



STONEY POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT INC.

Stations 13 & 19

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September 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting September 17, 2024

The annual General Membership and monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Stoney Point Fire Department Inc. was called to order by Chairman Daniel Brown and was led in prayer by Director Joel Siles at 7:32 PM. The meeting was conducted at the principle of office of the corporation Station 13.

**A: Roll Call:**

<u>Board Members' Present:</u>		<u>Board Members Absent:</u>	
Daniel C. Brown	Chair		
Larry D. Townsend	Vice-Chair		
Roger F. Hall	Secretary		
Gary Turlington	Treasurer		
Robert "Bo" Barbour	Member		
Jerry R. Hall	Member		
Joel A. Siles	Member		
<u>Chief Officers Present:</u>		<u>Chief Officers Absent:</u>	
Freddy L. Johnson Sr.	Fire Chief	Sean C. Johnson	Assistant Chief
Freddy L. Johnson Jr.	Deputy Chief		

**B: ANNUAL / SPECIAL / PUBLIC HEARING MEETING:**

N/A

**C: READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

- Secretary Roger Hall presented the minutes from the June 18, 2024, annual and Monthly Board of Directors' meeting for review and approval. Chair Brown called for the approval of the June 18, 2024, annual and Monthly Board of Directors' minutes. Treasurer Gary Turlington made a **MOTION** to approve the June 18, 2024, annual and Monthly Board of Directors' minutes as presented. The motion was **SECONDED** by Vice Chair Larry Townsend and **APPROVED** all members present.

**D: REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF:**



1. **General Information:** –

1. Chief Johnson welcomed the directors back after our two-month summer vacation. He informed the members in attendance that we had no significant issues that would have required an emergency meeting over the summer, and all issues were managed at the Chief's level.
2. **Personnel:** Chief Johnson announced that we currently have sixty (60) fully trained volunteers, with six (6) in various stages of our recruit training program along with four volunteer applications pending back-ground checks. We lost over ten (10) volunteers over the summer, attributed to going into the military, military deployments, college and moving out of state. Our career positions are full, but a couple of our members have submitted applications with the Fort Liberty Fire Department and one (1) applied for an opening with the Hope Mills Fire Department. We do have several qualified volunteer applications ready for hire. The Chief explained that our membership is fluid, with most applicants unable to pass our recruit training program or realizing that firefighting is not for them and resign. We continue to benefit from volunteers requesting membership.

**E: Apparatus Fleets:**

1. Truck 1351 was out of service back in early June and prior to our annual summer vacation and is still out of service waiting on a turn-table motor that has an 18-week delivery lead time. Unless



the part comes in early the ladder truck will be out of service until early 2025. The truck has been moved to Station 19, where it will be maintained pending the scheduled repairs. The truck is still operable; however, we cannot utilize the aerial ladder.

2. Engine 1931 one of our 2004 Pierce Dash trucks continues to experience drifting issues, which have been traced to the steering box. We have already replaced the steering box in the truck twice over the last twenty years. According to AES mechanics, if the play cannot be addressed in the steering box, the apparatus will have to have a new steering box.

3. The Chief advised that our new Zodiac Swift Water Boat has been delivered. This is a 20-year life-span boat. The boat was manufactured by Zodiac in Sweden and imported to the United States. We are still waiting for our new 30 Horsepower Jet Stream motor, which should be delivered prior to 2025.



4. **FY 2023 – 2024** Vehicle, Equipment Maintenance and Fuel Expenditures as of **June 30, 2024**, **FY Close out report.** (List from Quicken) (Previous two (2) Fiscal Years for comparison purposes)

UNIT #	NOMENCLATURE	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24
1319	1960 American LaFrance (Antique)	484.04	26.94	6,222.29
1331	2017 Pierce Arrow-XT	5,847.98	13,310.97	22,477.67
1332	2004 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	13,797.46	9,650.25	30,741.79
1333	1988 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	6,368.06	4,687.60	3,201.21
1341	**1994 LMTV 2.5 Ton Brush	2,762.25	10,292.04	14,154.64
1351	1996 E-One 75ft Aerial Ladder	15,575.87	1,753.00	14,493.19
1362	2023 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 X 4	1,684.30	1,115.07	1,207.79
1371	2021 GMC Sierra 1500 4 X 4	3,793.22	846.60	1,504.09
1391	2023 Tahoe Cmd Vehicle (1301)	2,816.66	9,310.49	1,675.83
R-13	2017 Pierce Arrow-XT-Walk In	896.44	5,050.49	4,713.30
1911	2006 Pierce Dash Engine	20,877.24	6,767.84	23,334.95
1931	2004 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	11,546.48	18,983.60	30,154.57
1941	Out of Service Pending Replacement	0.00	3,949.59	2,490.46
1961	1984 Chevrolet ¼ Ton Diesel-Lift Gate	708.18	918.55	457.16
1962	2024 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 X 4	1,318.30	659.21	3,709.61
1963	2017 – Auxiliary Support Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00
1991	2019 Tahoe Cmd Vehicle (1303)	2,816.66	1,436.69	2,575.40
Air-19	2016 Mobile Air Trailer	241.22	0.00	51.06
Boat 1981	14” Zodiac Inflatable 25 HP	73.79	0.00	0.00
Boat 1986	19” Rescue 1 Connector Boat 50 HP	109.73	392.60	0.00
Trailers	2009 Boat Trailer Double Stack	0.00	0.00	0.00
U-Trailer	Utility Trailer (Small & Large)	0.00	393.76	0.00
Cmd Trl	2006 FEMA Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISC	RELATED VEH EXPENSES	8,801.47	7,897.78	3,060.99
	Total Vehicle Maintenance	97,708.99	97,443.07	166,226.20
	EQUIPMENT OTHER	26,289.09	22,094.26	29,570.96
	TOTAL VEH/EQUIP EXPENSES BUDGETED (\$120,000.00)	\$123,998.08	120,137.33	195,797.16
	GASOLINE & FUELS (\$ 40,000)	\$44,824.10	46,389.69	37,095.62
	FY-BUDGETED TOTAL 160,000	\$168,822.18	164,095.48	232,892.78
	Total over / under Budget	+\$8,822.18	+\$6,527.02	+\$72,898.78

\*\* 1341 – 5 Ton LMTV taken out of service and replaced by 1941 with number change

\*\* 1962 – New 2024 GMC 4 X 4 Sierra HD 2500 – Replaced 2016 GMC Sierra (Trade in)



4. **FY 2024 – 2025** Vehicle, Equipment Maintenance and Fuel Expenditures as of September 17, 2024, (List from Quicken) (Previous two (2) Fiscal Years for comparison purposes)130.03

<b>UNIT #</b>	<b>NOMENCLATURE</b>	<b>FY 22/23</b>	<b>FY 23/24</b>	<b>FY 23/24</b>
1319	1960 American LaFrance (Antique)	26.94	6,222.29	0.00
1331	2017 Pierce Arrow-XT	13,310.97	22,477.67	41.71
1332	2004 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	9,650.25	30,741.79	2,922.21
1333	1988 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	4,687.60	3,201.21	87.73
1341	**1994 LMTV 2.5 Ton Brush	10,292.04	14,154.64	0.00
1351	1996 E-One 75ft Aerial Ladder	1,753.00	14,493.19	815.79
1362	2023 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 X 4	1,115.07	1,207.79	1,044.83
1371	2021 GMC Sierra 1500 4 X 4	846.60	1,504.09	0.00
1391	2023 Tahoe Cmd Vehicle (1301)	9,310.49	1,675.83	0.00
R-13	2017 Pierce Arrow-XT-Walk In	5,050.49	4,713.30	988.30
1911	2006 Pierce Dash Engine	6,767.84	23,334.95	3,096.46
1931	2004 Pierce Dash Pumper/Tanker	18,983.60	30,154.57	247.36
1941	Out of Service Pending Replacement	3,949.59	2,490.46	N/A
1961	1984 Chevrolet ¾ Ton Diesel-Lift Gate	918.55	457.16	0.00
1962	2024 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 X 4	659.21	3,709.61	1,044.83
1963	2017 – Auxiliary Support Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00
1991	2019 Tahoe Cmd Vehicle (1303)	1,436.69	2,575.40	105.87
Air-19	2016 Mobile Air Trailer	0.00	51.06	0.00
Boat 1981	14” Zodiac Inflatable 25 HP	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boat 1986	19” Rescue 1 Connector Boat 50 HP	392.60	0.00	0.00
Trailers	2009 Boat Trailer Double Stack	0.00	0.00	0.00
U-Trailer	Utility Trailer (Small & Large)	393.76	0.00	0.00
Cmd Trl	2006 FEMA Trailer	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISC	<b>RELATED VEH EXPENSES</b>	7,897.78	3,060.99	1,147.01
	<b>Total Vehicle Maintenance</b>	97,443.07	166,226.20	11,545.10
	<b>EQUIPMENT OTHER</b>	22,094.26	29,570.96	4,583.93
	<b>TOTAL VEH/EQUIP EXPENSES</b>	<b>120,137.33</b>	<b>195,797.16</b>	<b>16,130.03</b>
	<b>BUDGETED (\$120,000.00)</b>			
	<b>GASOLINE &amp; FUELS (\$40,000)</b>	46,389.69	37,095.62	3,453.83
	<b>FY-BUDGETED TOTAL (\$160,000)</b>	164,095.48	232,892.78	
	<b>Total over / under Budget</b>	<b>+\$6,527.02</b>	<b>+\$72,898.78</b>	



**F: Building and Grounds:**

1. Industrial Floors completed our concrete pad and apparatus floor repairs. He is coming back to address the tire discoloration and address the concrete center joint within our apparatus bay.
2. **Building and Grounds Expenditure Chart as of September 17, 2024**

BUILDING AND GROUNDS EXPENDITURES	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25
Station # 13 – 7221 Stoney Point Road – Building	15,565.74	35,701.43	17,040.52	13,984.36	1,790.99
Station # 13 – 7221 Stoney Point Road – Grounds	2,123.52	111,335.19	2,678.44	4,548.21	1,605.47
Station # 19 – 2190 Lake Upchurch Dr – Building	15,147.35	8,902.83	10,030.46	5,219.92	416.46
Station # 19 - 2190 Lake Upchurch Dr – Grounds	1,533.35	11,043.19	7,436.20	1,451.16	448.33
Consumable Items	5,689.12	9,084.38	6,613.85	5,366.84	1,987.51
Maintenance Building Other	725.46	1,606.23	834.16	1,768.26	0.00
Maintenance Grounds Other	894.31	1,453.45	652.91	0.00	448.33
<b>TOTAL PAY OUT</b>	<b>\$41,678.85</b>	<b>\$179,126.76</b>	<b>\$45,664.85</b>	<b>\$32,338.75</b>	<b>6,368.76</b>

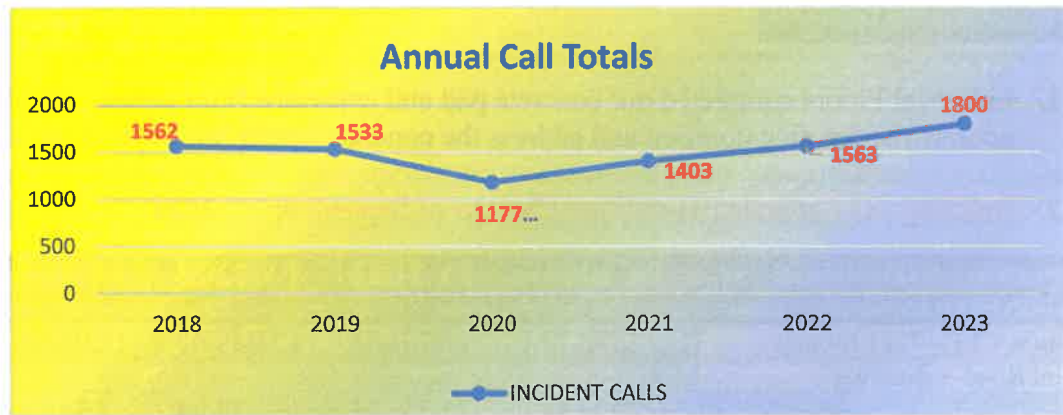
3. The Chief advised that we closed the lot purchase with Mrs. Clouston and erected a new Vinyl fence to separate our property line. The new lot will be utilized for parking and should add about 20 additional parking spaces here at Station 13.
4. The Chief advised that we are now connected to PWC Sewer, and we are disconnected from our septic tank system. The contractor completed the connection on Sunday September 15, 2024. We are waiting for the City of Fayetteville Inspection department to finish their inspection to cover the connection site in our backyard.

**G. Fire Conditions:**

1. The Chief advised that this year we are continuing to answer more calls compared to last year. (See Charts below – Monthly calls by year and annual trend line chart.)

MONTH	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JANUARY	159	163	139	131	146	117	127	138	169
FEBRUARY	136	141	113	110	142	97	119	103	156
MARCH	156	138	137	120	122	126	126	156	176
APRIL	139	134	130	114	072	114	125	143	167
MAY	144	120	128	128	069	96	124	154	175
JUNE	126	100	131	122	059	113	140	133	188
JULY	135	153	132	113	074	102	117	156	151
AUGUST	175	147	108	129	118	118	147	143	179
SEPTEMBER	169	120	144	143	084	122	148	151	
OCTOBER	198	150	137	131	077	135	120	166	
NOVEMBER	147	127	132	140	098	140	116	167	
DECEMBER	214	138	131	152	116	123	154	188	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1898</b>	<b>1631</b>	<b>1562</b>	<b>1533</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>1403</b>	<b>1563</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1361</b>





2. The Chief reviewed with the board members our current statistics through tonight September 17, 2024, and indicated that we exceeded 1,000 incident response calls for the first six months of 2024. If this trend continues we will set a new annual calls for service record. (See Enclosure # 2)

#### **H: Training Report:**

1. Chief Johnson briefed the board that he will be attending the 2024 North Carolina and South Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators (NC/SC IAAI) joint training conference at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina during the period October 21 through 25, 2024. This evaluated annual training conference counts towards continuing education to maintain the North Carolina Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) certification. The Chief stated that he has been attending this conference for years.
2. The Chief advised that two (2) years ago the CCFCA started to send three (3) Association Chiefs to attend the annual Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The 2025 FDIC is scheduled for April 7 through 12, 2025. This year Stoney Point was picked through the association's lottery system. Each year a low tier, mid-tier and high tier Chief is selected. Stoney Point was picked as the high tier representative for 2025. The Chief stated that we normally send six (6) to attend. FDIC is the premiere annual fire conference, with an annual attendance of over 30,000 first responders from all over the world.
3. The North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) Mid-Winter Conference is coming up January 27 through February 1, 2025, in Concord, North Carolina. Our Chief officers attend this annual North Carolina professional development conference.
4. The Chief advised that on Tuesday October 1, 2024, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the new Regional Fire and Rescue Training Center at 4705 Corporation Drive, Fayetteville, a groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Phase II, the final phase for the completion of the burn village. The final phase includes the addition of two (2) additional burn buildings. A single-story residential building, a two-story commercial apartment type burn building, a 1000 square foot flammable liquids burn pit, and a permanent fixture to place an Aircraft Rescue Firefighting props to address ARFF training certification. A perimeter road, four (4) Fire Investigation Containers, additional storage buildings and additional parking. All fire service members are welcome to attend. (See Enclosure # 3)



**I: REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

**Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget Close Out Report**

1. Treasurer Gary Turlington presented the FY 23/24 financial close out report as of June 30, 2024..

<b>Balances:</b>	<b>As of June 30, 2024,</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,593,991.01</b>	First Citizens.
	6-month CD as of 06/17/2024,	<b>\$</b>	<b>216,484.23</b>	<b>14% of Budget.</b>
	Total Cash Flow Available	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,810,475.24</b>	<b>Total Available Funds</b>
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	<b>Approved County FY 24/25 Budget</b>		<b>\$1,665,550.00</b>	
	County Budget Funding Received YTD		\$1,152,058.21	
	FY 24-25 County Budget Funding Pending YTD		\$0.00	
	FY-23/24 Additional Payments above approved Budget		\$5,506.21	
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	Portable Radio Grant FY 23/24 (CCFCA) Grant		\$518,988.00	
	County Fire District FY 22/23 Radion Gant R received		\$518,988.00	
	County Fire District FY 23/24 Grant Program Pending -		\$0.00	
	County Fire District FY 23/24 (SPFD) Grant Program Requested		\$49,610.00	
	County Fire District FY 22/23 Gant Program Received		\$49,610.00	
	County Fire District FY 23/24 Grant Program Pending - Supply Issues		\$0.00	
	County Fire District FY 22/23 (SPFD) Grant Program Requested		\$33,610.00	
	County Fire District FY 22/23 Gant Program Received		\$33,610.00	
	County Fire District FY 22/23 Grant Program Pending -		\$0.00	
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	Approved Fayetteville FY 22/23 Budget		\$478,158.00	
	Fayetteville City Funding Received YTD		\$478,158.00	
	Fayetteville City Funding Pending YTD		\$0.00	
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	Approved Town of Hope Mills Contract FY 23/24 Budget		\$ 70,000.00	
	Town of Hope Mills Full Responder Contract Fee FY-2023-24 Paid in Full 08/23		\$ 70,000.00	
	Town of Hope Mills Full Responder Contract Fee FY-2022-23 Paid in Full 08/23		\$ 70,000.00	
	Hope Mills Budget Funding Received YTD		\$ 140,000.00	
	Hope Mills Funding FY-2023-24 Pending		\$0.00	
	Town of Hope Mills 1-time Debt Assumption Payment \$16,451.06-Outsdanding - On-Going since -2014			
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	Combined County / COF / & Hope Mills Approved FY 23/24 Budget		\$2,213,708.00	
	Combined FY 23/24 COF / HM & County Budget Received YTD		\$2,214,800.86	
	Combined FY 21/22 COF / HM & County Budget Pending		\$0.00	
	Other Income (First Citizen Bank) -		\$239.37	
	Other Income /Tax Refund (Sales & Fuel Tax) -		\$35,319.31	
	<b>Total Board Funds YTD received ALL SOURCES</b>		<b>\$2,408,333.73.</b>	



## Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Budget Information

1. Treasurer Gary Turlington presented the treasurer’s report and provided the current fund balance and financial information from all sources.

<b>Balances As of September 17, 2024,</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,557,288.89</b>	<b>First Citizens.</b>
6-month CD as of 06/17/2024,	\$	216,484.23	<b>14% of Budget.</b>
Total Cash Flow Available	\$	<b>1,773,773.12</b>	<b>Total Available Funds</b>
<b>Approved County FY 24/25 Budget</b>			<b>\$1,143,776.00</b>
County Budget Funding Received YTD			\$41,283.11
FY 21-22 County Budget Funding Pending YTD			\$1,102,492.89
FY-24/25 Additional Payments above approved Budget			\$0.00
<b>Portable Radio Grant FY 24/25 (CCFCA) Grant</b>			<b>\$518,988.00</b>
County Fire District FY 22/23 Radion Gant R received			\$0.00
County Fire District FY 23/24 Grant Program Pending -			\$0.00
<b>County Fire District FY 24/25 (SPFD) PPE Grant Program Requested</b>			<b>\$59,997.50</b>
County Fire District FY 22/23 Gant Program Received			\$0.00
<b>(SPFD) American Recovery Plan (ARP)</b>			<b>\$50,000.00</b>
County Fire District FY 24/25 Gant Program Received			\$50,000.00
County Fire District FY 22/23 Grant Program Pending -			\$0.00
<b>Approved Fayetteville FY 24/25 Budget</b>			<b>\$493,334.00</b>
Fayetteville City Funding Received YTD			\$123,333.50
Fayetteville City Funding Pending YTD			\$370,000.50
<b>Approved Town of Hope Mills Contract FY 23/24 Budget</b>			<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>
Hope Mills Budget Funding Received YTD			\$ 0.00
Hope Mills Funding FY-2023-24 Pending			\$0.00
<b>Town of Hope Mills 1-time Debt Assumption Payment \$16,451.06-Outsanding - On-Going since -2014</b>			
<b>Combined County / COF / &amp; Hope Mills Approved FY 23/24 Budget</b>			<b>\$2,341,095.50</b>
Combined FY 23/24 COF / HM & County Budget Received YTD			\$214,616.61
Combined FY 21/22 COF / HM & County Budget Pending			\$2,126,478.89
Other Income (First Citizen Bank) -			\$0.00
Other Income /Tax Refund (Sales & Fuel Tax) -			\$62,856.99
<b>Total Board Funds YTD received 24/25 to date ALL SOURCES</b>			<b>\$277,473.60</b>





2. Treasurer Gary Turlington and Vice Chair Townsend, presented the July and August 2024 financials for review along with the additional oversight review memorandums, indicating that no discrepancies were noted. After a review of both months' financials by the attending board members, Chair Brown called for a **MOTION** to approve or disapprove both the financial and oversight report for July and August 2024. Director Joel Siles introduced a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the Financial and additional financial oversight report for the months of July and August 2024 as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Director Bo Barbour and **APPROVED** by all members present. (See Enclosure # 4)

Treasurer Turlington announced that our financials were delivered on time to Haigh, Byrd, and Lambert, PLLC on August 14, 2024. This included the June 2024 financials.

3. **Auxiliary Account** - Treasurer Tracie Johnson, via text message provided the Auxiliary Account fund balance of **\$448,758.75** as of today. The Chief provided a run down of funds expanded from the auxiliary account.

03/04/2024 – \$5,778.00 - Specialty Signs & Graphics – Graphics for 1362 & 1962  
06/05/2024 - \$28,911.29 – Gregory Poole – Station 19 Generator Repair  
07/31/2024 - \$6,203.00 – Fence-line Plus – Vinyl Fence Mrs. Clouston Property Line  
07/02/2024 - \$25,000.00 – West Fay Church – Building for Trail of Terror @ Station 19  
07/02/2024 - \$5,216.75 – Maxwell Container Sales – 8 X 20 Container for CMD & Control for 2024 Trail of Terror  
07/27/2024 - \$7,365.87 – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House Expenses (T-Shirts, River Mist Band, giveaways and handouts)  
09/16/2024 - \$39,436.63 – 2024 Trail Expenses (St. Louis Conference, new stage audio equipment, new mine shaft prop, etc.)

The Chief also reminded the board members that a total of \$96,700.00 will be transferred from the Trail of Terror auxiliary account after our 2024 show to the board's salary account to provide funding for our full-time staff members FY 24/25 salary increases. The salary increases were necessary to address career firefighter retention. The new starting salaries are equivalent to the City of Fayetteville Fire Department starting salaries. The funds also include increases for our engineers, lieutenants, and captains. Except for the fire chief all other employees benefited from the increase in salary effective July 1, 2024.

4. **Miscellaneous Firefighter Account** (Ice & Cans) - Our balance as of 05/31/2024 is **\$9,050.68** With our seasonal ice sales ending on September 30, 2024, we have a large deposit pending. The Chief advised that the following checks have been written since our last report in June 2024.

Deposit 06/27/24 - \$3,752.96

Check # 2155 – White Sands & Gravel – Rocks for flower beds \$637.72 (07/08/24)

Check # 2156 – Jim O Sullivan – Make Up Photos – Travel & Lodging \$854.00 (07/08/24)

Check # 2157 – Greater Fay Chamber – Valor Silver Sponsor \$1,500.00 (07/10/24)

Check # 2158 – April Cox – Hardship - \$300.00 (07/15/24)

5. **Firefighter Relief Fund** – Board Vice-Chairman Townsend who also serves as treasurer of the firefighter's relief fund board advised that our current relief fund checkbook balance as of May 21, 2024, remains at **\$14,461.89** and our current relief fund CD was just renewed at a 4.5% interest rate. That is up from a 3.4% interest rate. The current balance is **\$91,600.23** for a combined total of **\$06,062.12**.



6. **Child Passenger Safety Seat Account** – The Chief advised that the fund balance with TRUIST remains at **\$940.51**
- 7.. **Station 19 Building Loan** - Vice Chair Townsend updated the members of the board and stated that the current balance on our Station 19 building loan with First Citizens Bank as of September 17, 2024, remains at **\$404,872.48** with fifty-six (53) monthly payments consisting of **\$7,562.05** remaining.
8. **Pierce Fire Truck Loan– (\$1,400,000.00 - First Citizens Bank)** – Chief Johnson Sr. reported that the outstanding commercial loan balance is **\$491,278.28.** (Annual payments are \$159,842.49) Chief Johnson also stated that we have one annual payment left in 2025 and a double balloon payment consisting of \$319,684.98 in 2026 to pay off the loan. If this becomes an issue we will have to dip into our Trail of Terror fund.

#### **J: REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

1. **Policy Committee** Meets Annually, next meeting is scheduled for May 2025. The policy committee did meet on May 30, 2024, for our annual review and made several recommendations.
2. **Building & Grounds Committee** - See Item F (On-going during our BOD monthly meetings).
3. **Small Tools & Gear Committee** – Meets Annually – Next Meeting is scheduled for May 2025
4. **Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Committee** - Chief Johnson Sr., stated that a special Equipment & Vehicle Replacement Committee, met on May 9, 2024. Minutes are on file. The committee voted to move to an annual meeting format. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2025.
5. **Budget Committee** (Meets Annually) The next Budget Committee meeting will be during the 2025-26 budget cycle tentatively scheduled for the month of April 2025.
6. **Safety and Health Committee** – All quarterly meeting minutes are current and on file.

#### **K: OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The Chief advised that our department successfully transitioned to our new **FIRST DUE RMS** system on August 1, 2024. We are still in the process of training our key members with input responsibilities. FIRST DUE RMS replaced our Emergency Reporting RMS.
2. The Chief advised that the Town of Hope Mills, during the June 24, 2024, the council meeting extended our contract by one (1) year. We will have to engage again after the first of the year. According to Town Mayor Jessie Bellflowers, with all the commercial growth on-going he wanted to see what the figures will be for next year.
3. The Chief advised the members of the board that our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary back on Saturday July 27, 2024, was attended by a little over 1000 citizens. He provided each member with a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary coin and thanked those that came out for the event. We had tremendous positive public feedback concerning our event. Many of our former members joined us during the event. We also received a Certificate from Congressman David Rouzer’s Office recognizing our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service. (See Enclosure # 5)



4. The Chief advised that we have also transitioned from the G-5 Power Hawk Defibrillators to the new Stryker 1000 Defibrillators. The Stryker AED is compatible with the Cape Fear Valley EMS units, thus providing a direct AED PAD exchange with the responding EMS unit.
5. The Chief provided another reminder about our 2024 Annual Family Christmas Dinner coming up on Sunday December 8, 2024, starting at 1 PM at the Cape Fear Valley Health Center Banquet Hall on Melrose Drive. This is the same location as our dinner last year.
6. The Chief passed around the 2024 Valor Awards booklet indicating that six (6) Stoney Point members were recognized during the event. Captain Jose Pomales was recognized with a Life Safety Award; Firefighter Walker Johnson received a Valor Award. Both Captain Pomales and Firefighter Johnson's awards were for their action while assisting the Fayetteville Fire Department at a working fire at 1128 Christina Street on January 17, 2024.

Lieutenant Samantha Jackson, Firefighter Jose Firpi, Jr. Firefighter Valerie Martin, and Rookie Firefighter April Cox received Merit Awards for their outstanding public safety work during 2023.

7. The Chief updated the members of the Board concerning the proposed OSHA "Emergency Response Standard" which addresses workplace protection for emergency responders such as our firefighters and EMS workers. This would be an update to the 1980 standard. The new standard without funding would be detrimental to volunteer fire departments across the country. The proposed standard would be a major overhaul. The CCFCA on behalf of all Cumberland County Fire Departments submitted a letter directly to the Secretary Douglas Parker, US Department of Labor, objecting to the changes that are unattainable for volunteer departments, and even career departments would be affected by the additional funding and medical requirement. (See Enclosure # 6)
8. The Chief stated that we have not received a copy of the new 2024 – 2029 Cumberland County Fire Protection Contract from Cumberland County. According to Emergency Services Director Booth his staff is working the issue.

#### **L: NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Chief updated the members of the board about our 2024 Trail of Terror starting up on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 PM until 11 PM and running every weekend in October. Our last night will be Thursday October 31, 2024. The crews are putting the final touches on the trail, where we made significant changes to a third of the trail. Without any rainouts we hope to run 9 shows.
2. The Chief advised that the chassis for our new Tanker has been shipped to FIROVAC Power Systems and we received an invoice for the 2025 Freightliner 114SD Chassis in the amount of \$160,058.00 payable to Cleveland Freightliner Inc. in Parma Ohio. Our tanker according to FIROVAC is still on schedule for a January 2025 delivery. The Chief stated that he will be traveling to Ohio to FIROVAC sometimes in October to look at the progress on the truck and to make sure it is being built to our specifications. The Chief advised that he is currently completing a loan application with the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) to secure an interest-free loan, to assist with payments on the new truck. (See Enclosure # 7)



3. We received notice from VFIS – our insurance carrier about our upcoming Conditional Insurance renewal, with many changes to policy in terms of what is no longer being covered. These changes affect all departments utilizing VFIS for their insurance purposes. We will review the changes and report back next month. Our policy expires / renews in December 2024.
4. The Chief advised that the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs’ Association several years ago placed Chief Officer professional development training into the association’s annual budget. In doing so the association selects through a lottery three (3) Chiefs based on low, mid, and high tier financial standings to attend the annual Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, Indiana and to the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs (NCAFC) Mid-Winter Conference in Concord, North Carolina. This year Stoney Point won the draw for the high tier representation to attend FDIC in April 2025.
5. The Chief announced that our department applied for a CC Fire Protection District Grant, in the amount of \$59,997.50 to purchase ten (10) sets of PPE. The grant was approved, and the gear has been delivered. We are now pending reimbursement from Cumberland County.
6. The Chief announced that earlier this month, we conducted an unannounced drug screening for all our full-time operational employees. It has been several years since we conducted drug screens. The tests were conducted at Concentra, our Occupational Health provider here in Cumberland County.

**M: CLOSED SESSION - WHEN APPLICABLE:**

N/A

**N: ACCIDENT/MISHAP TRACKING:**

This section was created to track injuries, accidents and mishaps involving department owned vehicles, apparatuses, equipment, and real property. The chart below represents accident tracking data for the current Fiscal Year. A complete accident report prepared by the department safety officer is available and is on file for each trackable item. The chart will be updated monthly for board review.

1. The Chief advised that on August 20, 2024, one of our Career Firefighters damaged the bay-door number 3 here at Station 13. When pulling out Rescue-13 he failed to check to make sure that the bay door was fully open and further failed to pay attention to all our bay door safety controls along with his failure to follow our established procedures pertaining to moving any of our apparatuses. The incident cost us \$835.00.

Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 Reportable Accidents			
TYPE OF ACCIDENT	EMPLOYEE	COSTS	REMARKS
<b>Fiscal Year 2024</b>			
02/14/2024 - 1931 struck a low tree limb w/damage	FFs Van-Kan / Mhadi	\$480.00	Repaired
05/05/2024 - 1962 – Jack-Knifed Trailer	Mhadi	\$1,260.00	Repaired
<b>Fiscal Year 2025</b>			
08-14-2024 – Damaged Bay Door	FF. Crowe	\$883.75	Repaired



**O: Adjournment:**

With no further business Chair Brown entertained a motion to adjourn; Treasurer Gary Turlington made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The motion was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Larry Townsend and APPROVED by all members present. The meeting adjourned at 2041 hours. **The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 15, 2024, beginning at 7:30 PM at Station # 19.**

Respectfully Submitted:

*Roger F. Hall*  
ROGER F. HALL  
Secretary

**Cc.**

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- 1. Board Member Attendance Roster
- 2. July and August 2024 Fire Statistics
- 3. Groundbreaking Ceremony - FTCC Fire & Rescue Emergency Training Center
- 4. Financial Oversight Memorandums – July and August 2024
- 5. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flyer
- 6. Proposed Rule Modification to OSHA 1910.156 “Emergency Response Standard 7 CCFCA Letter
- 7. Valley Truck Centers – Freightliner Chassis Invoice for contract DE-02445



2024

# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S & PRIMARY STAFF ATTENDANCE ROSTER

##	NAME	JAN (16) Sta. 13	FEB (20) Sta. 19	MAR (19) Sta. 13	APR (16) Sta. 19	MAY (21) Sta. 19	JUN (18) Sta. 19	JUL (16) Sta. 13	AUG (20) Sta. 19	SEP (17) Sta. 13	OCT (22) Sta. 19	NOV (19) Sta. 19	DEC (17) Sta. 19
01	Daniel C. Brown - President (2024)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P			
02	Larry Townsend V-President (2026)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P			
03	Roger Hall - Secretary (2024)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P			
04	Gary Turlington - Treasurer (2026)	P	N/A	Work	P	Vacation	P	N/A	N/A	P			
05	Joel Siles (2026)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P			
06	Jerry Hall - (2026)	P	N/A	Work	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P			
07	Bo Barbour - (2024)	Medical	N/A	Medical	Medical	Medical	P	N/A	N/A	P			
08	Freddy Johnson Sr. - Chief (Annually)	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	N/A	N/A	P			
09	Freddy Johnson Jr. - Deputy Chief	SHP	N/A	SHP	SHP	SHP	P	N/A	N/A	P			
10	Sean Johnson - Asst. Chief	P	N/A	SHP	P		Asheville	N/A	N/A	FTCC			
11	Kevin T. Murphy - Asst. Chief	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	N/A	N/A	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused
12	Brandon Hanzal - Asst. Chief	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused	N/A	N/A	Excused	Excused	Excused	Excused

**P-Present - A-Absent - N/A - No Meeting Conducted A-E - Absent & not required to attend by invitation only. N/A No Meeting-CC telephonic conference call participation.**

- Due to summer vacations, Board of Directors meetings are not scheduled for the months of July and August 2024 unless there is a pressing need or emergency.
- Except for the Fire and Deputy Chief - Assistant Fire Chief Officers are not required to attend the monthly board meetings unless directed by the Fire Chief
- The board meeting on 02/20/24 was canceled due to seasonal flu and COVID Strain that affected a quorum.

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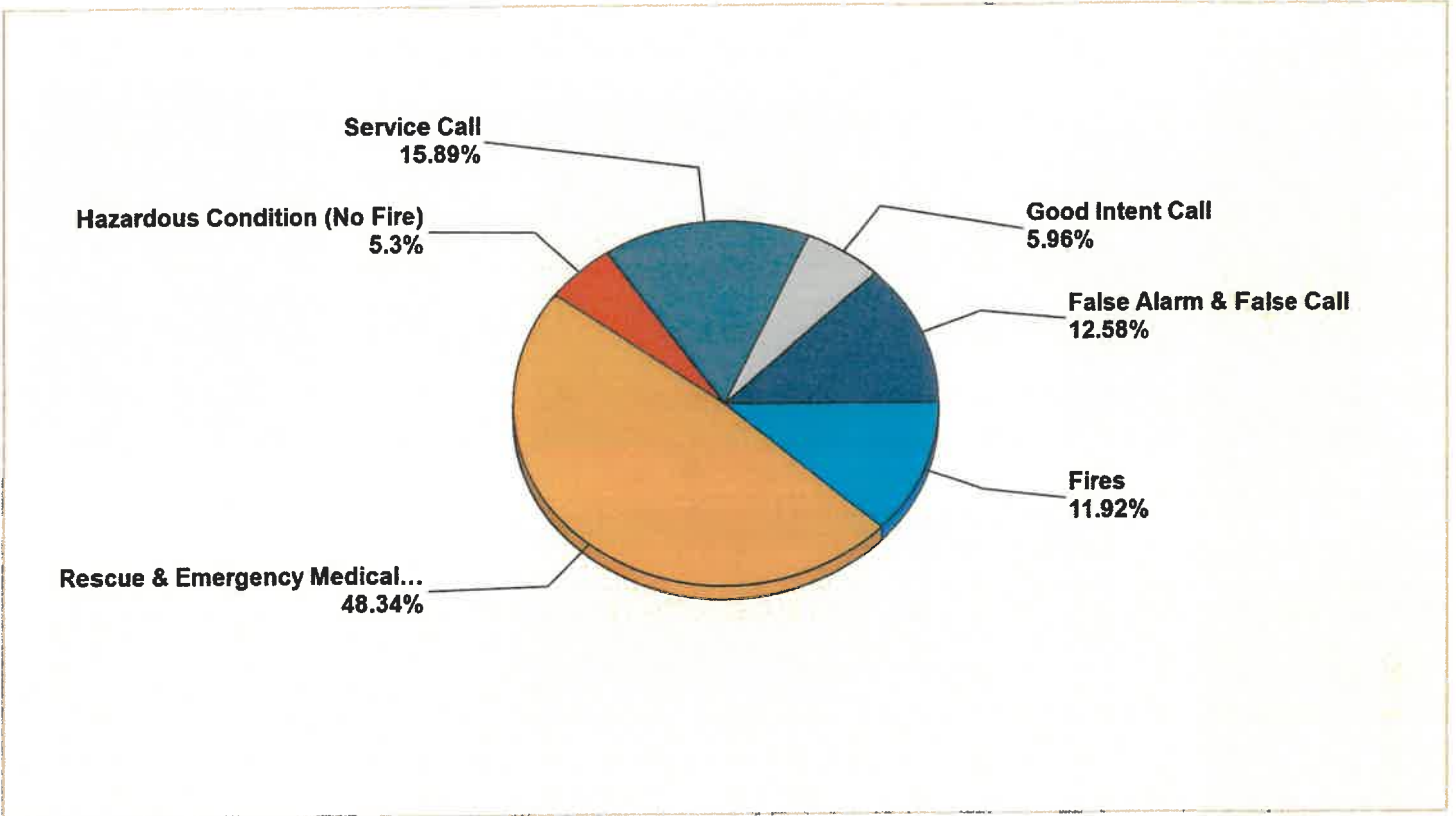
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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 07/01/2024 | End Date: 07/31/2024



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	18	11.92%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	73	48.34%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	8	5.3%
Service Call	24	15.89%
Good Intent Call	9	5.96%
False Alarm & False Call	19	12.58%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>100%</b>

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*July & August 2024 Incident Statistics*

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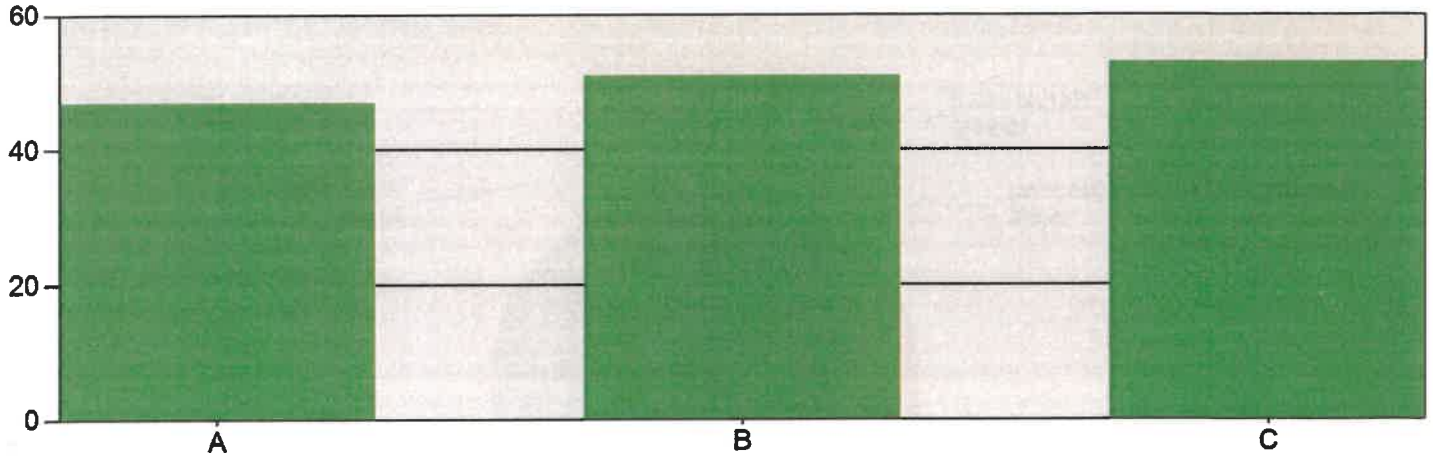
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## Incidents by Shift for Date Range

Start Date: 07/01/2024 | End Date: 07/31/2024



SHIFT	# INCIDENTS
A	47
B	51
C	53

**TOTAL: 151**

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Incidents with multiple EXPOSURES, with distinct stations, may create a slight difference between the report total and total number of actual incidents for the DATE RANGE provided. The totals reflect the # INCIDENTS each STATION was assigned. Only REVIEWED incidents included.



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**Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type**

<b>INCIDENT TYPE</b>	<b># INCIDENTS</b>	<b>% of TOTAL</b>
111 - Building fire	10	6.62%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.66%
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.66%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.66%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.66%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3	1.99%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.66%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	65	43.05%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	6	3.97%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	0.66%
365 - Watercraft rescue	1	0.66%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	2.65%
421 - Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.66%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.66%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.32%
500 - Service Call, other	3	1.99%
511 - Lock-out	1	0.66%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	0.66%
553 - Public service	1	0.66%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	18	11.92%
600 - Good intent call, other	2	1.32%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	5	3.31%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	0.66%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.66%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.66%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	1.99%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	3	1.99%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	3	1.99%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.66%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6	3.97%
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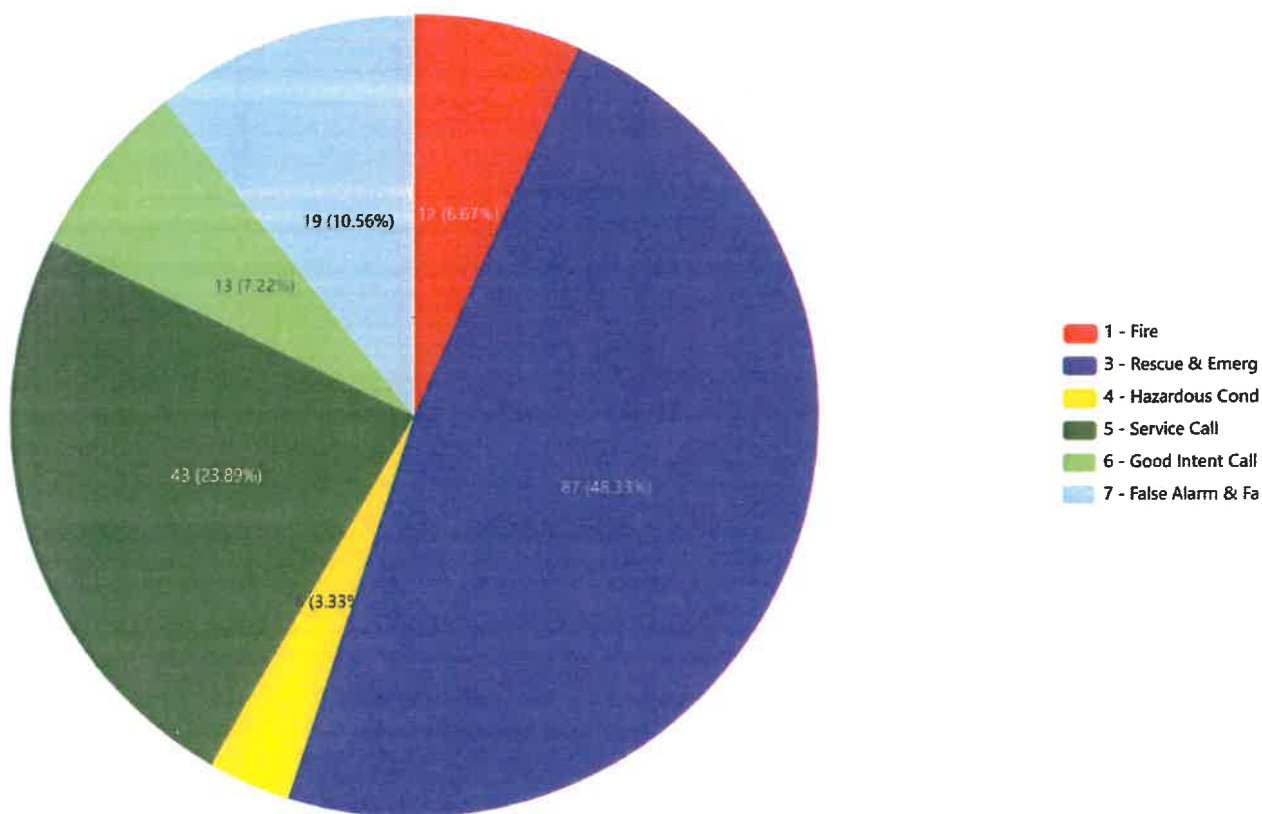
# STONEY POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT

## STATION 13 & 19

### August 2024 Fire Statistics

**180 Calls**

Total (180)



Dr. Mark Sorrells, President,  
and  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
of  
Fayetteville Technical Community College  
cordially invite you to the  
**Groundbreaking Ceremony**

for Phase II of the  
Fire & Emergency Training Center  
4705 Corporation Drive, Fayetteville, NC

Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
11:00 a.m.



RSVP by September 20  
Wanda Dail - [dailw@faytechcc.edu](mailto:dailw@faytechcc.edu)





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August 18, 2024

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REFERENCE: Additional Internal Financial Control & Segregation of Duties

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Vice President to the Board

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# CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



Stoney Point Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1964 and proudly serves not only our community, but also the City of Fayetteville, town of Hope Mills, and surrounding counties. We are a full-service provider, and deliver emergency medical, rescue and fire protection services.

Join us in celebrating  
Stoney Point Fire Department's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Saturday, July 27, 1 PM – 4 PM

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SPFD 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flyer

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*In recognition of celebrating their 60th anniversary of service*

June 24, 2024

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*David Rouzer*

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County Fire Commissioner  
**Kenneth Tatum**  
Chaplain

July 10, 2024

The Honorable Douglas L. Parker  
Secretary, US Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20210

RE: Proposed Rule Modification to OSHA 1910.156 "Emergency Response Standard"  
Docket No. OSHA-2007-0073

Dear Secretary Parker:

Our greatest responsibility is the safety of our members and serving our community. Just like OSHA, the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association (CCFCA) representing 18 partner agencies are focused on the health and safety of our members and the public we serve. We are the first responders to most emergencies that occur in our community. It is our duty to safely carry out our life safety mission that prompts us to write this letter of great concern.

If the proposed 29 CFR 1910.155 and 156 standards were properly funded to support the staffing and resources needed to implement and address the ongoing cost of the proposed amendments, the CCFCA would warmly embrace and assist in educating and promoting these proposed new rules. Unfunded, the CCFCA is compelled to write to you to express strong opposition, as the intended expansion of safety rules will have the unintended impact of diverting our staff and resources from our high-priority primary function of emergency response. If the proposed standards are approved, the financial impact to our citizens would be significant as the unfunded mandate costs would have to be shouldered by our taxpayers.

Currently, our fire protection agencies are struggling to make ends meet and that is especially true for our fifteen (15) volunteer/combination fire agencies, which are extremely underfunded. We know our budget and what the future funding currently looks like for our agencies; these unfunded rules will compromise our responsibility to our community's emergency needs by reducing and/or diverting our already over-stretched resources—both human and financial—to lower-level risks.

There are three specific areas of the proposed rules that cannot be met with our current funding. In fact, these three proposed rules would be impossible to meet with our partner agencies without additional funding. The three proposed rules that would be insurmountable are: *section (d) ESO*

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1910.156 "Emergency Response Standard"**

Establishment of ERP and Emergency Services Capability, section (g) **Medical and Physical Requirements**, and section (l) **Vehicle Preparedness and operation**. Please understand we would welcome all three proposed rules if there was a **permanent funding mechanism**- there is not.

The CCFCA makes the safety of our firefighters our highest priority. If these proposed unattainable rules go into effect, it will cripple our already struggling fire service, but especially our volunteer and combination departments.

In closing, we totally oppose the change to OSHA 1910.156 and ask that you and your staff provide due deliberation to accommodate these most critical trepidations.

Sincerely



FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR.  
President / Fire Chief  
CCFCA

CF: 1 Each Partner Agency  
1 Each Partner Associate Members

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# Volunteer Fire Departments Warn Proposed OSHA Regulations Will Be Costly, Drive Volunteers Away

*Volunteer fire officials across New York state are concerned about the cost of meeting a major overhaul of federal safety regulations for firefighters.*

**By: Tribune Content Agency**

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Two people were displaced and a house was destroyed in a blaze on Saturday, April 29, 2023. (Mattydale Fire Department)

Jon Moss  
syracuse.com  
(TNS)

Syracuse, N.Y. – Volunteer fire officials across New York state are concerned about the cost of meeting what would be the largest overhaul in decades of federal safety regulations for firefighters.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration late last year released its proposed **Emergency Response standard**, which would set workplace protections for emergency responders such as firefighters and paramedics. It would replace rules from 1980 covering only firefighters.

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The new rules would increase training requirements for firefighters, and ensure they receive

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trainings at least every two years. They would also have departments more frequently inspect vehicles and create written plans for responding to emergencies.

The larger time requirement could mean some volunteer firefighters have to drop out, said David Denniston, a Cortland firefighter and a top official with the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, in an interview this week with [syracuse.com](#) | The Post-Standard. That would be hard for departments already struggling to attract enough volunteers, he said.

The changes also will be costly for fire departments with limited options to raise more money, he said.

More than 1,000 fire departments in New York state are run and staffed by more than 80,000 volunteers. In Onondaga County there are more than 50 volunteer departments. Paid fire departments cover most cities while suburban and rural areas are typically covered by volunteers.

Training can vary for volunteer firefighters, according to Denniston, a third-generation firefighter from Cortland County. He said they are often only taught about the specific tasks they do – working inside or outside a structure fire, or even just driving a fire engine to an incident.

It's not clear how much training would be required under the draft rules, Denniston said, but he thinks it could be as much as double the 124 hours he currently puts firefighters through. That would be around the same as the minimum 229 hours needed to be certified as a professional firefighter in New York state.

Denniston and other volunteer fire officials from New York state held a news conference Wednesday morning at the OnCenter in downtown Syracuse about the proposed rule changes.

Federal officials have worked for more than a decade to write the draft regulations.

Denniston said he agrees with OSHA that improvements are needed to firefighter safety rules. But he also thinks the proposed regulations are not doable for small departments.

"We agree that a lot of the stuff that's in there is good," he said. "There's some things in there that we don't think OSHA has proven how that would really affect firefighter safety."

Career firefighter groups have welcomed the proposed rules. An official with the IAFF firefighter union testified at a U.S. House subcommittee [hearing](#) this month that "just because it's costly doesn't mean we need to shy away from safety."

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The state Office of Fire Prevention and Control is closely reviewing the proposal, according to spokesperson Chet Lasell. He said it's working to ensure firefighter safety "without compromising the ability of departments to operate."

While the core section of the rules is about 40 pages long, OSHA has also decided to incorporate about 20 standards from the National Fire Protection Association.

The documents, which can run into the hundreds of pages, are considered to be the best-in-class practices for firefighters, according to Chris Dubay, the NFPA's vice president for engineering and research. He said the standards are meant to reflect consensus among both volunteer and career firefighters, training academies and other groups.

Dubay said some local fire departments already implement part or all of some NFPA standards. They can tweak some sections if they choose, and OSHA could do the same, he said.

Denniston said smaller departments, due to tighter budgets and fewer people, would likely not be able to meet all of these standards. It would be better if OSHA instead picked out the parts it considers most essential and listed them directly, he said.

He said one standard not mandated by OSHA would require fire vehicles to come to a complete stop at intersections, which could help prevent crashes. Vehicle collisions were the second-leading cause of firefighter fatalities in 2022, [according to statistics from the U.S. Fire Administration](#).

Fire services can be structured in several ways in New York state, but many are organized into fire districts run by an elected board of fire commissioners. Districts are almost entirely dependent on local property taxes for their budget; half brought in \$500,000 or less in revenue in 2022, a

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The federal government has grant programs to help pay for firefighter training and

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have been cut in recent years despite a large number of applications.

Districts also face a spending limit under state law, though it can be raised by voters through a ballot referendum. Denniston said he is concerned that, like with school district budgets, voters could choose to sink a budget that includes a tax increase or increased spending.

Denniston emphasized he is in favor of doing anything possible to help improve firefighter safety, but wants to make sure the finalized OSHA rules are attainable for departments.

“We’re kind of like owner-operators,” he said. “We’re doing the fire fighting, we’re doing the job. But we’re also trying to figure out where the funds are coming from, and then ultimately we’re the taxpayers in these areas that are paying for all of this, as well.”

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## Command Show: Two In/Two Out

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**CLEVELAND FREIGHTLINER INC.**

10901 BROOKPARK RD

PARMA OH 44130

Phone: (216) 267-4800

**Invoice**

Contract Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deal #: DE-02445

Customer #: 40499

Salesperson: Mike Sulzmann

Bill To: **40499**

**REBERLAND EQUIPMENT INC**

5963 FOUNTAIN NOOK RD

APPLE CREEK OH 44606-9607

P:(330) 698-5883

Ship To:

**REBERLAND EQUIPMENT INC**

5963 FOUNTAIN NOOK RD

APPLE CREEK, OH 44606-9607

FEIN #

Stock#: 293320A

~~NY 1FVUG3FM5SHVR997~~

New 2025 FREIGHTLINER 114SD

Price:

**\$159,773.00**

Mileage: 20

**Total Price**

**\$159,773.00**

Documentation Fee

\$250.00

Temp Tag

\$35.00

**Total**

**\$160,058.00**

Mileage: 30

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**2025 Freightliner Chassis Invoice**

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