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Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association

Quarterly Association Meeting

January 25 @ 6:30 pm

Pincroft-Sedgefield Fire Department

Officers

Tommy Cole
President

Ron Fowler
1st Vice-President

Vacant
2nd Vice-President

Brian Cox
South Director

Steve Neal
North Director

Ed Brinson
Treasurer

Kathy Weatherspoon
Executive Secretary

Len Needham
Past President

Call Meeting to Order – Tommy called meeting to order. Tommy thanked Chief Kendall McCarter of the Pincroft-Sedgefield Fire Department, for hosting the meeting and Safe Air Systems for providing the meal.

Invocation – Ron Fowler offered invocation.

Meal – Sponsored by Safe Air Systems.

Sign-In Sheet – Sign in sheet was distributed and everyone was asked to make sure they sign it.

Introduction of Board Members – Tommy introduced all the current Board members:

Ron Fowler– 1st VP

Brian Cox – South Director

Steve Neal – North Director

Len Needham – Past President

Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Ed Brinson – Treasurer

Chris Lantham – New North Director

A.C. Rich – New South Director

Review Minutes from October 26, 2011 Quarterly Meeting in Bayleaf – Minutes were distributed for everyone to review. Motion to accept was made and seconded. Passes.

Treasurers Report – Ed distributed copies of the quarterly financial report for review. Motion to accept made by Len and seconded by Jack. Passes.



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Speakers:

1. MDA – Heather Chapin did a presentation about the MDA. She recognized all the departments that participated in the Fill the Boot fundraiser this year. She thanked everyone for their support for the MDA. She asked for fire departments to volunteer to adopt someone with MDA who would like to adopt you and share their story.
2. LGFCU – Loren Pittman, Commercial Loan Officer, reported for the Local Government Federal Credit Union. He reminded everyone about the debit card for the NCSFA. A fee goes to the NCSFA from each use of the card – over 6,000 cards issues and to date over \$690,000 has been raised for the NCSFA. Loren is the contact for financing fire trucks and buildings. He is the one who will take application, review, approve and close financing for you.
3. Cardiac Science - James Krege did a presentation about Cardiac Science who sells AEDs.
4. Newton Fire and Safety – Seth Newton said they continue to work with fire departments.

Reports: Update from all programs was given.

1. NCSFA – Bill Jones, President NCSFA, updated items going on with the NCSFA. Rosters must be in office by January 31. Scholarship applications are open. Gateway Conference starts Monday in Concord. They are going to start having focus groups in each Region. Western has been scheduled. The Piedmont and Eastern are working on their schedules. Assistant Director Position has been narrowed to 9 applicants. There is hope by the end of February that interviews will be setup. Continue to support the debit card with the LGFCU. Bill introduced Past Presidents and current members of the NCSFA that were in attendance. The NCSFA is working with Providence who is working with AFLAC to provide coverage for their members, especially cancer and heart attacks. Enrollment will be rolled out in each Association area across the State. Targeted dates for the Piedmont are Feb 6 – March 7. They can do individual and whole departments coverage.
2. NCAFC – Len Needham, President, NCAFC, reported that following Gateway Conference, the Mid-Winter Chief's Conference will be held. A golf tournament will also be held during that week. Membership dues are due now. CFSI dinner is in April in Washington, DC. Remember Chief Mullins family in your prayers as they have been sick.



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3. NCFFF – Robert Templeton, High Point FD, who represents the Piedmont on the NCFFF Board. He gave an update. Eight FF fatalities were worked in 2011, one in 2012 so far. Memorial Service is Saturday, May 5, at 1:00pm. He reminded everyone about donations and fundraisers which are needed. Foundation is looking for volunteers to help though out the year. They are looking for a subset of volunteers who can be called on to help with funerals, etc., when the need arises. He would like to have 5-10 volunteers from the Piedmont to help with this new initiative. He is also working on a class for the Piedmont to help with training Honor Guards.
4. Instructors Society – Instructor membership reminders have been mailed out. You will be able to pay dues and order training materials on line soon.
5. OSFM – Reminder – wear your seat belts. Larry reported that 120 Chief 101 classes held this past year. Several schools going on across the State. The Live Fire qualifications will be started in early summer. OSFM responded to the tornados across the State. Several good items on their webpage. Several new items added to web pages. Another new section is Training Time which can be done at your pace and receive training and a certificate. Reminder the Fire and Rescue Journal is on line. Numerous training courses are being held across the State and on line. They are also looking for new space as bids have been received and should be moving in April or May.
6. SEAFCA – Ron Fowler reported that the Winter board meeting was just held in Charleston, SC. The SEAFCA is working with the EPA on fire apparatus emission issues. If anyone has had issues with this, please let him know. Upcoming conference will be in Hampton, Md in June, 2012.
7. Community College Systems – Chris Raynor gave an update on issues going on with the Community College systems. In the near future, we are working on credits for the Fire college degree that will be transferable. Several weekend schools coming up.
8. NC Emergency Management – Joe Wright, Central Branch NCEM representative, introduced additional representatives. He reported on what they do to help during a disaster. Their goal this year is to improve communications with the State, Emergency Management and locals that they work with. They will be attending meetings across the State.
9. NC Volunteer Safety Workers Compensation Fund – Mike Hill explained the program. Program has been cut several times and has gone in the rears the last several years due to budget issues with the State. The premium costs have



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gone up tremendously over the years since this was funded and are going up about 20% per year.

Old Business:

1. Memorial brick at the NFFF in Emmitsburg, MD., for Ted Armstrong has now been taken ordered. Family has been notified.

New Business:

1. Installation of new officers for 2012 was held. Charge was given to all officers by Vernon Ward.
President – Ron Fowler
1st VP – Brian Cox
2nd VP – Steve Neal
Northern Director – Chris Langham
Southern Director – A C Rich
Treasurer – Ed Brinson
Secretary – Kathy Weatherspoon
Past President – Tommy Cole
2. Ron Fowler spoke of his visions for the Piedmont and his history and qualifications for the position.
3. President Fowler asked Past President Tommy Cole and his family to come up. His wife is not able to be here as she has pneumonia. We have worked with Safe Air and Newton to present Tommy with a new white helmet, plaque and shield. Tommy reflected on his history with the Piedmont and the many years that he had been involved. He thanked several people who had helped him over the years while working with the PNCFA. Ron thanked him again for everything he has done.
4. The 2012 meeting scheduled has been confirmed.
 - a. 4/25/12 – Northwest Harnett, Harnett, LFGCU will sponsor
 - b. 7/25/12 – Horneytown, Davidson, Triad Fire will sponsor
 - c. 10/24/12 – Monroe, Union, Scott Safety will sponsor

There was no further items to discuss from the floor, so Ron turned program over to Heritage Pension Service representative.

Program:

Heritage Pension Service presented an update of pension plan now available from the NCSFA. It is a 401K plan. It allows firefighters to contribute to a retirement



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account that is tax free until removed at retirement. It also allows matching funds from fire departments or a company contribution. You can also roll over a 401 K account to this one without any penalty. Heritage will come to your department and talk to your staff and will specialize the brochure to what you select. They will setup everything and come and enroll your employees for you.

Meeting Sponsor: Safe Air: David Spears introduced several of their staff who helped with the meal tonight. They look forward to continuing to work with the fire departments in the Piedmont area.

- **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Brian Cox. Seconded by Ed Brinson.