**Prayer:** Steve Neal opened with prayer.

**Meal Sponsor:** Thanks to Safe Air Systems for sponsoring the meal tonight.

**Installation of Officers:** Jerry Brooks and Wesley Hutchins administered the oath to all Board members:

Chris Langham – President, Kernersville FD  
A.C. Rich – 1st VP, Northern Wake and Raleigh FDs  
Chris Davis – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Clemmons and Forsyth Co FDs  
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

**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  
Chris Davis – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 all Past Presidents in attendance. Past President Steve Neal thanked everyone for their support during his terms on the Board. David Spears, Safe Air Systems, thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to working with everyone again.

## Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous association meeting were provided for review and approval. Motion made by Chief Lewis to accept and seconded by Jerry Brooks. Passes unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Ed Brinson presented the treasurer's report for last quarter. We have a total of \$27,828.72 between savings, CDs and checking. Checking balance is \$9,072.28. Motion made to accept by Tommy Cole and seconded by Scott Alderman. Passes unanimously.

## Agency Reports

1. **NCSFA** – Tim Brandley introduced present and past members of the NCSFA who were in attendance. He gave updates on the roster deadline, new Treasurer for NCSFA (Dean Coward), new Treasurer appointed (Jay Howell), Relief Fund, Scholarships and Grants, Legislation, Board retreat, Bylaw Amendment, voting procedures, SAFRE Conference, Election reminders, Summit at Mid-Winter and office relocation updates.
2. **NCAFC** – Chris Langham asked that you make note and use their new mailing address. Received overwhelming request for NCAFC member identification card. You can now log on to their site and print an ID card. Update given on classes coming up. Mid-Winter Chief's conference is next week in Concord.
3. **NCFFF** – Robert Templeton reported for the NCFFF. We will be at NCAFC Mid-Winter Conference with a booth and will facilitate round table discussion with FD officers who have experienced a line of duty death on Friday. March 24 is our Regional Survivor Dinners that will be held in each Association region. The PNCFA has agreed to sponsor the dinner for our Region. Annual Memorial Service is May 5, 2018 at 1:00pm. Three will be added to the Monument this year.
4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – No report.
5. **OSFM** – Chief Taylor gave a brief update. Reporting straight to OSFM with fire deaths has worked great. We definitely had more reported to our office than the national database had recorded. This gives us true data and a better number and something to start working on. The new 9S rules were approved and are out and in effect. Fire Investigation Unit is staffed and up and running. He introduced several staff members in attendance. Several updates were given by the OSFM staff.
6. **SEAFB** – No report.
7. **NC Community College System** – Chris Raynor gave update on several classes coming up and other items. Several schools coming up in near future.
8. **NC Emergency Management** – No report
9. **NVFC** – No report
10. **GTCC** – Jim Hitch, Program Director of the Fire Protection and Emergency Management Program at GTCC. He gave brief overview of the different courses and degrees that they now have available at GTCC.

## Old Business – None

## New Business –

1. Piedmont Director Position to the NCAFC will be voted on at April meeting.
2. Scholarships and Sponsorship process is now open. Deadline is March 31.
3. Executive Board approved a \$1,000 sponsorship to the NCAFC.
4. Chief Brooks thinks we should have a nomination for NCSFA Treasurer position from the Piedmont also since the two running for this position are from the Eastern and Western Associations. Anyone interested in this position should submit intent by April 1 to NCSFA.

**Program** – Emergency Incidents on the Interstate was presented by the Mebane Fire Department Staff. There are a lot of Interstate roads running thru Alamance County. A plan was created involving several departments (Graham, Haw River, Efland, Alamance EMS, and Mebane Fire Departments) that respond to wrecks on the Interstate.

**2018 Meeting Locations:**

April 25 – Laurinburg Fire Department, Chief Randy Gibson (Dolly Hulin)  
Saint Andrews University, 1700 Dogwood Mile, Laurinburg, NC 28352  
Avinger Auditorium

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

October 24 – Northern Wake FD (A.C. Rich)

2019 Meetings

January 24 – Kernersville FD

Attendance: 75

**Adjournment** – Motion made to adjourn. The association meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.