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North Carolina State Firemen's Association
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Fall 2005

To all the firefighters of North Carolina, thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the 2005 / 2006 year. I look forward to continuing the great work our past presidents have laid in front of us.

We have just completed one of the best conferences we have ever held. The 118th Annual Conference of the NCSFA was held in Greensboro, August 25 -27, 2005. We had many outstanding speakers and, some of the best workshops I believe we have ever had, not to forget the grand opening featuring the NC State A&T marching Band. WOW! What a performance. Our speakers "Clebe" McClary, Vietnam Vet and true American hero gave an outstanding keynote. We were also very fortunate to have Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue, Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshall, Jim Long, State Treasurer Richard Moore and District chief John Sullivan of the Worcester Massachusetts Fire Department address the membership

I would like to thank the Chief's Association and the other partnering associations, vendors, instructors, the NCSFA staff and a special thanks to the Guilford County Fire & Rescue council, Greensboro Fire Department and the Local Planning committee for making our conference a huge success.

With that said we have a lot of work ahead of us. We are working on plans to hold four Focus Group meetings across the state, one in each region and one at the NCAFC Mid-Winter conference. These meetings will give you the opportunity to tell us what you like and what you dislike and make recommendations about the programs offered by the association.



Chief James B. Peele
2005-2006 NCSFA President

We are also planning Gateway 2006 which will be held in January. This is where all the Presidents, Directors and "key representatives" of all the NC Fire & Rescue organizations come together for a couple of days and discuss topics and issues that are important to all of us.

We have a lot of work to do. I would like to close by saying I assure you that I have a great board of directors and a great staff, all working together for the betterment of the Firefighters of North Carolina. I look forward to serving you and please call the office if there is anything we can assist you with.

2006 Annual NCSFA Conference

August 24-26, 2006

Greensboro, NC

OSFM, NCAFC, and NCSFA Team up for Hurricane Relief Fund

By: Paul Miller

We are all aware of the damage and lost lives resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as they ripped through Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama. It is heart breaking to see pictures and hear stories about the area. Some families lost loved ones and many homes were destroyed. People lost every possession they owned—pictures, furniture, jewelry, clothes and food. Things they have worked all their lives to accumulate.

The North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal, the North Carolina Association of Fire chiefs, and the North Carolina State Firemen's Association have agreed to coordinate an effort to raise funds for firefighters and fire departments that have been ravaged by the storm. We want to encourage our firefighters and fire departments in North Carolina to support this campaign. But by the grace of God it could have been us.

Help us raise the much needed money to send to those in need. We have established three ways to contribute. You may choose to

contribute to The International Association of Fire Chiefs, The International Association of Fire Fighters or the National volunteer Fire Council The national Volunteer Fire Council has two funds for you to consider. The NVFC Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund goes to volunteer firefighters. The NVFC Emergency Relief Fund will to volunteer and combination fire departments. Donations to the International Association of Fire Chiefs will go to fire departments and IAFC members in the affected area. Donations to the IAFF go to IAFF members. All donations will be tax deductible. Make your checks out to the IAFC, IAFF Disaster Relief Fund or NVFC Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund for volunteer firefighters or to NVFC Emergency Relief Fund for volunteer fire departments. Please mark all checks for the Hurricane Relief Effort.

Send your checks to the North Carolina State firemen's Association, P O box 188, Farmville, NC 27828. We will see that 100% of your donation goes to the fund of your choosing. We will absorb all

administrative cost. You may elect to send your contribution directly to one of these organizations or another like organization, and that is fine. Our intent is just to encourage everyone to give to those in need. We prefer that you make your contribution by check. We will accept cash, and all cash collected will be divided evenly between the three organizationa.

This fund raising effort will run through November 15, 2005. We would like to ask departments to sponsor boot drives or other fund raisers, and we encourage you to do son on the weekend of October 22nd or October 29th. Having all departments in an area use the same date for their fund raiser will add legitimacy to the drive and hopefully produce greater results. If you prefer another date, that is fine.

Remember, we are our brother's keeper. Our people are in trouble, and they need our help. Be generous and work hard to support this effort.

Thank you and Gold bless you.

Upcoming Events / Deadlines

Western Focus Group	October 19
Piedmont Focus Group	October 26
Relief Fund Reports Due	(Post Marked by) October 31
Board Retreat	November 9 -11
2006 Rosters Mailed out for updating	November 15
Eastern Focus Group	December 8
Scholarships Mailed out to Fire Chiefs	January 2

2006 Scholarship Information

The 2006 Scholarship Packets will be mailed out to all fire chiefs on January 2, 2006. There are 22 scholarships available. We offer one Presidential Scholarship in the amount of \$6,000. This is given to the applicant with the highest GPA of all the applications received for a 4 year school. We also award a Presidential Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to the applicant with the highest GPA of the 2 year trade school applications. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior and be listed on the roster or be the child of member listed on the roster.

In addition to the Presidential Scholarship Awards, we offer a Firefighter scholarship in the amount of

\$6,000 and a Transfer Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000.

There are three (3) \$6,000 scholarships offered in each district to attend a 4 year school or university and three (3) \$1,500 scholarships to attend a Community College or trade school. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior and be listed on or the child of a member listed on the NCSFA roster.

Scholarship packets will be sent to the fire chief . Please contact your fire chief to obtain an application. Applications are due back in our office, completed, post marked by March 15, 2006. Any applications received after this date will be disqualified.

2006 Fire Department Roster Information

The 2006 North Carolina State Firemen's Association roster will be mailed out on November 15th. The roster and membership dues are due back in our office on January 1, 2006 with a grace period until January 31, 2006. Any department not paying dues by January 31, 2006 will lose the benefit coverage of the N C State Firemen's Association. Dues again this year will be \$12.00 per person.

The membership dues must be paid using the 2006 Fire Department Roster that will be mailed out to each fire department. You may not use a 2005 Fire Department Roster to pay your 2006 membership dues.

Should you have any questions about your 2006 Fire Department Roster, feel free to give us a call.

Notice for Fraternal Insurance Policy Holders

Letters were sent out to all Fraternal Insurance Policy Holders on October 10, 2005 regarding delinquent Fraternal Insurance accounts. This letter was not saying that your particular account was delinquent. It was to notify you of the following policy change.

During the audit process it was brought to our attention that some of our fraternal insurance accounts were delinquent. The North Carolina State Firemen's Association Executive Board and auditor discussed this situation and developed the following policy:

Beginning with the first quarter of 2006, any account that is more than 6 months delinquent will be deleted from the fraternal insurance program, and you will no longer be entitled to this benefit.

Should you have any questions regarding the status of your Fraternal Insurance account, please feel free to give us a call at 1-800-253-4733.



Congratulations
Christopher Cash of
Cherryville Fire Department
2005 NCSFA Fireman of the Year

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2005-2006
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**Scott Alderman
Piedmont Director**

Congratulation to Lewisville Fire Chief, Scott Alderman, for being elected as the new Piedmont Director of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. Scott serves as Chief for the Lewisville Fire Department in Forsyth

County. Has been with the department for 2 1/2 years. Prior to Lewisville he worked as Assistant fire Marshal for Forsyth County Fire Department, Firefighter for Kernersville Fire Department and served as Assistant Chief with the Piney Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

Scott graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fire Engineering and is currently completing his fourth year in the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program.

Scott currently serves as the Vice President for the Piedmont N. C. Firefighters Association and the Forsyth County Fire and Rescue Association.

Scott is married, 11 years, to his wife, Sharon, and they have three children—Kristen and Kayla, 9 and Chase, 3.

Welcome to the Executive Board Scott!

**Frequently Encountered Mistakes
Made by Member Departments**

These are frequent mistakes made by member departments that we have encountered.

- *Not Getting Rosters In On Time.
- *Not paying for additions during the year when the department has no vacancies on roster.
- *Failing to give correct or complete information when updating rosters.
- *Not adding new members immediately.
- *Not adding junior members.
- *Not filing injury claims in a timely manner.
- *Not filing relief fund reports on time.
- *Not contacting the office when deaths occur for inclusion in the memorial service program.
- *Not disseminating information from the NCSFA and other organizations to department members.

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