June 1, 2023 Franklinville Fire Department, Station 8

Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m. 146 West Main Street

Franklinville, NC 27248

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 
   1. Meeting called to order by the President at 1702.
2. **MOMENT OF SILENCE / PRAYER**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS** 
   1. Determination of Quorum – Secretary
      1. 18 Fire Departments present for the meeting.
   2. Approval of Minutes – Chief Luke Richardson
      1. February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
      2. March 2, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
      3. May 4, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes
   3. Motion to approve all minutes as presented made by Chief Troy Powell and seconded by Chief David Ridgeway. All approved likewise.
   4. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda (Are there Any Additions or Deletions).
      1. NC Senators David Craven and Amy Galey were unable to attend.
   5. Treasurer’s Report – Chief T. Dean Powell.
      1. Chief Powell went over monies in the bank, expenses, and deposits. Motion to approve treasurers report made by Chief Gary McGee and seconded by Chief David Ridgeway. All approved likewise. Purchased two challenge coin holders for Senators David Craven and Amy Galey. Would like to purchase three more for NC Representatives at a cost of $185 each. Chief David Ridgeway motioned and Chief Kenan Jones seconded. All approved likewise.
   6. President’s Report – Chief Eric Hoffman
      1. We currently have 499 firefighters that serve Randolph County. The average age of our firefighters is 40 years old. 125 firefighters are 25 years old or younger, most firefighters are 50 years old or older in the county.

1. **RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST(S)** 
   1. NC State Senators, NC House Representatives & County Commissioners
      1. Randolph County Commissioners Maxton McDowell and Hope Haywood were in attendance for the meeting. Maxton and Hope spoke briefly about the appreciation for the fire service. Hope also spoke about the need to educate the public more regarding what the fire service does and why they do it.
2. **PRESENTATIONS** 
   1. Tim Vierheller – C.W. Williams and Civic Credit Union (Meal Sponsor)
      1. Brief presentation from CW Williams and Civic Credit regarding the services they offer.
3. **OLD BUSINESS** 
   1. None
4. **NEW BUSINESS** 
   1. Firefighter Day – October 14th
      1. Committee Appointment and Location of Event.
         1. Would like to appoint a committee at the August meeting. Bring names of those who would like to serve. Chief Kyle Dixon asked the group about a location for the next one in October. Discussion from the group regarding having it at the mall or the courthouse. Majority in favor of keeping it at the courthouse.
         2. Commissioner Haywood brought up a few ideas. The Scouts use the NC Zoo for a camp out in the fall. The fire service could collaborate with them on this and target a specific audience. Uwharrie Charter is always willing to help in any way they can. They may be able to print our banners and signs for the upcoming firefighter day at little or no cost to us.
      2. Appropriation for Banners, Signage, Event Expenses $1,500.00. Chief Eric Hoffman motioned to approve the purchase and David Ridgeway seconded it. All approved likewise.
      3. Appropriation for 2nd Annual Firefighter Day Shirt Sales $1,500.00. Motion to approve the purchase made by Chief David Ridgeway and seconded by Chief Cameron Shepard. All approved likewise.
   2. County Water Haul Drill (All Departments) Drinks & Snacks? Lunch? Want to Cook Out?

President Hoffman recognized OSFM Jeremy Hunt to explain the new ISO requirements for fill / dump. They measure amount of flow to off-load a tanker rather than drop tank operations. If they are going to nurse the entire operation, they can now grade the FD in that manner. They are not reinventing the wheel they are looking to see if there is a better way to do the operation without punishing the FD. It gives you the ability to pump more water.

* + 1. June 22nd 7pm Ulah Sta. 11 (Class Portion for New Method)
    2. June 24th 9am – Until at 4402 US-220 Bus, Asheboro (Klaussner Plant)
    3. All Tankers must have NEW Times with New Method for ISO. This will update all tankers in the county with DOI. Highly encouraged you attend the class (June 22nd) and the exercise (June 24th).

1. **STANDING COMMITTEES** 
   1. Communications – OSFM Jeremy Hunt
      1. Communications committee has finished up the high call volume plan and submitted it to the county. County 911 and ES is experiencing a high vacancy rate and is hindering this plan from being implemented. County is looking at the paging system for the county. County has received some funding to address this need in the future. A new VIPER site is coming to the Randleman fire district to assist with poor coverage areas. Addressed some Active911 issues experienced by users pertaining to not getting alerts or getting multiple alerts. Chief Dixon asked about paging sites across the county. There are currently four paging sites spread across the county. County is still looking at a backup paging system for the future.
   2. NC Legislative – Deputy Chief Brian Causey
      1. NC Fire Service Legislative Day was a success this year, 11 department from Randolph county were represented. Cancer benefit has been funded into the future. New firefighters can go to the clerk of courts to get a records check if they have lived in the county for five years. If they haven’t they will need to go and get a full background check. Either will suffice for prospective volunteers and new paid firefighters. There is a little over $3.7 million in the State budget that could come to Randolph County if approved for our radio purchase. It is still in budget and is looking favorable for passage at the moment. We should know for sure near the end of June. Piedmont Meeting notes: Scholarships were awarded to two individuals in our county. State Chiefs Association will be offering some executive officer program coming up soon, dates will be forthcoming.
   3. Local Legislative – Chief Gary McGee
      1. We need to provide a unified front at the upcoming Commissioners meeting. We need to keep the commissioners informed on the status of the radio funding through the state. If the event we do not receive the funding, it would need to be addressed with the commissioners. Chief Hoffman is doing the presentation for county fire as a whole. If a specific question is asked pertaining to a certain fire district, that chief needs to be present to answer it. Encourage your members and board to attend to show the commissioners the support we have.
   4. Logistics – Chief David Ridgeway
      1. Both logistics trailers are at the old station 43. Will be sending off the fit test machine for calibration soon.
   5. Training – Assistant Chief Brian Wood & RCC Director Regina Brewer
      1. During the past weekend school they found that most class attendees participated in classes that ran from Friday night to Sunday. May need to look at doing two weekends instead of a week plus weekend. Possible do a golf tournament during the next weekend school. Other specialized classes will be coming to the next weekend school. More information to follow. Regina emailed out a summer academy to fire departments. If interested get with her for more information. 15-year-olds can take firefighter classes, they cannot take ops9 which is fire control. 17-year-olds can take ops9, as long as its their last class.

* 1. Honor Guard – Chief T. Dean Powell
     1. Emailed all fire departments about needing names of interested individuals who would like to participate. There is an upcoming honor guard class coming up soon. This class covers everything an honor guard member needs to know. Registration is $550. Chief Powell has asked the association to send two to the training. Chief Luke Richardson motioned to send two members to the training and Chief Eric Hoffman seconded. All approved likewise.
  2. May Day / RIT Policy – Chief Ben Hicks
     1. Chief Hicks was not present at the meeting to give a report.

1. **OPEN FLOOR TOPIC DISCUSSION** 
   1. Chief Recil Williamson talked about some upcoming active assailant training coming up July 24th – 28th in Asheboro. More information to follow.
2. **ELECTION of TWO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS** (RCAFC is on a Fiscal Year of July 1 – June 30)

*As the President is up for re-election, Vice President Chief Dixon will handle the election process.*

* 1. Election of Treasurer: Term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.
     1. Chief Troy Powell is running unopposed and is seeking another term. Chief Jay Ledwell nominated him for another term. No objections were presented before the group. Chief Powell was Re-elected by acclamation for a three-year term, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026.
  2. Election of President: Term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.
     1. Chief Eric Hoffman is running unopposed and is seeking another term. Chief Kenan Jones nominated him for another term. No objections were presented before the group. Chief Hoffman was Re-elected by acclamation for a three-year term, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026.

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 
   1. June 12th – 4pm Commissioner’s Budget Presentation (Pres. Hoffman – RCAFC)
   2. June 19th – 6pm Commissioner’s 2023-24 Fire District Property Tax Rates Adoption
   3. July 4th – Holiday
   4. July 8th – BBQ Benefit for Ulah firefighter Earl Nilsson.
   5. August 3rd – Next Regular Meeting, Franklinville FD Station 8 at 5pm. Class will be taught at 7pm called ‘Everyone Goes Home.’
   6. October 7th – Asheboro Fall Festival
   7. October 14th – RCAFC 2nd Annual Firefighter Day
   8. October 21st – Ramseur Projected “A Day on Main Fall Festival”
2. Chief Troy Powell updated the group on changes to the bylaws relating to electing members in June instead of August. This will need to be addressed at the next meeting.
3. George Kivett’s health is declining. Would like to have a cookout where you come and talk to him. July 22nd 4pm – 7pm at Ramseur Fire Department. Please come out if you can, this needs to be a surprise so don’t tell him.
4. **ADJOURN** 
   1. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chief Kyle Dixon and seconded by Chief Troy Powell. All approved likewise.