

**Fire and Rescue Commission
Pinecroft-Sedgefield FD, Greensboro
October 14, 2014**

Attendees: Harley Cook, Chairman
Josh Smith
Robert Poe
David Wray
Gary Whitman
Bill Rogers
Phil Welch

Ken Briscoe, Vice Chairman
Kevin Gordon
Walter Gardner
Freddy Johnson
Rick McIntyre, Executive Director
Cloyce Anders

Welcome, Call to Order, Invocation

Chairman Harley Cook called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and asked Phil Welch to give the Invocation.

Ethics Statement

Chairman Harley Cook presented the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest reminder as required by the North Carolina State Ethics Commission. There were no conflicts reported at this time.

Approval of Agenda as Presented

Motion was made by Bill Rogers, seconded by Kevin Gordon to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of April Meeting

Motion was made by Kevin Gordon, seconded by Walter Gardner to approve the minutes of the April 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Certification Board Update – Kevin Gordon, Chair, Certification Board - See Attached

Reciprocity Policy (Attachments; pages 7-10) – needs approval

David Wray made a motion to accept the reciprocity Policy. The motion was seconded by Walter Gardner. Motion passed.

Instructor Consequence Policy (Attachments; pages 11-16) – needs approval

Freddy Johnson made a motion to accept the reciprocity Policy. The motion was seconded by Ken Briscoe. Motion passed.

Certification Board Report – Ken Briscoe made a motion to accept the Certification Board Report. The motion was seconded by Phil Welch. Motion passed.

Arson Review Board Update – Henry Sermons

The Arson Review Board met in July. The J & B test was approved as the Basic course that is required for the Fire Arson certification program. It meets the NFPA 1033 standard. The Board is currently working with staff to come up with the Instructor requirements for the Basic Course.

Old Business

Line of Duty Deaths – Wayne Bailey

Staff is currently working on two possible LODDs. One from the NC Department of Forestry and one from the Justice Fire Department.

Harley Cook presented Fire Officer IV certificates to the students who participated in the Fire Officer IV Pilot Program.

NEW BUSINESS

High School Firefighter Program - David Barbour

Harnett Central High School Cadets gave brief statements of the program. Including how it has helped them to be motivated and productive in school, provided them with career goals and a feelings of accomplishment.

David reported on the increase and success of the High School Firefighter Programs. **See attachment.**

Delivery Agency Requests - Kevin Gordon

Delivery Agency Requests are increasing. Kevin asked if the Commission needed to be involved in the whether or not departments should request the status to deliver certification programs. Should the number of approved delivery agencies be limited? Phil Welch stated the numbers should not be limited. Bill Rogers state the process should be left as is until it is a problem.

AGENCY REPORTS

Department of Insurance – Rick McIntyre –

The Fire and Rescue Commission Committee started working on a set of By Laws for the Fire and Rescue Commission in April. These should be ready for review at the January 2015 Commission meeting. The Fire and Rescue Commission will need to provide a Workers Compensation Board data collection report to the legislature in January 2015.

NCSFA - Ed Brinson - See attachments

NCAR&EMS - Joel Faircloth– See Attachments

NCAFC – Steve Neal – See Attachments

NCCCS – Winfield Abee

Statewide calendar system is being tested and is almost complete. New FIP numbers for Firefighter have been released.

NC Department of Labor – Holis Yelvington

Effective Jan. 1, 2015. The N.C. Department of Labor will adopt this change as required by law. The revised rule expands the list of severe work-related injuries that all covered employers must report to the NCDOL Occupational Safety and Health Division. The revised rule retains the current requirement to report all work-related fatalities within eight hours and adds the requirement to report all work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours. There are also changes to the recordkeeping requirements that will also take effect Jan. 1, 2015.

Bill Rogers asked that this information be placed on the OSFM website.

The 2015 meeting dates are:

January 13

April 21

July 14

October 13

They location will be Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department for all meetings with a start time of 10:00 a.m.

With no other business to be addressed today, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Williams

Certification Board Report – October 14, 2014

Standing Committee Reports –

Since the last Commission meeting, the Certification met on September 16 and held a short conference call on October 01.

Discipline Committee – The Discipline Committee did not formal meet, but they did work to finalize the Instructor Consequence Policy. This will be discussed in more detail later in this report.

Rules Committee – The Rules Committee met on August 27 and prior to the Certification Board (CB) meeting of September 16. Items on the agenda were:

- 1) Fire Marshal Certification – approved notification
- 2) Reciprocity – recommend to the FRC amendments to the policy**
- 3) Pro-Board Testing – approved process to move testing back to the Delivery Agencies for FLSE, Fire Officer I and II, and Fire Instructor I and II
- 4) Chief 101 – updated and recommend changes to the Chief 101 program**
- 5) Fire Department Delivery Agencies – approved removal of moratorium
- 6) Pilot process and the new “Q” school – approved amended process for handling the T-t-T in the “Q” school offerings
- 7) Explanation of simulations – approved supporting documents to explain simulations and the FRC’s expectation of not demonstrating psychomotor skills in fire and rescue certification programs
- 8) NFPA 1005 Marine – approved Staff to move forward with modifying Marine FF course(s)
- 9) HM Technician – approved December 31, 2014 as the “true” sunset date for accepting application for HM Technician certification.**

Validation Committee Reports –

Dive Rescue – Work continues -- projected timeframes for this program are: LP development in June/July 2014, LP rough drafts to Committee in October 2014, Practical skills rough drafts to Committee in January 2015, and Question bank to Committee in March 2015.

Instructor III – We will have a class that “will not” be handed off to the Community Colleges and will be a delivered by NC OSFM Training Staff as a “direct-delivery”. This course will also qualify for Pro-

Board accreditation. *Requirements to become a qualified instructor to teach Fire Instructor III are: candidate must be qualified to teach Fire Instructor I and II; candidate must be certified a minimum of five (5) years as a Fire Instructor III; and, pass the qualification exam with a score of 80 (Fire Instructor III).*

Rescue Officer – First pilot was successful and pilot process will continue soon with the second course.

Technical Rescuer I (General, VMR, Water, and Wilderness) – Committee is reviewing course material and have been given a due date of December 31, 2014. This will give Staff the fourth quarter of 2014 to complete their work and upgrades will be schedule and delivered in the first-half of 2015.

Technical Rescuer II (Collapse, Trench, Confined Space, and Ropes) – Committee is reviewing course material and have been given a due date of December 31, 2014. This will give Staff the fourth quarter of 2014 to complete their work and upgrades will be schedule and delivered in the first-half of 2015.

Old Business –

Pro-Board (PB) Testing (Attachments; pages 1-2) – Effective January 01, 2015, courses registered under the following FIP numbers will be tested by all approved Delivery Agencies and the end of the course and the associated grades will be reported to OSFM via their approved reporting procedures.
a. FIP 3710, 3711, 3712, 3806, 3807, 3808, 4610, 4611, 4612, 4613, 4614, 4615, 4616, 4617, and 4618
Drop Pro-Board Accreditation for Fire Officer 1, Fire Officer 2, Fire Instructor 1, Fire Instructor 2, Fire Life Safety Educator 1, Fire Life Safety Educator 2, and Fire Life Safety Educator 3.
Maintain/acquire Pro-Board Accreditation for Fire Officer 3, Fire Officer 4, Fire Instructor 3, and Haz-Mat Technician (all the Direct Delivery Courses).

Explanation of simulations (Attachments; page 3) – see attachment

Chief 101; explanation of changes (Attachments; pages 5-6) – see attachment

New Business –

Reciprocity Policy (Attachments; pages 7-10) – see attachment

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Action Required by Commission –

Reciprocity Policy (Attachments; pages 7-10) – needs approval

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Approval of CB Report – needs approval

From: David Barbour, T&I Education Consultant
 Subject: NC High School Fire Fighter Academy Program Status

October 14, 2014

The North Carolina High School Fire Fighter Academy Program completed its fourth year. Cost for running this program is minimal seeing curriculum is free and certifications are free. Textbooks, teacher pay, and classroom space, and limited equipment is the only school associated cost requirements.

- There are currently 38 High School Public Safety Academies, most of them fire fighter programs with a few (3) being EMT only and several being both (5). In addition, most schools are teaching Public Safety I and II as preliminary courses prior to enrolling in the three Fire Fighting courses or the two EMT courses.
- Law Enforcement I & II courses will be added next school year as a Pilot program at several current Public Safety Academy program schools.
- All our Fire Fighter Academies have received donations of equipment. Many of our Fire Fighter programs have received donations of a Mobile Training Labs (formerly active Fire Trucks). It is our hope that all our academies will eventually have their own Mobile Training Lab.
- With the new release of curriculum and assessment by the OSFM, additional training is being considered during the summer that could possibly include Fire Control and/or Hazmat.
- NCDPI and the USDOE accepts each module as a separate certification and the FF I/II certification as a credential.

Module/Certification	2012-2013	2013-2014	% Change
FIP Building Construction	12	85	608%
FIP Emergency Medical Care	21	79	276%
FIP Fire Alarms and Communications	172	301	75%
FIP Fire Behavior	157	304	94%
FIP Fire Control	12	67	458%
FIP Fire Department Orientation and Safety	197	349	77%
FIP Fire Hose, Streams, & Appliances	151	274	81%
FIP Fire Prevention	164	299	82%
FIP Forcible Entry	60	156	160%
FIP Foam Fire Stream	36	99	175%
FIP Ladders	63	171	171%
FIP Overhaul	12	81	575%
FIP Personal Protective Equipment	194	336	73%
FIP Portable Fire Extinguishers	180	348	93%
FIP Rescue	12	83	592%
FIP Ropes	62	172	177%
FIP Salvage	21	84	300%
FIP Sprinklers	50	116	132%
FIP Ventilation	41	134	227%
FIP Water Supply	56	126	125%
Total Earned	1673	3664	119%

North Carolina High School Public Safety Programs		
Type	School	LEA

1	Southside High School - 5700 US Hwy East, Chocowinity, NC 27817	Beaufort
1	East Bladen HS - 5600 Hwy 87, Elizabethtown, NC 28337	Bladen
1	West Bladen HS - 1600 Hwy 410, Bladenboro, NC 28320	Bladen
1&2	Concord HS - 481 Burrage Road, Concord, NC 28025	Cabarrus
1	Hibriten HS - 1350 panther Trail SE, Lenoir NC	Caldwell
1	Providence HS - 1800 Pineville-Matthews Road, Charlotte, NC 28270	Charlotte-Meck
1	Andrews HS - 50 high school drive, Andrews NC	Cherokee
1&2	Havelock HS – 101 Webb Blvd. Havelock NC	Craven
1	New Bern HS – 4200 Academic Drive, New Bern NC	Craven
1	West Craven HS – 2600 Streets Ferry Road, Vanceboro, NC 28586	Craven
1	EE Smith HS - 1800 Seabrook Rd. Fayetteville, NC 28301	Cumberland
1	Holton Career and Resource Center - 401 North Driver Street, Durham, NC 27703	Durham
1	Pasquotank County HS - 1064 Northside Road, Elizabeth City NC	Elizabeth City Pasquotank
2	Louisburg HS - 201 Allen Lane, Louisburg, NC 27549	Franklin
1	Hunter Huss HS - 1518 Edgefield Ave, Gastonia, NC 28052	Gaston
1&2	Harnett Central HS - 2911 Harnett Central Road, Angier NC 27501	Harnett
1	Balfour Education Center – 2529 Asheville Highway, Hendersonville NC 28791	Henderson
1&2	Hickory Career and Arts Magnet - 409 8th Ave SW, Hickory NC 28602	Hickory City
1	Iredell Statesville Career Academy and Technical School - 350 Old Murdock Road, Troutman NC 28166	Iredell Statesville
1&2	McDowell HS - 600 W McDowell High School Rd, Marion, NC 28752	McDowell
1	East Montgomery HS – 157 Eagle Lane, Biscoe NC 27209	Montgomery
1	West Montgomery HS – 147 Warrior Drive, Mt. Gilead NC 27306	Montgomery
1	Rocky Mount HS - 1400 Bethlehem Road Rocky Mount, NC 27803	Nash-Rocky Mount
1	Southwest HS - 1420 Burgaw Hwy, Jacksonville, NC 28540	Onslow
1	Trask HS - 14328 NC Hwy 210, Rocky Point, NC 28457	Pender
1	Perquimans HS - 305 Edenton Road St., Hertford, NC 27944	Perquimans
1	D.H. Conley HS - 2006 Worthington Rd., Greenville NC 27858	Pitt
2	Robeson County Career Center - 1339 Hilly Branch Rd, Lumberton, NC 28360	Robeson
1	Rockingham County HS - 180 High School Road, Reidsville, NC 27375	Rockingham
1	Piedmont HS - 3006 Sikes Mill Road, Monroe, NC 28110	Union
1	Sun Valley HS -5211 Old Charlotte Highway Monroe, NC 28110	Union
1	Southern Vance HS - 925 Garrett Road Henderson, NC 27537	Vance
1	Northern Vance HS - 293 Warrenton Rd, Henderson, NC 27537	Vance
2	Athen's Drive HS - 1420 Athens Dr, Raleigh, NC 27606	Wake
1	Garner High School - 2102 Spring Dr., Garner, NC 27529	Wake
2	Warren County HS - 149 Campus Dr, Warrenton, NC 27589	Warren
1	Goldsboro HS - 901 E Beech St, Goldsboro, NC 27530	Wayne
1	Walkertown HS - 5240 Sullivantown Rd, Walkertown, NC 27051	Winston-Salem Forsyth
	Types of Programs	
	1- Fire Fighter	2 - EMT

Additional Information

Course Enrollment	2012-2013	2013-2014	% Change
Public Safety I	1098	1531	39%
Fire Fighter Tech I	264	493	87%
Fire Fighter Tech II	86	161	87%
Fire Fighter Tech III	9	67	644%

Significant Accomplishments
Commission, Training and Inspections
3rd Quarterly Report
2014

Commission Staff

Regional Exams

- James Sprunt CC – 51 students
- Rowan-Cabarrus CC – 75 students
- Raleigh OSFM – 70 students
- Raleigh OSFM – 50 students
- Cleveland CC – 55 students
- AB Tech CC – 49 students
- Central Carolina CC – 94 students
- Wilson CC – 41 students

Central Audits

- North Chatham FD (Central Carolina CC)
- North Chatham FD
- Alamance CC

Eastern Audits

- Shallotte FD
- Oak Island FD
- Cape Fear CC
- Carteret CC
- Martin CC
- Pitt CC (Greenville FD Training Center)
- Cooper's VFD
- Wilmington FD
- Wilson FD

Western Audits

- Columbus FD
- Concord FD
- South Piedmont CC
- Gaston College x 2
- Taylorsville FD
- South Piedmont CC

New Delivery Agency Site Visits

- Cherry Point FD
- Monroe FD

Five Year Site Visits

- Brunswick CC
- Montgomery CC
- Salisbury FD
- South Piedmont CC

Annual Visits

Eastern

- Oak Island FD
- James Sprunt CC
- Pasquotank HS
- Edgecombe CC
- Nash CC
- Coastal Carolina CC
- Southeastern CC
- James Sprunt CC
- Roanoke Chowan CC
- Cape Fear CC
- Halifax CC

Central

- Sandhills CC
- Alamance CC
- Central Carolina CC
- Durham Public Schools

Western

- Wilkes CC
- Hendersonville FD
- Concord HS
- Hunter Huss HS
- Balfour Academy HS
- Piedmont HS
- Sun Valley HS
- Hibriten HS
- Mayland CC Monroe FD
- Cleveland CC
- Wilkes CC

- Surry CC
- Statesville FD
- Monroe FD

LODD

- LODD initial meeting with Justice VFD
- Attended funeral for LODD at Justice VFD
- LODD initial meeting with NC Forestry Service
- LODD follow-up for Caswell County EMS
- LODD follow-up for Four Oaks FD

Other

- Staff attended NC Certification Board Meeting
- Staff spoke at two instructor meetings at Sandhills CC
- Staff attended UL Ventilation Class
- Staff attended NFPA 472 rewrite meeting
- Staff attended Q School Indoctrination Planning Meeting
- Staff attended Commission Staff Meeting
- Staff spoke at Instructor meetings at Sandhills CC and AB Tech CC
- Staff met with new school director at Southeastern CC
- Staff attended Rules Committee Meeting
- Staff attended NFPA 472 Rewrite Committee Meeting
- Staff attended funeral for retired Fire Chief Tommy Price
- Staff spoke at Johnston CC Fire Academy Graduation
- Staff attended NCAREMS Conference
- Staff participated in conference call with all DoD Agencies
- Staff spoke at Wilkes County Fireman's Association Meeting
- Staff presented for SAFRE Conference on High School Fire Academies
- Staff coordinated audio/visual equipment for SAFRE Conference
- Staff taught two Firefighter Instructor Requalification Classes
- Burlington FD – 60 students and 20 students
- Staff participated in NFIRS Focus Group
- Staff attended NC Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting
- Staff attended joint staff meeting with Training Division
- Staff attended and presented at Western State Fireman's Association Meeting
- Staff attended and presented at Eastern State Fireman's Association Meeting
- Staff presented at Dept. of Public Instruction's Summer Conference
- Staff conducted meeting for new high school program at Durham Public Schools
- Staff attended funeral for Jerry Grimes, former OSFM employee
- Staff coordinated audio/visual equipment for SAFRE Conference

- Staff taught two Firefighter Instructor Requalification Classes
 - Vance Granville CC
 - DPI Summer Conference
- Staff attended Wake County Training Officers Meeting
- Staff worked on accreditation for Fire Officer IV
- Staff created eight new certification tests
- Staff attended North America Fire Training Directors Meeting in Tuscaloosa, AL.
- Staff attended the IFSAC Fall Board meeting in Oklahoma City
- Staff attended the RIT school in Wilmington at Cape Fear CC

Inspections Staff

- Inspection staff conducted a rating class in Scotland County. There were 19 people in attendance and there were 7 different departments present.
- Inspection staff completed a method 3 inspection at the Bahama Fire Department in Durham County, the department improved from a 9E to a 5/9E with 53.23 points.
- Inspection staff conducted a 9S inspection for the North Chatham Fire Department in Chatham County. The department added 2 new sub-stations.
- Inspection staff had a meeting with the Fairgrove Fire Department in Davidson County. The meeting was to discuss future station location and discussed the department changing the inspection method from a method 1 to method 3.
- Inspection staff had meeting with the Town of Walkertown and the Forsyth County Fire Marshal Office to discuss the town's options for contracting with different departments.
- Inspections staff presented the NCRRS Ratings Class at Davie FMO EOC, Davie County. There were 18 participants representing 6 departments. The participants included; 11 Chief Officers, 1 member of the Davie County Fire Marshal's Office and 6 Firefighters.
- Inspection staff surveyed Cleveland Community Fire Department, Rowan County, during the period; grading utilized a Method 1, pressure hydrant grading for the Town of Cleveland and a Method 3, pressure hydrant and Tanker Shuttle grading visit of the West Rowan FD of Rowan County.
- Inspections staff met with the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief of Mount Mitchell Fire Department of Cabarrus County regarding information on performing a Method 3 survey for the district.
- Inspections staff met with the Iredell County FMO and Troutman Fire Department regarding needed corrections in their GUS mapping of the Town of Troutman and B & F FD.

- Inspection staff surveyed New River Fire Department, Ashe County, during the period; grading utilized a Method 3, pressure hydrant and Tanker Shuttle grading visit of the New River FD of Ashe County.
- Inspections staff presented the NCRRS Ratings Class at Pleasant Hill Fire Department, Wilkes County. There were 10 participants representing 5 departments. The participants included; 5 Chief Officers & 5 Firefighters.
- Inspection staff completed conducted a 9S inspection on Lake Waccamaw Fire Department. The purpose was to certify the department. The Department passed the inspection.
- Inspection staff completed a method 3 inspection of Bethel Fire Department in Pitt County.
- Inspection staff presented the NCRRS Rating Class at Brunswick County EOC. Class had 36 participants from 17 departments.
- Inspections Staff taught the New NCRRS at McDowell College for the local Fire Departments that could not attend during their weekend school. There were 15 people in the class with 3 from the Fire Marshal's Office and 7 different Departments.
- Inspections staff worked closely with ISO on upgrades to the new computer program and the letters that will be going out once the process has been completed. A lot of time has been spent working on the reviews and the process of these surveys in the new program.
- Inspection staff conducted a Method 1 survey at Princeton Fire Department in Johnston County.
- Inspection staff conducted a Method 1 survey at Davie Fire Department in Halifax County.
- Inspection staff completed the following communications surveys; Polk County and Haywood County. Staff has only 2 communications centers to complete in the west. Those being Transylvania County, which will be completed this week and Burke County who is in the process of moving the communications center.
- Inspection staff conducted a NCRRS Ratings Class at McDowell Technical Community College with a total of 15 students on June 27 & 28, 2014. 3 were in attendance from the fire marshal's office and 7 McDowell County fire departments represented and 1 Rutherford County fire department represented.
- Inspection staff attended an emergency service and military recognition service at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Marion on June 29, 2014.
- Inspections staff completed communication surveys on Beaufort County and Dare County Communication Centers.

- Inspections staff completed a Method 1 and Method 3 inspection survey on the Town of Pink Hill and the Cherry Tree FD District in Lenoir County the week of June 16th 2014.
- Inspections staff completed a Method 3 inspection survey on the Blount's Creek FD District in Beaufort County the week of July 7th 2014.
- Inspections staff is working with the Beaufort County Fire Marshal to complete updates to the county fire department response maps.
- Inspections staff attended the Eastern NC Firefighters Association Meeting at the Atkinson Fire Department in Pender County on Thursday July 10, 2014 and submitted a brief report to attendees on the current grading schedule process and also on the online class request option on our website to request Rural Water Supply and NCRRS classes.
- Inspection staff completes 105 Communication Center at this time, have 4 other schedule. The reason we are doing all communication centers is let them know where they stand so the center will have opportune to improve the center to meet the new rating schedule by the time of their grading of the departments.
- Inspection staff meets with a number County Fire marshal, Department Board of Directors, and County Manager to help answer questions and help with rated questions.
- Inspection staff completed county wide 9S inspections in Greene County. 11 departments inspected with one failure.
- Inspection staff completed a water haul survey on Haws Run Fire Department in Onslow County.
- Inspection staff conducted a water haul survey at Garren Creek Fire Department in Buncombe County.
- Inspection staff conducted a hydrant survey at Littleton Fire Department in Halifax and Warren Counties.
- Inspection staff attended an Active Shooter Symposium at McDowell Technical Community College. Numerous emergency personnel were in attendance.
- Inspection staff continues to work with area fire departments, fire marshals offices, and cities/counties with various ratings and mapping questions.
- Inspections staff attended and participated in the 2014 South Atlantic Fire and Rescue Expo (SAFRE) during the period. Duties included attending classes, managing the OSFM information booth as well as assisting attendees with information pertaining to the Inspections and Ratings programs conducted by OSFM.
- Inspections staff attended the Western NC Firefighter's Association quarterly meeting in Transylvania County at the Lake Toxaway Fire Department. While

there, assisted with questions and comments pertaining to the Inspections and Rating Programs of OSFM and gave a quarterly report.

- Inspections staff followed up during this time frame 9S failures to get updates on the progression of them getting the failure items corrected.
- Inspections staff attended required security update training, at the Raleigh office, in order to help maintain safety and security vigilance in the field, on computers and other electronic devices as well as safety in the office environment.
- Inspections staff attended the Piedmont NC Fireman's Association quarterly meeting in Yadkinville. While there, assisted with questions and concerns pertaining to the Inspections and Rating Programs of OSFM.
- Inspection staff surveyed Providence Fire Department, Union County, during the period; utilizing a Method 3, pressure hydrant and Tanker Shuttle grading visit of the Providence FD of Union County.
- Inspections staff met with the Alexander County Fire Marshal, Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief of Central Alexander Fire Department regarding information concerning reported non-response within the district.
- Inspections staff met with the Wake County Fire Marshal's Office on July 16, 2014 to discuss their involvement and responsibilities of the Community Risk Section in the grading schedule.
- Inspections staff taught the NCRRS Rural Water Supply Class in Washington County on July 18th and 19th 2014. We had 22 students representing seven fire departments. There were six departments from Washington County and one department from Tyrell County.
- Inspections staff attended a water haul training session at Zebulon Fire Department on July 28, 2014 from 7 – 9:30 pm.
- Inspections staff attended a meeting in Edenton, NC on July 30, 2014 at 3 pm with Chief Craig Forlines of the Edenton Fire Department and the Chowan County Commissioners regarding fire department substation requirements.
- Inspections staff taught a NCRRS Ratings Class at Nash Community College on August 1st and 2nd 2014. We had 27 students representing thirteen fire departments. We had two departments from Currituck County, one department from Cumberland County, and ten departments from Nash County.
- Inspections staff completed a water haul field inspection survey on the Chocowinity Fire District Volunteer Fire Department in Beaufort County the week of August 4th 2014.
- Inspections staff attended the visitation for retired Fire Chief Tommy Price of the Williamston Fire Department in Martin County on August 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm.
- Inspection staff completed a water haul inspection for the Elon Fire Department in Orange County, the department improved from a 9E to a 7/9E.

- Inspection staff conducted a countywide 9S inspection for Alamance County. During the inspection all but one department passed the inspection. One department did not pass for non-response and the department and is now on probation for 12 months.
- Inspection staff had a meeting with the Chief, Town Manager and Fire Department Board President for the Elon Fire Department to discuss the recent inspection. The department failed the 9S inspection due to non-response. The Chief and had a number questions and asked for some further explanation on the 9S inspection process.
- Inspection staff conducted three water haul inspections in Warren County. The departments included Churchill Five Fork, Warrenton and Norlina. At the time of this report the inspection has not been completed.
- Inspection staff completed 9S inspections on New Hope Fire Department and Northeast Fire Department in Wayne County.
- Inspection staff completed a method 3 survey on Eastover Fire Department in Cumberland County.
- Inspection staff completed a Method 1 and Method 3 survey on Swansboro Fire Department in Onslow County.
- Inspection staff conducted a Method 1 survey at Cleveland Fire Department in Johnston County.
- Inspection staffs conduct a NCRRS class at the Haywood County Fire and Rescue College with 14 in attendance. 9 fire departments were represented from Haywood, Macon, and Buncombe Counties.
- Inspection staff conducted countywide 9S inspections in Jackson County. 6 fire departments inspected including; Balsam Willets Ochre Fire Dept., Sylva Fire Dept., Savannah Fire dept., Cashiers Glenville Fire Dept., Cullowhee Fire Dept., and Canada Fire Dept. All the departments passed.
- Inspections staff conducted 9S Inspections within Stanly County.
- Inspections staff attended the 7th Annual, Miller's Ferry, Junior Firefighter's Muster, held on the training grounds of Miller's Ferry Fire Department, Rowan County. Staff performed as a Judge for the competitions between 9 teams representing 7 departments within North Carolina. Competition included timed events: #1- donning protective clothing and advancing to finish line, #2- advancing charged hose line, #3- demonstration of accuracy of attack line advancement with nozzle flow, #4- finding a missing person within a no-light environment, #5- accuracy of delivering water with a 'bucket brigade' #6- firefighter challenge obstacle course, #7- team vs. team tug of war and ended with #8- team vs. team using attack lines to advance an elevated ball,

competitions. Goldsboro Fire Dept., Wayne County, took top honors with Stony Hill, Wake County taking 2nd overall.

- Inspection staff conducted a Method 3 NCRRS Survey for Howard's Creek Fire Department, Lincoln County, during the period. The Method 3 survey combined a pressure hydrant and Tanker Shuttle grading visit of the Howards Creek FD of Lincoln County.
- Inspection staff completed a Method 3 inspection for the Churchill Fire Department in Warren County, the department improved from a class 9E to a class 6/9E with 43.96 points.
- Inspection staff completed a Method 1 & 3 inspection for the Warrenton Fire Department in Warren County, in the Town of Warrenton the department improved from a class 6 to class 4 with 64.19 points. The Central Warren FD obtained a class 6/9E using a method 3 inspection with 48.82 points.
- Inspection staff completed a Method 1 & 3 inspection for the Norlina Fire Department in Warren County, in the Town of Norlina the department improved from a class 6 to class 4 with 68.47 points. The Smith Creek FD obtained a class 6/9E using a method 3 inspection with 44.94 points.
- Inspection staff taught the Rating Class in Moore County at the Cypress Point Fire Department. There were 31 people in attendance from 14 different departments.
- Inspection staff taught the Water Haul Class in Scotland County at the North Scotland Fire Department. There were 35 people in attendance from 6 different departments.
- Inspection staff taught the Water Haul Class in Guilford County at the Oak Ridge Fire Department. There were 22 people in attendance from 6 different departments
- Inspection staff taught the Water Haul Class in Alamance County at the Mebane Fire Department. There were 23 people in attendance from 7 different departments
- Inspection staff conducted a Method 3 inspection in Orange County at the Orange Grove Fire Department. At the time of this report the inspection has not been completed.

- Inspection staff completes 105 Communication Center at this time, have 4 other schedule. The reason we are doing all communication centers is let them know where they stand so the center will have opportune to improve the center to meet the new rating schedule by the time of their grading of the departments.

- Inspection staff meets with a number County Fire marshal, Department Board of Directors, and County Manager to help answer questions and help with rated questions.

Training Staff

- Training staff conducted a Leadership I class at Haw River FD.
- Training staff attended a staff meeting at Blowing Rock FD.
- Training staff conducted a Fire Officer III course at Randolph CC.
- Training staff participated in SAFRE Conference in Raleigh, NC.
- Training staff conducted a Leadership II course at Weaverville FD.
- Training staff attended an OSHA meeting at Jacksonville FD.
- Training staff assisted Mike Edward with LODD follow-up.
- Training staff delivered a Firefighter I and II requalification at Mooresville FD
- Training staff attended a meeting with the following agencies in reference to live fire training at Jacksonville FD, Horneytown FD and Row-Cabarrus CC.
- Training staff attended the NC State Fireman's Association Conference in Raleigh, NC.
- Training staff delivered a National Fire Academy Strategy and Tactics train the trainer class at Eden FD.
- Training staff attended the NCDOT/OSFM computer security training.
- Training staff delivered a National Fire Academy Leadership 1 class at Eden FD.
- Training staff attended South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo.
- Training staff attended NC Association of Rescue and EMS conference in Greenville, NC.
- Training staff delivered firefighter health and wellness program in Dallas, NC.
- Training staff attended EMT continuing education in Greenville, NC.
- Training staff conducted a NFA Decision Making for Initial Company Operations Train the Trainer class at Elizabeth City FD.
- Training staff conducted a Live Fire Awareness class at Rowan Cabarrus CC.
- Training staff conducted a Firefighter I and II Re-qualification class at Mooresville FD, Albemarle FD, and Thomasville FD.
- Training staff conducted a Rapid Intervention Class for Asheboro FD.
- Training staff participated in the monthly NC Emergency Management WebEOC exercise
- Training staff conducted a Building Construction for Fire Command Officers class for the Washington FD.
- Training staff attended Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombings course in New Mexico.
- Training staff attended NC RIT School Meeting in Wilmington, NC.

- Training staff conducted a NFA Leadership II class in Weaverville, NC.
- Training staff delivered a NFA DMICO class in Hope Mills, NC.
- Training staff conducted Fire Officer III class in Asheboro, NC.
- Training staff conducted a Leadership III course in Weaverville, NC.
- Training staff conducted a RIT School course in Castle Hayne, NC.
- Training staff conducted an Art of Reading Smoke class for the Haw River FD.
- Training staff delivered a NFA Arson Detection for the First Responder class at the Buncombe Co Training Center.
- Training staff conducted a TR Confined Space Rescue Instructor Qualification class at the Winston Salem Fire Dept.
- Training staff conducted a Firefighter I and II requalification class at Wilkes CC.
- Training staff attended the annual EMT recertification class at Yadkinville Rescue Squad.
- Training staff conducted an NFA ICS 300/400 class for the Ocean Isle Beach FD.
- Training staff delivered Firefighter health and wellness course in Fayetteville, NC.
- Training staff attended new software meeting.
- Training staff completed all updates to the TR Wilderness Search and submitted to Program Development.
- Training staff met with Cleveland CC Thermal Imaging School Committee to cover final details of the school coming up at the end of October.
- Training staff assisted the Rapid Intervention School at Cape Fear Community College. School started with approximately 26 students and evaluations were very positive.
- Training staff attended the Fire Officer III Course at Garner FD. This was the first week of the course. First week was well received by the attendees.

NCSFA 3rd Quarter Report

October, 2014

Legislative Report

HB 1034 passed and was signed into law by Gov. McCrory. This is the bill resulting from the PED studies. All four major statewide fire service funded programs were affected by this bill (relief fund, workers comp, grants, and pension).

HB 698 passed as well. This bill included allowable background checks for existing employees or members, and the ability for volunteer chiefs to request a check. The bill also included authorization language for USAR teams under DPS. No funding was provided for the USAR teams however.

The Legislative Committee of the NCSFA and NCAFC's will be meeting later this month to discuss next year's session and legislative priorities.

A legislative reception and legislative day have been scheduled for next year on May 5th and 6th. A reception, likely a fish fry, will be held that Tuesday night for legislators, with legislative day on Wednesday. Please go ahead and mark your calendars.

We continue to try and build our legislative contact list with the help of our regional boards. If you have a good relationship with you representatives, let your regional Board know so we can get you on the list. If you don't have that relationship, build it.

Relief Fund Issues

Don't forget your October 31st deadline for submitting your relief fund financial reports with bank statement to NCSFA, and your Report of Fire Conditions to DOI. Please help us get the word out on that. The NCSFA will be doing all-call phone messaging in mid-October to those we have not received.

The Association will be releasing a pamphlet titled "***Firefighter's Relief Fund, A Complete Guide***" later this month. It will be mailed to all fire departments and the treasurer of every local relief fund board. It will also be available on line. The Board wanted to wait until after Oct 31st reporting dates to send it out to avoid confusion over changes that are not in effect for this reporting period.

The Association has also completed a new application for Supplemental Retirement Programs and a sample by-law that will be released in late October. This will assist departments who are interested in setting up this type program within their relief fund.

The Board will also be releasing in late October an application for approval and guidelines for establishing a Supplemental Retirement Account. This will allow

local relief funds over the maximum an opportunity to set aside money for their existing supplemental retirement programs upon review and approval of the association.

Mid-Winter Summit

The Association will again, in conjunction with the Chief's at Mid-Winter, be hosting a Regional Board summit for the three regional boards, the NCSFA and NCAFC's Board. This was successful last year.

As a result of the summit discussions last year, every fd is now automatically a member of their regional association. This will save fd's some money, hopefully get more departments involved, save the regional associations the pain of billing and collecting dues, and hopefully help with their budgets. \$1 from you NCSFA dues goes to pay for this benefit.

2015 Conference

Conference Dates for 2015 are August 12th – August 15th. Please put that on your calendar.

NC Benefits

The association has a slide show presentation on our web page giving an overview of our benefits. I would encourage each of you to go back to your departments and let each of your members know what benefits are available to them. This year we increased the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance to \$25,000, and as you know, this covers them off duty as well. You are our path for providing this information. If you don't review it, at least let them know the presentation is on our web page.

One item that few take advantage of is the reduced membership for NVFC purchased through the department. This is a great bargain for additional A&D coverage, and also supports national programs and initiatives protecting our volunteers.

Roster

We will be releasing a new and easier roster format for on-line reporting of your rosters. It is our hope that this simpler, less cumbersome method will help speed the time you need to do your annual certifications. We'll turn it on in November, and Dec 1st through Jan 15th 2015 will be the time frame you can do your annual certification and membership roster. You'll still be able to add and remove members during the year, but certification only occurs during that window. As a reminder, membership dues payments are due in our office by March 31.

Additional

Please ask all your departments and members to review the information we send out. I'm constantly surprised when finding departments that are unaware of state issues.

*FIRE & RESCUE COMMISSION REPORT
10-14-2014
Sad News
13 Natural Deaths since the July meeting.*

Scholarships : For the scholarship to be awarded in 2015. The 12,000 scholarships will move to \$15,000. The \$8,000 will move to \$9500. All others will remain the same amount. Application will go online 1-1-2015 and go off 3-31-2015.

Fall High Angle at Pilot Mountain State Park, November 7-8-9. 2014, Unit 2 & 4. Information is posted on web pages. Deadline to register is October 24, 2014.

Rosters must be file with the Association buy January 15, 2015 so we can have all of them ready to be filed with the state as required by statutes on Jaunary 31th. 37% have filed and all were filed online.

Directors Meeting March 1st, 2015, Charlotte, NC

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Annual Meeting was held August 7-8-9 in Greenville. Annual meeting for 2015 will be held in September. Dates and location being worked out now.

If we can be of assistance please feel free to contact us.