

Wake County Firefighter's Association

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting

February 12, 2002

Gene Moore opened with prayer.

Welcome by President David Price.

Reports

Secretary called the roll and the minutes were read and approved. Swift Creek won the attendance trophy.

Bryant Woodall, Treasurer gave his report.

Public Safety - Chris Perry gave the Wake County Public Safety Report for Dewey Poole. Dewey wanted to express his appreciation for the county departments work with him as interim Fire Marshall. Chis announced that Ray Echevarria would be returning as the Fire/Rescue Director. The implementation of the new CAD system has begun. This system will take about 12 months to get installed. Departments will be contacted about items/abilities they want included in the system, all appears to be on schedule. The radio system project has started and currently in the tower acquisition phase. Estimated 6-8 months to get land acquired and all zoning approvals for estimated 8-9 towers. They are looking at September to begin building the towers. Total project is estimated to be a 2 - 2 1/2 year project.

President Price emphasized his appreciation for Dewey's work in relation to the association.

Program

Jan Parker with Raleigh Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau presented a Fire Safety overview and about how the Association can join in and help. President Price expressed a desire that the Association direct their work toward more community issues and items that affect us locally. Items such as the Burn Center, The Burned Children's Fund, Blood Drives, etc. Jan provided an overview of current programs and those coming up in the public education, prevention, burn and injury areas. Items discussed were ones in which the county association wants to become involved with.

Announcements

It was announced that on April 10th and 11th Fuquay would be hosting a child safety seat certification course and is open to all departments.

Jan noted that on April 6th, a Children's Fair would be held at ESA and requested apparatus for display, estimated 18,000 to attend. Those interested needed to contact her.

Information will be set out for each departments fire prevention officers to join a committee to work with on the 2002 Fire Prevention Week with Jan.

Jan expressed an interest in being contacted if any citizen is burned and has to go to the burn center. She knows many resources that are available and wishes to provide a follow-up.

Gene Moore gave North Carolina Fallen Firefighters report. Biltmore estate had recently given a retired fire engine that will be reconditioned and used for funerals. New items in the design include the possibility of including some metal from the World Trade Center. He wanted to emphasize the resources available from the website, www.ncfff.org.

President Price introduced the association officers to visitors and new members.

Hearing no other business a motion was made and adjourned.

Submitted by Chad Simon, Secretary WCFA