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*Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association*

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## Quarterly Association Meeting

October 24, 2012

6:30 pm

Scott Safety / Monroe Fire Department

**Welcome** – Ron Fowler welcomed everyone and thanked Monroe Fire Department for hosting our quarterly meeting and Scott Safety for use of their building and for the meal.

**Invocation** - Tommy Cole offered invocation.

**Meal** – Sponsored by Scott Safety

**Sign in Sheet** was distributed and everyone was asked to make sure they signed it.

### **Introduction of Board Members:**

*Ron Fowler – President*

*Brian Cox – 1<sup>st</sup> VP*

*Steve Neal – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP*

*Tommy Cole – Past President*

*Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary*

*Ed Brinson – Treasurer*

*Chris Langham – North Director*

*A.C. Rich – South Director (absent)*

**Approval of Minutes** – Kathy distributed copies of the minutes from July 25, 2012 for review. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Passes.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ed distributed copies of the quarterly financial report for review. Motion to approve and seconded. Passes.

### **Association / Agency Reports/ Vendor Briefs**

- 1. NCSFA** – Several members of the NCSFA were recognized. Ed Brinson gave the Agency report. Fire Expo and Annual meeting were a great success. Relief fund reports are due the end of this month. Rosters are due January 1. Several changes were made to the scholarships eligibility. This resulted in an increase of the amount of scholarship money available for each region. Changes also made on insurance. MetLife will now handle. Program will begin on December 1,



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2012. Each department will be contacted by MetLife. Paul Miller gave update on the LGFCU debit card program. NCSFA will hold another Sweepstakes and are working closely with LGFCU looking for convenience and more use of debit cards. NCSFA will give 6 cruises – 2 for each region. New members who join will be automatically entered and every time you use new debit card, you are entered again. Anyone already with the debit card will be entered with each use also. The NCSFA will also track everyone who takes out a debit card and the region with the most cards will win something – not sure what yet. In 2010, the Board of Directors of the NCSFA created a new 501c Foundation. The funds Board of Directors approved the Donor's Program and information will be mailed out soon with information. The NCSFA has partnered with the NCAFC to form a Legislature Committee and will be meeting next week to address issues that affect both associations.

2. **NCFFF** – Kathy gave report. Still looking for volunteers to help.
3. **OSFM** – Derrick Clauson gave report from OSFM and training updates. Still working on program training for dive teams. Several courses going on over next couple of weeks.
4. **NC Emergency Management** – Western Director gave report. MOUs sent out to Counties to start ordering approved items. December 31 is last date to apply for all hazards to be grandfathered in. After this date, you have to start from scratch. Information available on NCEM webpage under training.
5. **Community College** – no report.
6. **NCAFC** – Mid-winter conference update given.
7. **Yadkin County FF Association** - Brian Southard reported that Yadkin County FF Association has started a trailer to be used for FF deaths. Trying to get one for each Region in the State. It has been used several times for FF funerals. He showed picture of trailer that they have purchased. He and Rick Wood attended Eastern meeting and did a presentation for them to see if they were interested in creating a trailer for their area. Rick Wood will also meet with the Western association. He asked if PNCFA would be interested in assisting. The trailer costs over \$8,000 and they are trying to stock with any item that may be needed for a funeral, either by the department or the family. Ron thanked him and said we would talk at next meeting and bring back up.
8. **Heritage Pension Services** – Deborah Phillips gave update on status of retirement fund. Several new departments have been added just this week.
9. **LGFCU** – Loren Pittman gave report. Debit card has raised \$58,440 in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter alone for the NCSFA. \$854,368 has been raised so far in total. LGFCU supports the fire service with debit card, commercial lending and several other services.



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10. **Forysth FF Association** – Piedmont Fire Expo will be in January 18 & 19 in Winston-Salem. He distributed a handout. Everyone is invited.

### **New Business –**

1. PNCFA Representative to the NCFFF Robert Swiger, has resigned from the position. At the Executive Board meeting today, a replacement was selected. Brian Cox introduced Shane Allred from Guil/Rand Fire Department who has been very active in helping the NCFFF and NFFF. He thinks he will be a great asset to the organization. Shane will fulfill the remaining term of Robert Swiger.

**Program** – John Denning of Scott Safety gave presentation of the proposed NFPA 1981, 2013 Edition Updates of SCBA Standards. Each new guideline (NFPA 1981 and NFPA 1982) was discussed and explained. This is the first update in six years and is still waiting NIOSH approval. Concern is how it will affect Departments who might order equipment now and then again after new guidelines and changes are made in June 2013. They may not be compatible. Costs has not been determined by Scott Safety at this time. They are looking at upgrade kits also. They are looking at going to 40 minute tank instead of 30. Battery power should not be affected.

A tour of Scott Safety was offered to anyone interested after the meeting.

**Next Meeting** – January 23, 2013  
6:30 pm in Durham, NC

Adjourn