

PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2014

RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HAMLET, NC

Call to Order

President Brian Cox called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Comments

President Cox thanked Donna from Richmond County Emergency Services for hosting the meeting and he thanked Safe Industries for sponsoring the meal.

Prayer

Ron Fowler offered the opening prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

Introduction of the Board

President Cox introduced the Piedmont Association Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the previous association meeting were provided for review and approval. **Chief Ron Fowler motioned to approve the minutes. Chief Dan Curia seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented for the period of July-September, 2014. **Chief Steve Neal motioned to approve the report. Derrick Clouston seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

Old Business

No old business came before the association

New Business

➤ Welcome

President Cox welcomed everyone to the fall association meeting and thanked Richmond County for hosting the meeting. He directed members to the website for additional association information.

➤ Association Membership Dues

President Cox explained the new membership dues payment process through the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

➤ Additional Benefits

President Cox stated the scholarship benefits were raised by the Executive Board from \$2,000 to \$8,000 and we are now offering two \$750.00 Brooks/Ward grants rather than one \$500.00 grant.

➤ **National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)**

Chief Jeff Cash, the North Carolina representative for the NVFC, presented a program on the benefits of being an NVFC member. The benefits included AD&D insurance with a double indemnity benefit for a line of duty death, scholarships, and advocacy for volunteer members on Capitol Hill.

➤ **Agency Reports**

❖ **NCSFA**

Tim Bradley presented information on House Bill 1034 regarding relief fund changes and new items in the pension fund. He reported on HB698 regarding firefighter criminal background checks and USAR teams. Tim noted the dates of May 5th for the NCSFA legislative reception followed by legislative day on May 6th. He also reminded everyone that relief fund reports are due by mid-night on October 31, 2014.

❖ **NCAFC**

Steve Neal reported on the February Mid-Winter conference and announced the keynote speaker.

❖ **NCFFF**

Ed Brinson gave a brief report on the number of line of duty deaths for the year 2014.

❖ **OSFM**

Derrick Clouston gave the OSFM agency report. He reported on the Fire Officer III program and changes to the Chief 101 class.

❖ **Department of Community Colleges**

Chris Raynor presented for the Department of Community Colleges

❖ **NC Forest Service**

Don Watson gave the agency report for the Forest Service. He noted that his agency responds to approximately 5,000 wildland fires per year.

No Further Business Came Before the Association

Adjournment

The association meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.