

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2016

WELCOME FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to Order: President Steve Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Comments: President Neal thanked the Welcome Fire Department for hosting meeting tonight at the Richard Childress Racing. Thanks also given to Atlantic Emergency Solutions and LGFCU Commercial Lending for sponsoring our meal tonight.

Prayer: Chris Langham offered the opening prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

Introduction of the Board: President Neal welcomed everyone and asked that they sign the sheet going around. He introduced the Piedmont Association Board of Directors:

Steve Neal – President
Chris Langham – 1st VP
A.C. Rich – 2nd VP (absent)
Ed Brinson – Treasurer (absent)
Dolly Hulin – South Director
Chris Davis – North Director
Brian Cox – Past President (absent)
Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous association meeting were provided for review and approval. Motion made to accept by Tommy Cole and seconded by Jerry Brooks. Passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

No report

Vendor Briefs: LGFCU Commercial Lending and Atlantic Emergency Solutions were recognized and thanked for sponsoring the meal tonight. Each was given a few minutes to introduce their staff and gave a brief update of what they can do for firefighters and departments across the Piedmont.

VFIS thanked everyone for what they have been doing to assist down east with the devastation and flooding.

Agency Reports

1. **NCSFA** – Chris Davis gave update on the name and by-law changes that were approved at the SAFRE Conference. The SAFRE 2016 Conference was a success. At Conference, Chief Dennis Presley from the Skyland Fire Department was elected as new statistician. He joins Winfield Abbey, the new Western Director, as new members on the Board. Chief John Grimes rotated off the board as Past President. The 2017 SAFRE/FRI Conference will be July 24-29, 2017 in Charlotte, NC. Reminder of deadlines for Relief fund financial statements and Report of Eligibility to DOI are both due on October 31, 2016.
2. **NCAFC** – Several of the NCAFC board members were present tonight. Jake Whisnant introduced the present and past members. Tracey Mosley gave report of items going on with the

NCAFC. He thanked everyone who has helped with the recovery down east. He gave an update on Mid-Winter NCSFA Conference which is February 1-5, 2017 in Concord, NC. Chris Langham gave report on IMAS status from Piedmont units that were deployed. Jake also updated on other things they are working on. Visit their website for updates.

3. **NCFFF** – Shane Allred reported. We have 8 lodd deaths this year so far. Thanks to all who helped with the state fair. We will have a booth setup at Piedmont Fire show and the Mid-Winter. We also will be sponsoring a round table at Mid-Winter with several Chiefs about LODDs.
4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** –Jimmy Barrow gave update on upcoming classes and conferences. VFIS will now offer insurance for the NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructor members starting in January. More information on website.
5. **OSFM** – Scott Hackler gave update. OSFM has moved temporarily until January when they will move to permanent location. New skills sheets have now been distributed. All practicals have to be completed before they can test and be certified. Updates on schools, etc. are on their website.
6. **SEAFB** – Len Needham reported that annual conference will be June 19-22, 2017 in Charleston, SC. He thanked everyone for helping also with the flooding.
7. **NC Community College System** – Chris Raynor reported that several schools were cancelled due to the flooding and understands, Lenoir is still closed. Updates were given on several issues.

Old Business –

1. By-law Amendment – PNCFA Board recommends that we amend our By-Laws to reflect name change from Firemen to Firefighters for the NCSFA. Motion made by Jerry Brooks and seconded by Steve Roberson to approve the change. Passes unanimously.

New Business –

1. Scholarships and Grants will open January 1 thru March 31. Will be posted to our webpage soon. A. C. Rich is working on updating our website.
2. According to updates in the NCSFA term changes, the PNCFA will need to select a representative to serve on the NCSFA Board as the PNCFA representative. The PNCFA Board will bring a recommendation to the January meeting.

Program –

1. Jamie Fore with Forsyth County, gave information on the Piedmont Fire Expo which will be held January 20-21, 2017 in Winston-Salem, NC. The PNCFA is a co-sponsor for this fire expo. Some changes have been made to webpage and all brochures to include the PNCFA.
2. Jeff Cash, National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) gave updates. Tim Bradley and Jeff Cash are the NC representatives on the NVFC. Very important information can be found on their website, www.NVFC.org.
3. 2017 Meeting Locations:
 - a. 1/25/17, Stokes County, City of King Fire Department
 - b. 4/27/17, Open
 - c. 7/27/17 Orange county
 - d. 10/17 Moore County

Door prizes were given out.

Attendance: 70

Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn. The association meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.