

Wake County Firefighter's Association
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting
February 8, 2011

[Return Thanks] Chief Bryant Woodall

Please keep the families of the following in your thoughts and prayers:

- Gerald Atkins (Dep. Chief, Fairview FD): Chief Atkins' mother passed away on 2/7
- Ricky Barbour (Chief, Wilson's Mills FD): Chief Barbour passed away on 2/4

[Call Meeting to Order] – President Lee Price

- Special Thanks to Apex for hosting the meeting at their station.
- Chief Haraway invited everyone to tour the station, as well as our equipment on display (400 gallon foam trailer, USAR trailer, water rescue unit)

[Roll Call]

Apex - 14	Bay Leaf - 0	Cary - 0	Durham Hwy - 1
Fairview - 1	Falls - 0	Fuquay - 0	Garner - 0
Holly Springs - 0	Hopkins - 0	Eastern Wake - 0	Knightdale PS - 5
Morrisville - 4	Raleigh - 0	Rolesville - 1	RDU - 0
Stony Hill - 0	Swift Creek - 8	Wake Forest - 0	New Hope - 4
Wake Co. PS- 1	Wendell- 0	Western Wake - 0	Zebulon - 0
Forestry - 2			

[Attendance Award] President Lee Price

- We will start something new this year and give out a plaque for the attendance award. These are currently on order – Apex wins for this meeting.

[Financial Report] - Treasurer Tim Guffey

- Financial report distributed for review

[Minutes of Last Meeting] – President Lee Price

- These will be presented at the next meeting as they were not available tonight

[Old Business]

- American Financial Life Insurance Company
 - Offering accidental death benefit to WCFA members at no cost

- Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association
 - Chief Brinson discussed the Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association. He is currently Treasurer of their board of officers, and encouraged everyone to join this association.
 - Editor's note: For more information see their web site at <http://www.pncfa.org>

[Agency Reports]

- NC Forestry (Randolph Harrison)
 - This is Prescribed Fire Awareness Week [Editor's note: For more information see http://ncprescribedfirecouncil.org/prescribed_fire_week.html]
 - Anticipating an active fire season upcoming. Don't hesitate to call for a plow if needed.
- Wake County Public Safety (Charles Ottoway)
 - 2011 training calendar was distributed
 - Wake County Recruit Academy #4 will be starting in August 2011, exact date TBD. Applications will be accepted soon, please call Ricky Dorsey (919-856-6345) for more information.

[Committee Reports]

- Training (Chief Tim Guffey)
 - We have submitted an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) which is sponsored by FEMA
 - Requested \$57k for a new fire safety trailer since the one the association currently owns is falling into disrepair
- Scholarship (President Lee Price)
 - We are now accepting applications for the two Wake County Firefighters Association Scholarships (\$500 to be awarded to firefighter, \$500 to firefighter's child)
 - Application form and instructions can be downloaded from the association web site (<http://www.wakefirefighters.org>)
 - Deadline for application submission is Tuesday May 10, 2011

[New Business]

- 2011 South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo – August 10 – 13, 2011
 - Will be held at Raleigh Convention Center
 - The association will again be heavily involved helping with planning and coordinating, and staffing volunteers for the event
 - Hoping to get Dave Dodson back this year as his seminar was very popular last year
- Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser – March 13, 2011, 7:30a – 10a
 - Applebee's Knightdale (6609 Knightdale Blvd)
 - Applebee's will provide kitchen staff (cooks, etc.) – WCFA will provide wait staff

- We will sell tickets for \$7. Applebee's will keep \$1.85 per plate. WCFA will get \$5.15 profit per plate.
- Proceeds will go towards things like hospitality suite, perhaps Dave Dodson again for convention, and other benefits the association can provide to its members
- If the Knightdale event is a success, will try to hold additional events in the other fire service regions
- Red Knights Motorcycle Club
 - Members of the local group NC Chapter 12 were present at tonight's meeting
 - Joey Powell described the organization – it is a club for members of the fire service (active and retired), and their families, who enjoy riding motorcycles. They organize fundraising events for charities.
 - They are currently holding a raffle to benefit the NC Jaycee Burn Center
 - Prize: 2011 Harley Davidson Super Glide Custom HD
 - Tickets: \$25 each
 - Drawing: To be held at the 2011 South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo
 - Editor's note: See the following web sites for more information
 - Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club: <http://www.redknightsmc.org/>
 - NC Chapter 12: <http://nc12redknights.com>
- Hooters Public Safety Appreciate Day – February 21, 2011
 - All Firefighters, EMT, Law Enforcement and Active Duty Military receive a free ½ pound burger or a grilled chicken sandwich with drink purchase.
- Upcoming WCFA meeting schedule:
 - May 10, 2011: Garner Fire Department Station #4 – they will be cooking for us!
 - August 9, 2011: Location TBD, this meeting will be tied to the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo somehow.
 - November 8, 2011: Rolesville Fire Department (Tentative) – we have gotten numerous requests to have their famous barbecue chicken again, since it was such a BIG hit last year!