

Wake County Firefighter's Association

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting

February 8, 2000

President Sidney Perry called the meeting to order at 19:20.

Chief Perry thanked everyone for attending the meal and meeting.

Chaplain Gene Moore returned thanks for the meal.

Public Safety was allowed to give the Fire-Rescue report first due to time restraints.

Fire-Safety

Ray Echevarria discussed how the recent snowstorm identified a need for some type of plow for snow removal at fire stations. His office has several ideas such as purchasing a trailer with a tractor or mounting a plow attachment on one of the county's vehicles. Ray also shared Public Safety's effort to work out a way to allow all county departments to have access to their computer network. The ability to provide one workstation and software per station was a major item being discussed. The Buckle-Up-Kids program that Raleigh is working on was also discussed. Dewey Poole is requesting feedback from departments on their desire to start more classes under the Fire Officer instruction series.

Roadway Removal

Randy Thompson and 1st Sargent Johnson of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol discussed the recent memo sent out regarding the removal of vehicles from roadways. The document would allow departments the ability to removal vehicles from roadways under predefined conditions when SHP response is delayed. This is a first in the state. Randy would be meeting will all the chiefs in the following weeks to discuss and get their signature. A target date had been set for March 1st but would notify. 1st Sargent Thompson discussed the limitations on the SHP and it's affects on response time. Randy noted the state's surplus of water and beach giving contact info for those interested.

A motion was made and seconded that the association support the Roadway Removal guidelines.

The motion was passed.

Minutes was read and approved. Roll was taken.

Old Business

President Sidney Perry opened old business by discussing the success of gift collection for children of firefighters down east. 480 gifts were delivered to affected families.

Committee Reports

Bylaws

David Price noted that a draft was complete and being sent out for review. He noted that most changes were only in wording. One major item would be to change the name of the association from Firemens to Firefighters to reflect the link to the state association. This item will be up for vote in the future.

Scholarship

President Sidney Perry announced that the scholarship application had been sent out and it would be reviewed and awarded at the next association meeting.

New Business

Chief's Council

President Sidney Perry discussed the results of a recent poll sent to all chiefs discussing the need for scheduled meetings. 7 of 12 favored meeting on an as-needed basis and 5 of 12 favored scheduled meeting. Hearing no discussion, meeting would only be held on an as-needed basis for here out.

A card was read from Chief House expressing his appreciation of the flowers given by the association during his recent losses.

Finance Report

Bryant Woodall give the finance status of the association. He also discussed the recent Mid Winter Chiefs conference and the States Fire Fighters Association willingness to help departments with capital investment opportunities and management.

Paul Dunwell gave a short presentation regarding the North Carolina State Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation. He shared their goals and recent advancements along with how association members could show their support. Paul shared his personal loss and how it has affected his effort in seeing fallen firefighters honored in North Carolina. Information was presented in the form of a printed brochure and also accessible on their website.

Chaplain Gene Moore expressed his support of Paul's effort and a motion was made and seconded for the association to support the North Carolina State Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation.

President Sidney Perry announced that the attendance trophy went to Swift Creek and challenged other departments to increase attendance numbers.

Meeting was adjourned.