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Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association

Quarterly Association Meeting

July 25 @ 6:30 pm

Horneytown 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

Welcome – Ron Fowler welcomed everyone and thanked Chief Jones and the Horneytown Fire Department for hosting our quarterly meeting. Thanks to Triad Fire for sponsoring the meal.

Invocation – Ron Fowler offered invocation.

Meal – Sponsored by Triad Fire. Ron thanked them for the great meal. Triad Fire presented a short introduction and video of their company.

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

Introduction of Board Members:

Ron Fowler – President

Brian Cox – 1st VP

Steve Neal – 2nd VP

Tommy Cole – Past President

Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

Ed Brinson – Treasurer

Chris Langham – North Director (*absent*)

A.C. Rich – South Director

Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2012 Meeting – Minutes were distributed for everyone to review. Motion to accept was made and seconded. Passes.

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

Association/Agency Reports

1. MDA – Heather Chapin, Coordinator for MDA in the Greensboro area, reported that she works with fire departments to fill the boots, etc. to raise money for MDA. A MDA patient introduced himself and wife. He used to be a firefighter years ago and realizes how



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much hard work is done and wants to thank everyone for their support for MDA. Please try to make some time to help fill a boot in your area.

2. NCSFA – Paul Miller introduced all of their board members who were in attendance. He introduced Ed Brinson who was appointed Assistant Director for the NCSFA. Ed gave report for the NCSFA. Expo conference is August 8-11. You can register online. Ed gave a report on Expo and all the things going on during conference. They are launching an online store where you will be able to order items. He updated items addressed in the legislature session this year. Ed also updated all items of concerns to members.
3. NCAFC – Len Needham gave report and update on items concerning Chiefs and departments. Chief Needham thanked everyone for their help with contacting their local elected officials concerning items that concern all fire departments. Len gave update on upcoming conferences over the next several months. Thanks to all of your support. If any questions, please let them know.
4. NCFFF – Robert Templeton gave report. He thanked everyone for allowing him to serve on this board. Expo Memorial Service is August 9 at 4:00pm. A candlelight service will be held at 8:00pm. Website and Face Book pages up and running. Go to webpage and scroll down for information on the Volunteer Logistical Support Team for information on how to join and help the NCFFF. The Foundation will need volunteers to help with the booth at the NC State Fair.
5. Instructor's Association – no report
6. Community College – will have booth at Expo and will have info on college courses, etc., of interest to departments. In meetings now to work on curriculum for the coming year. Guidance has been distributed to community colleges concerning what fees can be waived on courses to help with fees.
7. NC Emergency Management – Joe Wright gave report on items from the NCEM staff. Several courses are coming out which you can get to on their website, under the training section.
8. OSFM – Derrick reported on some upcoming courses they are holding. Fire officer 3 is coming to a end and 4 will be starting up. Several new items being worked on such as a Chapter 13 for dive teams. He gave update on all the classes or courses they have going on.

Vendor Briefs

1. Marlo Carruf with MetLife gave a brief presentation about program thru NCSFA who has partnered with MetLife to save all of their members' money. Make sure you tell them you are a member of the NCSFA and there are several discounts available to members.
2. LGFCU – Carl Cook gave a brief update from LGFCU.
3. Fire and Rescue Concepts – Eric Stroud explained Fire and Rescue Concepts product Last Chance Rescue Filter which sells for \$15 each.
4. Vest Sales and Services – Andrew Vest has display setup outside for everyone to review if interested.



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5. Stewart Cooper – Representative gave a short report on their company and gave a gas card out as door prize.

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Scholarship Awards were awarded to the following:
 - \$500 – Jim Lasley, Vienna Fire Department
 - \$500 – James Ruble, Gum Tree Fire Department
 - \$1,000 – Austin Groves, Piney Grove Fire Department
2. Brooks/Ward Scholarship for \$500 goes to Efland Fire Department so someone from their department can attend the NC Expo this year.
3. Appointment of PNCFA to the NC Chiefs Association Board of Directors. The PNCFA Board nominates Steve Neal to represent the PNCFA on the NCSCA. Motion made by Chief Jones to close nominations. Motion was seconded and passed. Chief Neal will be appointed.
4. Warrenton thanked the PNCFA for their support for their Junior FF competition.

Program – Clandestine Drug Labs – Presentation by August Vernon, Forsyth County EM, on meth labs. Clandestine labs are any lab that manufactures illegal, controlled drugs or substances. There are two locations of Clan labs – stationary and mobile. Meth is very easy to make, easy to get ingredients, large profit margin, and new methods “shake and bake” and “one pot”. Problems: explosion and fire; booby traps and weapons. Hazards are chemicals that are rarely labeled and are seldom in original containers; mixing toxic chemicals, flammable and combustible; no two labs are ever the same; and information from cooks may not be accurate. In 2010, there were 235 labs in NC. In 2011, there were 344 and in 2012, so far 253. Responder warning signs include medical aid calls with sick calls, burn or smoke inhalation, man down calls, etc. Shake and Bake and One Pot produces condensed ammonia and perform the cook in the same container or pot. Same ingredients as in condensed ammonia; the container is usually a plastic soda bottle with a lid. Fastest cook method, very little waste which means little evidence and smaller cooks because pseudoephedrine is less available. Clan lab is an emergency response and a crime scene. Call Public Safety officer. Scene needs to be treated as a crime scene.

Next Meeting – October 24, 2012
6:30 pm at Scott Safety in Monroe, NC

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