

Wake County Firefighter's Association
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting
February 10, 2004

{Return Thanks} – Chaplain Gene Moore

{Call Meeting to Order/Welcome Guests} – President Scottie Harris

Special thanks to Chief Harris and the Western Wake Fire Department for allowing everyone to meet at the station.

{Roll Call} – Secretary Paul Dunwell

Apex	– 5	Bay Leaf	– 2	Cary	– 0
Durham Hwy	– 0	Fairview	– 2	Falls	– 0
Fuquay	– 2	Garner	– 0	Holly Springs	– 0
Hopkins	– 1	Eastern Wake	– 2	Knightdale PS	– 1
Morrisville	– 5	Raleigh	– 2	Rolesville	– 0
RDU	– 0	Stony Hill	– 0	Swift Creek	– 17
Wake Forest	– 4	New Hope	– 0	Wendell	– 1
Western Wake	– 10	Zebulon	– 6	Forestry	– 1
Wake Co. PS	– 3				

{Attendance Award} – President Scottie Harris

Trophy awarded to the Swift Creek Fire Department for the most members to attend the Wake County Firefighter's Association Quarterly Meeting

{Welcome Speech} – President Scottie Harris

Please become more involved by attending the County Commission Meetings and providing information for the WCFA Newsletter. Now is the time to work together and set an example for those around us.

The Chief's Council will be reinstated and will meet regularly

Stand United

As the county fire service faces changes, we most come together as one. The fire service as a whole has shown time and time again how strong of a bond we have when we support each other. The Wake County Fire Service is full of leaders so I challenge you to show your leadership ability.

At first glance, it might seem as though emerging as a leader in a group works in opposition to working as a good team player. But look again leadership is about inspiring

and motivating. It's not about doing it all yourself and its definitely not about getting all the credit. When faced with taking over the office of President of The United States during World War II, Harry Truman said, " There is no end to what great things can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit." History has proven that the Truman administration accomplished more than any other modern presidency, but you rarely think of Truman as being one of the most renowned presidents. That's because he didn't do the job to build a legacy or a name, he did it to serve his country in the best manner possible.

It's easy to be motivated and enthusiastic when others surround you who are dynamic, motivated people. It's far more challenging to maintain that level of enthusiasm when you get around people who either don't care or worse, make fun of you for caring. But I encourage you not to be tempted to surround yourselves with only those of like mind. Go out and be amongst those who need your leadership and need to see your good example.

You may not be able to win everyone you meet over to the ideals you've learned at a conference or training session, but don't ever stop trying. You cannot force people to care, but you'll be amazed at how contagious the energy and sprit of leadership and giving can be.

So you as Firefighters and Fire Officers it's time for you to step up and be a solution not part of a problem, so I would encourage each and everyone of you to get involved as a leader and set an example for others to follow.

Leadership is action not position

{Minutes of Last Meeting} – Secretary Paul Dunwell distributed November 11th Minutes

{Call for Motion to Accept Minutes} – President Scottie Harris

Motion

Motion 2nd

Carried

Passed Unanimously

{Financial Report} – Treasurer Bryant Woodall distributed financial report for period November 11th to present.

Attached

{Call for Motion to Accept Financial Report} – President Scottie Harris

Motion

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Carried

Passed Unanimously

{Wake County Public Safety Fire/Rescue Reports} – 2nd Vice President Chris Perry

Wake County has hired Ricky Dorsey as the Director of Fire/Rescue Training.

Wake County has hired Cliff Freeman as WC-1 on C-Shift.

Wake County has hired Mike Cameron and Lee Gupton as Code Enforcement Officials.

800Mhz Radio cutover is scheduled for March 22nd.

NC Firefighter I & II classes will be held at Stony Hill starting this May.

{Wake County Public Safety Emergency Management Reports} – 2nd Vice President Chris Perry

Nothing on behalf of Emergency Management

{Other Reports} – Chaplain Gene Moore

NC Fallen Firefighters Foundation is

The NCFFF has a raffle. There is \$50,000 in prizes for the cost of a \$10 Ticket. The Grand Prize is a custom motorcycle and the 1st Prize is \$5000 cash. If you have any questions please do not hesitate forwarding them to Gene Moore.

{Program} – AC Daniels and Kent Hood, NC Department of Insurance

Protection Class Ratings are used to determine the premiums a property owner pays. One place a Fire Chief has control of and can place a strong emphasis on in order to gain points is equipment. Although, they may be small points, the points do add up.

For example, an Engine Company must carry 2 ½” or 3” Supply Hose. Most often a department loses points because they have substituted the 2 ½” or 3” hose with 5” hose.

Wake Forest, Swift Creek and Bayleaf asked...

NCDOI grades a fire department based on the department's method of operation and how the department responds to a structural related incident. One engine with four people is the minimum number and type of apparatus that is required for a fire department to receive a property protection classification. To be eligible for maximum credit in the schedule (a department receiving maximum credit in all areas would be a Class 1 fire department), departments should respond two engines and either one ladder truck or one service truck (depending upon need for aerial ladder). In this case over the last 20 responses, credit would be prorated to 95% (of the maximum allowable credit).

Departments are credited based on a review of what equipment they responded for the last 20 structural related incidents. If a fire department responded the maximum amount of equipment to one-half of the twenty calls, then that fire department would be eligible for 50% of the maximum credit. A fire department receives positive credit for fire protection available at the time of grading process. For maximum credit, two engines and either a service or ladder must respond from the responsible department on first alarm, regardless if they're closer or not. Whether recommended on the initial dispatch or not, fire departments should have standard operating guidelines that provide for equipment response within their respective fire insurance district.

For fire departments that are graded using the water haul method of operation, the dispatching of a neighboring department's "closer" tankers may result in more positive credit due to the lesser mileage that must be traveled by the closer tankers. Mileage that must be traveled is a big part of computing water haul grades. (Less road mileage traveled means, theoretically, the quicker water can be hauled and off loaded). It is OK to have different run orders in different parts of the districts as long as the entire run orders exceed the minimum number of apparatus that is needed. Again, the department will be graded on the amount of equipment responded over the last 20 structural related incidents. Departments will only receive credit up the amount of equipment needed. Departments will not receive credit (except for tankers in a water haul grade) for additional equipment above the amount needed for maximum credit.

The inspector will select one or more incidents of the last 20 reviewed and will reconcile units on the fire incident report with units shown as responding in the CAD record for that incident. The CAD record will show all of the units that responded to the incident (note that the units that actually responded may or may not be different from the units recommended for dispatch).

If a fire alarm occurs in a department's fire insurance district, at least one unit must arrive on the scene of the fire alarm. Even if a neighboring department's unit arrives on the scene first and reports a false alarm, at least one unit from the department on record for the fire insurance district must continue on for fire insurance grading purposes.

{New Business} – President Scottie Harris

Chief Stanford, City of Raleigh - Need volunteers to assist with receiving participants in the World Burn Congress October 13th – 16th.

There will be a Pig Cook-Off for Fire Departments to participate in. The food will go to the participants in the World Burn Congress.

Also need apparatus to transport participants to the Walk of Remembrance at the Burn Center in Chapel Hill.

Ed Brinson – Gateway Conference

Discussed 16 legislative initiatives:

Increase State Pension; allow 20 years of service and age 55
25 yeas retirement for career firefighters
Line of Duty Death Benefits for Fire Service Instructors

Mandatory Sprinkler Systems in Institutional Occupancies

Rentals must have an operating smoke detector within 24 hours of notification instead of 30 days.

Any Firefighter under the age of 18 will not qualify for Public Safety Officer Death Benefits

Alton Perry, NC Forestry – Thank you for participating in the survey. Hopes are to receive some funding for Departments as a result of the information provided in the survey.

Consider tactics and strategies since the fire season is approaching. Although the County does not currently have a plow, plows are available.

The new FFEO should be in place and trained by the beginning of the new year.

Please visit www.dfr.state.nc.us for resource information

{Door Prize} – None

{Old Business} – 1st Vice President Sue Lynn Hinson

Sue Lynn Hinson will be maintain the WCFA website. Please forward any information that you would like to see on the website. www.wakefirefighters.org

We also have T-Shirts and Hats for sale.

{Next Meeting} – President Scottie Harris

2nd Tuesday in May at 6:30pm May 11, 2004

Location to be announced

{Call for Motion to Adjourn} – President Scottie Harris

Motion

Motion 2nd

Carried

Passed Unanimously