

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2020
GREENSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to Order: President A. C. Rich called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Pledged of Allegiance

Opening Comments: President Rich welcomed everyone and thanked Chief Bobby Nugent and the staff at Greensboro Fire Department for hosting meeting. Thanks to Atlantic Emergency Solutions for sponsoring the meal tonight. Becky Rawls (AES) spoke for a few minutes and thanked everyone. She and her staff appreciate all the hard work done by this group.

Vendors: Several vendors in attendance were recognized.

Prayer: Chris Davis opened meeting with prayer.

Installation of Officers: Wesley Hutchins swore in the PNCFA Officers. Jerry Brooks swore in the PNCFA President Chris Davis. Chris Davis presented Past President AC Rich with a helmet in honor of this work with the PNCFA.

Introduction of officers:

Chris Davis – President, Clemmons FD
Dolly Hulin – 1st VP Thomasville FD
Steven Roberson – 2nd VP, City of King FD
Brian Causey - South Director, Guil-Rand FD
Scott Hackler – North Director, Efland FD
Ed Brinson – Treasurer, Fairview FD Retired
Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary, Bahama FD
A.C. Rich – President, Youngsville FD/Northern Wake FD/Raleigh (Retired)

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 2019 meeting were posted on line. Motion to accept was made and seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Davis gave treasurer's report for Ed Brinson for last quarter was presented. A copy of financial report was distributed to each attendee for review. Current total of all accounts is \$34,549.34. Motion to accept report was made and seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Agency Reports

- 1. NCSFA –** Tim Bradley introduced current and Past Presidents that were in attendance. He reported on several issues and gave updates on Relief Fund, Scholarship and Grants, State and Federal Legislation. Report given on Board Retreat and Joint NCSFA/NCAFC meeting. Summit will be held at Mid-winter Conference next week with Boards of the NCAFC, NCSFA, Boards from all Regional Associations, Fire Marshal's Association and the PFPNC. Legislation will be the central theme of this years summit. SAFRE is August 12-15, 2020 in Raleigh. Theme #UnitedByPurpose. NCSFA Historian work continues performed by Dennis Pressley. Mke Legeros has begun

formulating historical information. Some of this will be displayed at SAFRE this year. Hope is to have a complete history of the Association and the NC Fire Service in general. It will take several years to complete this task.

2. **NCAFC** – Chris Langham introduced Past and current Presidents that were in attendance. He reported on 2020 Mid-Winter Conference which is Jan 29-Feb 2 in Concord. Member appreciation packets were distributed before Christmas. Updates given on Volunteer Workforce Solutions, NCAFC Volunteer recruitment PSA, 61st Annual NC Fire Prevention School and NC Specialty License Plates.
3. **NCFFF** –Robert Templeton reported for the NCFFF. Memorial Service this year is May 2, 2020. Looing for funds to fund expansion of the Monument. He thanked CIVIC and Atlantic Emergency for their support of the Foundation.
4. **NC Society of Fire/Rescue Instructors** – No report.
5. **OSFM** – Derrick Clauson distributed the quarterly newsletter with all of their updates to everyone present. The 2019 Civilian/fire Fatality Report for the State of North Carolina for review.
6. **International Association of Fire Investigators** – Report given.
7. **SE AFC** – Len Needham reported on updates. Annual conference coming in May 11-15 in Atlanta. Health and Wellness symposium was held last week in Atlanta. Very good symposium. Working hard to try and get SE AFC Conference in North Carolina in 2022.
8. **NC Community Colleges** – No report.
9. **NC Emergency Management** – Report given on recover for past hurricanes. Recovery is ongoing. Thanks to all who help. HazMac going on line and information will be sent to all counties who will be able to instruct departments how to sign on. Requests will be going out for help at the Republican convention in Charlotte.
10. **NVFC** – No report.
11. **Guilford County Emergency Service** – National Fire Academy New Executive Chief Office course will be provided in North Carolina March 23-27, 2020 in Guilford County. A handout with information was distributed to all attendees.

Old Business – None.

New Business –

1. NCSFA Regional Directors Position – the PNCFA would like to nominate Steven Roberson to serve as the Piedmont representative to the NCSFA. Nominations from the floor was open for nominations. Motion made and seconded to close nominations. Nomination was approved unanimously.
2. NCFFF Piedmont Director – Shane Allred has stepped down as Piedmont Director to the NCFFF. The Executive Board appointed David Swain as his replacement to serve on the NCFFF Board as Piedmont Director.
3. Updates were given on the scholarships and Brooks/Ward sponsorships. New information is posted on website.
4. Training coming back to the Piedmont. April 17-18, 2020 PNCFA will have Buddy to Boss/Battleground FF by Chase Sargent. Training will be held at Randolph Community College. Pre-registration is preferred. Information posted on our website.

Program: NCAFC representative Kevin Gordon was suppose to speak but could not attend due to the flu. Michael Caviness gave an update on the newly revised firefighter certification program. Lots of misinformation has been spread. Number of courses have decreased from 21 to 13. Skills have been revamped. This should increase time of instruction and less time of testing which should produce a better trained firefighter. More emphasis is placed on practical and less on testing. The quality of the

tests has also improved dramatically. Requalification for instructors must be completed by June 30. Driver Operator program is being rewritten at this time.

2020 Meeting Locations:

1. April 22, 2020 – Northwest Harnett FD (Harnett Co)
2. July 22, 2020 – Bahama FD (Durham Co)
3. October 28, 2020 – Forbush FD (Yadkin Co)

Adjournment – Motion made to adjourn by Chief Len Needham. The association meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Attendance: 97