

WAKE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION
Thursday, March 16, 2006
Adopted Minutes

(Audio Replays of the meeting are available upon request)

A regular meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission was held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, 7:00 PM, in the Wake County Commons Building, Cary Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina. Ray Echevarria called the meeting to order and Ms. Ann Suggs presided as Chair upon her arrival.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order for the purpose of information only since the Commission did not have a quorum.

The following members were present: Chief Scott McCollum, Ms. Sue-Lynn Hinson, Ms. Ann Suggs, Mr. Billy Myrick, Chief Paul Dunwell, and Chief Tony Mauldin

Members absent were: Mr. Dewey Poole, Chief Tom Vaughn, Senator Vernon Malone, Commissioner Harold Webb, Mr. Lucius Jones, Mr. Michael Fletcher, Chief Mike Cooper, Chief Rodney Privette and Chief Chris Wilson

Mr. Billy Myrick gave an invocation.

INFORMATION AGENDA

PRESENTATION BY FEED THE FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

Ms. Sue-Lynn Hinson introduced Mr. Jack Fritz of the Feed the Firefighters Foundation. Mr. Fritz presented information on the Foundation and a rehab unit that the Foundation is in the process of implementing. The unit will be used to prepare meals on emergency scenes, as compared to transporting food to the location from the participating restaurants. Currently, food is being provided at emergency scenes at no cost to the fire departments. The foundation is seeking assistance with identifying possible funding sources for the rehab unit and the financial support of the Fire Commission with funds from the fire tax district.

The request was made that County staff explore the ability for the County to fund non-profit organization such as the Feed the Firefighters Foundation.

FY 07 BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE

Ben Canada provided an update on the FY07 budget process. A presentation was made containing revenue estimates, a review of the budget submittals, and the next steps in the budget process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TURNOUT GEAR COMMITTEE

Ray Echevarria provided an update on the turnout gear project. Several departments have received the new gear and others are waiting for the gear to be delivered. The gear inspection classes have been held, with good comments coming from those sessions. A handout was provided on the gear distribution progress.

CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Suggs had no report.

FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Ray Echevarria had no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMPENSATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Captain David Price introduced Mr. Paul Boyles for an update on the results of the market survey for the compensation plan. Paul Boyle provided an overview of the market survey of the compensation plan, including an explanation of the data sheets used to gather survey information. Paul Boyles also informed the Fire Commission of his recommended salary bands based on the results of the market survey.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Wake County Fire Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2006.