

Wake County Firefighter's Association
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting
August 12, 2008

[Return Thanks]

[Call Meeting to Order] – President Bryan Lane

- Special Thanks to Wake New Hope Fire Department for allowing us to hold the meeting at their station.

[Roll Call]

Apex – 3	Bay Leaf – 2	Cary – 0	Durham Hwy – 0
Fairview – 0	Falls – 0	Fuquay – 2	Garner – 0
Holly Springs – 0	Hopkins – 0	Eastern Wake – 0	Knightdale PS – 3
Morrisville – 4	Raleigh – 0	Rolesville – 0	RDU – 0
Stony Hill – 0	Swift Creek – 8	Wake Forest – 0	New Hope – 24
Wendell – 0	Western Wake – 2	Zebulon – 2	Forestry – 2
Wake County PS – 1			

[Attendance Award] – President Bryan Lane

- The trophy was awarded to New Hope for having the most members attend the quarterly meeting.

[Financial Report] – Treasurer Sue-Lynn Hinson

Motion to accept report as read was passed unanimously

[Minutes of Last Meeting] – Sue-Lynn Hinson

Motion to accept May 12, 2008 minutes as read passed unanimously

[Old Business]

- Educational Scholarships
 - Firefighter scholarship awarded to James Wade of Zebulon FD
 - Family scholarship awarded to Hannah Guffey, daughter of Tim Guffey of Knightdale PS
- Logo Contest
 - One entry has been submitted by Sean Cather of Western Wake FD

[Agency Reports]

Wake County Fire Marshals Office

- Essentials School will be held 8/23 – 8/24, 9/6 – 9/7

- First Wake County Fire Academy has been scheduled, registration is full

Wake County Fire Commission

- Next fire commission meeting will be 9/18
- Vacancy on fire commission:
 - Vacancy left by Mike Fletcher resignation, has been filled by Barbara Poole of Knightdale
 - Vacancy left by Bill Gatewood resignation remains open. Applications are being accepted on-line at <http://lnweb01.co.wake.nc.us/boards/code/application.htm>

NC Forestry

- Office move is in progress, will be sending a fax with new contact details
- Thanks to all those who assisted with the Evans Road fire

NC Fallen Firefighters Foundation

- Annual fundraiser is in progress, raffle tickets are being sold for \$10 each with proceeds going toward purchase of a new family transport vehicle. Prizes will be awarded on the last day of the NC State Fair. Contact Ed Brinson for tickets (ebrinson@bellsouth.net, (919) 605-0115)
 - Grand Prize: 2008 Honda Four Trax Rancher 4x4 ATV
 - First Prize: Wide Screen TV
 - Second Prize: \$250 in NCFFF Merchandise

Piedmont Firefighters Association

- President Bryan Lane encouraged Wake County firefighters to participate in this association

[Open Discussion]

President Bryan Lane opened the floor for discussion of any equipment issues or other concerns.

Chief Tim Guffey of Knightdale PS stated their Pierce Contender has been 10-7 due to oil leaks, and that they have had to remove the motor for repairs. Asked if any other departments have faced similar issues.

- Bay Leaf FD stated that four of their Pierce's have also had oil leaks
- President Bryan Lane stated he would pass this information on to the equipment committee

Chief Scott McCollum of Swift Creek FD announced that the Everyone Goes Home program will be distributing a new information packet soon.

[Committee Reports]

Web Site / Communications – Sue-Lynn Hinson

- Email list currently has about 60 subscribers
- Input is welcome on the email newsletters, web site, etc.

NC State Firemen's Association Conference

- 2008 conference is being held in Winston Salem
- Several will be shadowing this year's convention, will give feedback at next meeting
- 2009 golf tournament is already being organized
- Will need help with other aspects, more details to come

Training / Firefighter Safety – Tim Guffey

- Trying to get a guest speaker before end of the year
- Polling for interest in hosting a Wake County fire college – Pender County clears over \$5k from theirs

[New Business]

Benevolent Fund

- According to by-laws, Benevolent Fund Board Chairman shall be the WCFA 1st VP, Treasurer shall be the WCFA Treasurer
 - Chairman: Bryant Woodall
 - Treasurer: Sue-Lynn Hinson
- Three at-large positions to be filled by nominations. Following nominations were presented:
 - At Large (1 year term): Lee Price
 - At Large (2 year term): Jason Boggs
 - At Large (3 year term): John Hans
- Motion to accept nominations by Scott McCollum, Second by LD Warner, unanimously approved.
- President Bryan Lane stated that Fireman's Relief Fund can pay for membership dues and death benefit pay-outs. Department's relief fund board would need to approve this, send request to the state relief fund for their approval.

By-Laws Committee: Still seeking nominations

Association Mailbox

- President Bryan Lane noted that currently the association does not have a permanent mailing address – typically the mailing address has been that of the association secretary, and this could change from one year to the next.
- Board has done some research on services provided by Mailboxes Etc., The UPS Store, US Postal Service, etc.
 - Can get a permanent address through the UPS Store for about \$200 per year
 - Some offer forwarding services for about \$3 – so that if board officers change, association mail can be forwarded to a different address, but the official association mailing address will remain unchanged
 - Motion to set up permanent mailing address via one of these services, seconded, unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee

- Nominations were presented as follows:
 - Eastern Region: Sid Perry
 - Southern Region: Tony Mauldin
 - Western Region: Scott McCollum
 - Northern Region: Freddy Lynn (Chairperson)
- Motion to accept nominations, seconded, unanimously approved

Central Regional Fire & Life Safety Educators Association – Jason Boggs

- OSFM will be announcing another smoke detector grant program this fall
- Child safety seat technician one-day recertification will be offered at OSFM office (Chapanoke Drive) on 8/22, contact Alan Buchanan for details (919) 218-7855
- 2009 Fire & Life Safety Conference will be held 2/7 – 11 in Greenville
- 2009 Child Passenger Safety Conference will be held 3/12 – 13 in Atlantic Beach
- NFPA 1035 (Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator) will be in the next revision cycle in fall 2009. Will be seeking comments through 3/6/2009 according to the web site (<http://www.nfpa.org>) . More details should be posted to the web site shortly.
- Central Region meeting will be held 11/11/08, 10a at Knightdale Public Safety. Lunch will be provided.
- World Burn Congress is being held 10/1 – 10/4 at new Raleigh Convention Center. Seeking volunteers, see <http://www.phoenix-society.org> or call (800) 888-2876 for more information. Can also contact Jason Boggs for the volunteer form.
- TT & E Iron & Metal Works is collaborating with local fire stations for fundraising. They will place a recycling bin for aluminum cans at your location, collect the cans for free, and pay the department per pound collected. For more information contact Susie Hopkins at (919) 772-9190 or (919) 455-5020.

Bay Leaf FD announced it will be having open house on 10/5/08.

Next association meeting: November 11, 2008 at Keeter Training Center

[Motion to adjourn]