

# PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING

JULY 27, 2016

GRANVILLE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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

**Opening Comments:** President Neal thanked the Granville County Firefighters Association for hosting meeting tonight. Thanks also given to C. W. Williams and Rhinehart Fire Services for sponsoring our meal tonight.

**Prayer:** Brian Cox 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Ed Brinson – Treasurer  
Dolly Hulin – South Director  
Chris Davis – North Director  
Brian Cox – Past President  
Kathy Weatherspoon – Executive Secretary

## Meeting Minutes

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

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the period of April - June 2016. Total in all accounts is \$38,704.84. Motion to accept made by Walter Gardner and seconded Len Needham. Passes unanimously.

**Presentation:** A presentation was made by Mark Spessard, Group Benefits specialist with Legal Shield which is a benefit available to the NCSFA membership.

## Agency Reports

1. **NCSFA** – Tim Bradley gave the NCSFA update and the program for tonight. Tim Bradely introduced NCSFA members, present and past that were in attendance. He gave an update on the conference coming up in August. Bylaw changes have been mailed out and vote will be held at conference. He update legislative issues for 2016, potential legislative issues for 2017 and an overview of Association Benefits for all NCSFA members.
2. **NCAFC** – Chris Langham reported. He introduced NCAFC members, present and past that were in attendance. Not a lot going on right now. The NCAFC did participate in the NC Legislature Day. October 17-21 training program is coming up. Few slots still available.
3. **NCFFF** – Ed Brinson reported there have been 8 line of duty deaths so far this year in North Carolina. Conference Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, August 11 at 3:00pm at the

Charlotte Convention Center Ballroom A & B. We will be at Expo. Two raffles will be available starting with Conference. First, which will be given away at Expo, are a Henry Firefighter Edition 22 rifle and a 45 caliber Kimber Ulter II pistol. Second raffle will be a top of the line Holland grill and a Yeti cooler, which will be awarded at the end of the NC State Fair. We need volunteers to help staff our booth at the NC State Fair.

4. **NC Society of Fire-Rescue Instructors** – Jonathan Sowers reported. He updated items coming up and training available.
5. **OSFM** – Derrick Clouston reported for OSFM. He updated several items coming up and new items that will be posted soon for next year. He spoke shortly on the new fire alarm rule and how that affects your ISO ratings.
6. **SEAFRC** – Len Needham reported on Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. Several classes coming up. Next conference in 2017 will be in Charleston, SC. SEAFRC will be at FRI and will have a luncheon at FRI.
7. **NC Community College System** – Chris Raynor gave updates. New President has started and is meeting with people and staff across the State. Several schools are coming up and are listed online. They will have a booth at SAFER. Educators Conference will be in September in RTP.
8. **NC Emergency Management** – No report.
9. **NC Workers Comp** – Mike Hill reported that we should plan on a workers comp increase next year.
10. **Vendors** – LGFCU, Atlantic Solutions, C. W. Williams

#### **Awards:**

1. Scholarships: Awardees are \$2,500 scholarships: Marci Sessions, Wadesboro; Austin Sharpe, Clemmons; \$1,500 scholarships: Sarah Woodard, Knightdale; Frederick Hall, Summerfield.
2. Grants: Timberlake Fire Department was awarded the Brooks-Ward Sponsorship for the NCSFA Conference. Three applicants were received. Second sponsorship awarded to Wadesboro Fire Department for the Mid-Winter Chief's Conference.

#### **Old Business –**

1. Bylaws –The Bylaws were discussed at last meeting and was posted on our webpage for review. There were no questions from the floor concerning the changes. Motion made to accept and approve revised Bylaws by Brian Causey and was seconded by Ed Brinson. Approved unanimously.

#### **New Business**

1. Awards: Applications for Chief, Officer, and Firefighter of the Year nominees are due by September 30. Application is on our website.

**Program** – NCSFA Tim Bradley gave his report earlier.

The floor was open for the two individuals running for NCSFA Statistician, Derrick Clouston and Dennis Presley, to introduce themselves to the membership and ask for their vote at the NCSFA SAFRE Conference.

Door prizes were given out.

Next meeting will be October 26 in Davidson County at Richard Childress Race shop.

Attendance: 93

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