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**From the Desk of the Fire Chief**

**Chief Charles A Drew**    [Charles\\_drew@southportnc.org](mailto:Charles_drew@southportnc.org)

**Red Lights & Sirens - -  
 Is that all you do?**

Looking over the last year at the Southport Fire Department there have been numerous challenges. Each member has stepped up and done an amazing job handling every task. Everything from significant structure fires, medical emergencies, challenging rescues, and performing stressful extrications, to the merger of the Southport Fire Department and the Southport Rescue Squad. There have been many positive changes in our Department.

Many have the perception that a fire department only “runs up and down the road, with their lights and sirens blaring”. I want to assure you that this

is not the case - there are many other duties in emergency services. Your Fire Department offers many services to the fire district and the community at large. I would like to discuss some of the services and the positive changes that have taken place over the past 12 months. There have been some huge milestones in the Department that have been achieved by working together.

I have served on the Department since December 1991, being voted on as a volunteer, at barely 18 years old. I have a rich family history of fire service in my background, having many family members serving in the past and present. In September of 2015, I was appointed by the Board of Alderman as the first full time paid Fire Chief for Southport. I was very excited about this appointment, as the Department was preparing for an Insurance Rating Inspection by the NC Department of Insurance. This appointment greatly assisted in preparing for that inspection.



## From the Desk of the Fire Chief . . . *continued*

In October of 2015, another great challenge was presented. It was the merger of the Southport Fire Department and the Southport Rescue Squad. After many meetings and discussions, the two Departments merged under the heading of the Southport Fire Department having 2 divisions: Fire and EMS. This merger saved the citizens of Southport, nearly a half million dollars. Since the merger our team has accomplished many goals to better serve our community.



After the successful merger, our Department concentrated on the ISO (Insurance Rating Inspection) that was scheduled for February 2016. Preparations for the inspection - the first that had been done in nearly 15 years - was a tremendous workload. Just to brief you, your insurance premiums are based on how well the Fire Department does on the inspection. The Department was rated on several aspects of the fire service. The inspection rated us on our apparatus, equipment, water supply, training, communications, personnel, location of stations and substations, response times to calls, and many other details of emergency operations. Citizens ask me things like, "Why do you have so many fire engines?" or "Why do you show up at my house when just my smoke alarm went off?" and "Why do you have to run lights and sirens when going to a light socket smoking?". The answer to all these questions are very simple: we are regulated by the NC Department of Insurance on all of these issues, and if our Department fails to act according to the guidelines, our insurance rating can be taken away. That would mean the citizens would pay LARGE amounts of insurance premiums. The inspection rates the department on how well we are prepared to handle a structural fire, and at the end of the inspection, our rating was lowered to a class 3

from a class 4. Any drop in the rate is an added benefit, and we are very proud to have achieved this milestone.



So there is so much more to your Fire Department than the engines screaming down the road with the siren blaring; that is when we are most visible. The Department annually responds to nearly 2,500 calls for help each year. Additionally, many hours of training by the members are logged as well. When you see that engine responding, or an ambulance pulling up, they are equipped professionals that have dedicated many hours of their "FREE" time to train, so they are ready to act during some of your worst times. **I have said this many times, we have a multi-million dollar headquarters building, and modern apparatus and equipment, but our greatest asset is our volunteers.** I am thankful to serve with these committed individuals.

The Fire Department does not operate from ad volarem taxes; instead it is funded through a fire fee. This was a special legislation passed in the NC General Assembly for Brunswick County's 22 fire districts. The money levied in the Southport Fire District stays in our District, and the Department operates within that amount annually. Residents in the City District as well as the Rural District, pay this fee. Our annual budget is set on the amount of the fire fee that is collected within our district. Additionally, we receive donations, charge for motor vehicle crash responses, and apply for grants every year to assist with operations. This past year the Department obtained a \$30,000 contribution from Duke Progress, a \$10,000 grant from ADM Cares, a \$4,000 grant from Cape Fear Hospital Foundation, and a \$65,000 equipment donation from a local corporation, within

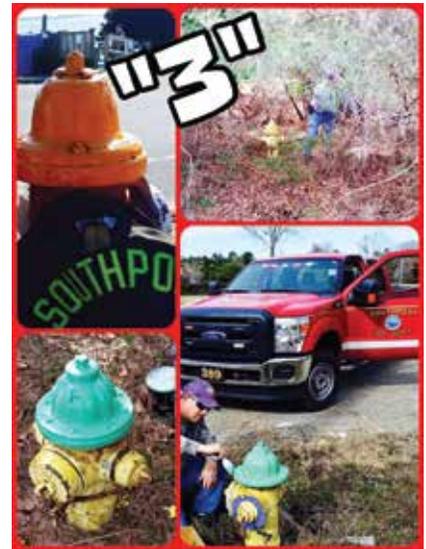
# From the Desk of the Fire Chief . . . continued

our District. These are added benefits and help the operation of Fire and EMS services in our district. The department has been fiscally conservative with its budget, and has a fund balance for capital projects.

Additionally, we are very community oriented. The Department has raised nearly \$15,000 for Muscular Dystrophy in the past 3 years, and in August 2016, held a community event at Headquarters where nearly \$50,000 was collected for MDA. There is an annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony held on the front lawn, the nearly 100 year old tradition of escorting Santa Claus into town on a fire engine each December with the Light up the Night Christmas Parade, and the Firefighter's Freedom Competition held in

conjunction with the NC 4th of July Festival. The month of October is always very busy, with National Fire Prevention Week. [See article on page 8.](#)

To wrap this all up, the community is getting a "BIG BANG, FOR YOUR BUCK" when it comes to emergency services in Southport. The Department feels an enormous sense of pride as it looks back to our founding in 1893. Since that time, there is not one call for help that has not been answered. This Department is dedicated and committed to integrity and professionalism. We are here to serve you, and help you. You may never have an emergency, and I hope you don't, but there are many other benefits of this Department outside of the emergency call. I hope to see you participate in some of those "other duties" that we enjoy as your Fire Department. Be safe!



## Office of the Assistant Fire Chief

**Assist. Chief Todd Coring**

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I am honored to serve the community as a member of the Southport Fire Department. I am a lifetime resident of Southport serving my 25th year with the Department. As a high school senior, I began my career at the fire department rising through the ranks to Assistant Chief. We have a professional fire department made up of mostly volunteers with two paid positions. We have 3 stations and 11 pieces of apparatus. We have a fire division roster of 50 dedicated members who love to serve and give back to their community. I would like to take a few minutes of your time to talk about the membership of the Southport Fire Department.

As I mentioned, we have a roster of 50 members. Of those are firefighters, probationary members, junior firefighters, and active retirees. The Office of the State Fire Marshal requires that firefighters become certified and with that receive continued education via instructional classes and practical exercises. Each member of our Department, whatever skill level, must abide by state and Departmental guidelines as it pertains to certifications.

Firefighters are (NC) level I and II certified. Depending on the order of classes each member attends and number of hours, they will receive their certifications from the state to obtain levels I and II. We strive for the best at Southport Fire and offer a variety of certification classes to assure that members can reach state certifications to complete levels I and II. In order to maintain your skill level, comply with state mandates, and honor Fire Department policy, yearly training classes must be attended to receive your hours. We “set the bar” high at Southport offering classes and training on site. We have in house instructors and training aids & facilities in order to maintain excellence and convenience.

may not join with training or experience. Some join with experience levels either partial or fully trained from other departments, some are career firefighters who volunteer with us and some come to us “green” or with no experience or training. New members are under a 6 month probationary period in order to become familiar with the policies and procedures of the Department and begin training. At the end of the 6 months, members are evaluated and voted on for full membership. Our doors are always open and we are looking for new volunteers. If you have the time and desire, we will work to give you the training and skill set needed to become a certified firefighter.

Junior Firefighters are members who are 16 years of age who inspire or show interest in becoming a firefighter. The junior firefighter program has proven beneficial to our Department and is 2 years new to us. Since the start of this program, we have graduated 8 juniors to firefighters at the Southport Fire department. This program has strict guidelines per the state of North Carolina. We have a line officer that



Probationary members are those newly elected members to the Department. These members may or

oversees our program to assure juniors apply themselves, obey requirements, and grow in all areas

**Office of the Assistant Fire Chief . . . continued**

of the fire service. The Southport Fire Department allows for 5 junior firefighters.

Active retirees are those members who have reached their 20 years with the Department and 25 years with the State and continue serving as “active” members of the department. The Southport Fire Department some years back built an incentive package to retain those members who reached retirement status. In doing so, we have held on to those “seasoned” members who continue to provide leadership, dependability, and their experience that makes us such a great Department.

In order to oversee and monitor our members, we have a membership committee. The membership committee is comprised of 4 firefighters appointed by the Fire Chief to insure that members are held accountable, comply with Department policy and guidelines as well as state requirements. The committee holds quarterly meetings to review individual member stats, research any new applications for membership, discuss compliance issues, and organize the voting of new members.

As I mentioned earlier I am honored to serve and very proud of our Department. Each time the alarm sounds I see our firefighters in action, answering the call for help. I am proud to say that volunteerism is alive and strong in our community and you can rest easy knowing that you have a professional, caring Fire Department ready to serve. If I can be of any assistance, please don’t hesitate to call on me.



**SOUTHPORT FIRE**

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# Office of the Deputy Chief

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I have been serving the City of Southport since January 2011 I had lived in the Midwest prior to moving to North Carolina doing fire and EMS since 2003. When I moved to N.C. I truly found a home volunteering with the City of Southport Rescue Squad. I began as an EMT Basic and climbed the ranks from Lieutenant to Captain then to interim Asst. Chief and then placed as the Chief of Southport Rescue Squad. In 2015 the rescue squad and the fire department merged into one department where I became the EMS Deputy Chief and was made full time.

The EMS division is made up of approximately 35 volunteers who run 12 hour shifts staffing an ambulance at the Intermediate level (ALS). I am proud to say that we have gone two years without having a single shift that has not had an ambulance in service for the Southport Fire Dept. response district. To be a full member of the EMS division you must hold a minimum certification of North Carolina Medical Responder. After joining the EMS Division all members will be put on a 90 probationary period in which in that time they will complete a precepting packet of skills to ensure that they are competent providers of medical care. The certifications that the member of the Southport Fire Dept. EMS division hold range from Medical Responder to EMT Paramedic. I am very proud to say that at this time 70% of our roster is certified at a minimum of EMT

Intermediate meaning they are able to provide advance life support skills in your time of need. Each member follows state and local protocols and attends training monthly to ensure the best possible care that we can provide.

In the year of 2015 Southport EMS Division responded to 1,466 calls and transported 566 patients to area hospitals. In 2016 we expect to respond to 1,600 calls and hope to transport a minimum of 600 patients.

To ensure that all of our members are staying current on training and the minimum requirements to remain a member of the EMS Division we have a membership committee that meets monthly to check on training attendance as well as the hours that each volunteer has contributed each month. If they are have not met the minimum requirements they are notified and further action can be taken if needed.

I want to take the time to thank all of the citizens in the Southport Fire Department district that we service for your continued support of the formally known Southport Rescue Squad now the Southport



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Fire Department EMS division. We take great pride in providing medical care to you and or your loved ones in your time of need. If there is ever anything any of us can do for you or a loved one please don't hesitate to call we will be happy to assist you! We stand by the motto. . ."Committed to Excellence, Devoted to the Community"



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**SOUTHPORT EMS**

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| A. Snowden   | G. O'Brien | C. Biggs          | M. Bullard | D. Green            | T. Johnson | B. Gray        | K. Deegan | K. Reiter      | M. Walcott | B. Todd | J. Micheletto |
| <i>Lieutenant</i>  |            | <i>Lieutenant</i> |            | <i>Deputy Chief</i> |            | <i>Captain</i> |           | <i>Captain</i> |            |         |               |
| L. Strayer   | S. Stuart  | S. Balcomb        | B. Hill    | S. Simon            | B. O'Brien | L. Caton       | S. Cullop | J. Bridge      |            |         |               |
| <i>Not Pictured: J. Carmine D. Edge S. Kellough N. McConnell T. Tickle</i> |            |                   |            |                     |            |                |           |                |            |         |               |

# Fire Prevention

## Helping you to never have to call 911

### The impact of Fire Prevention is immeasurable.

What a great benefit if we can help you to not have an emergency, so you never have to dial 911. There are two elements of fire prevention that I would like to cover: Education and Enforcement. I want to share with you these two aspects of prevention that can make a difference in life or death.

**The first component is Education.** We have an old cliché that says, “An ounce of prevention, is worth a pound of cure.” Well it’s true! If we can prevent you from having a fire or an emergency, you may never have to use the 911 system. The Southport Fire Department is committed to PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION. National Fire Prevention Week is recognized in October each year. After the great Chicago fire, officials decided there needed to be a time set aside to train the population about the dangers of fire.



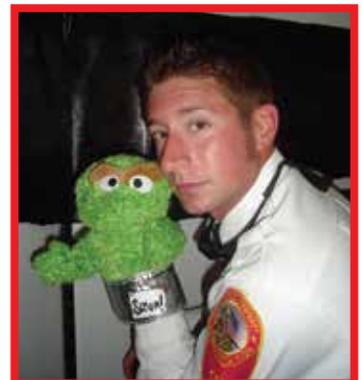
Our Department has several state certified Fire and Life Safety Educators, that are committed to training the public in fire safety and prevention techniques. The Department does not just concentrate on Fire Prevention Education during the month of October. It is an everyday effort to help someone become fire-wise and end the threat of the emergency call for help. Our fire prevention “TEAM” is committed to helping you understand how you can remove hazards and prevent fire in your home or business.

The Department offers many different avenues of fire prevention education. Here is a list of educational and community oriented programs that we offer:



- **Fire Safety Clown Brigade with Puppets utilizing Skits & Songs.** This is a fast paced, interactive program that is theme oriented. Currently we have 5 different programs that the team performs. These programs are normally offered to elementary school children that are taught the importance of EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home); What to do if your Clothes Catch on Fire (Stop, Drop & Roll); Matches & Lighters are Tools not Toys; Never Fear a Fire Fighter in Gear; Crawl Low Under Smoke; the Importance of a Safe Meeting Place; If there is Smoke Inside Get OUT & Stay OUT; and many other fire related safety tips.

- **Sesame Street Puppet Program with Sparky the Fire Dog.** This is a program that our team created that is theme oriented, but on a slower pace. Currently we have 5 different programs that the team utilizes in a daycare or preschool setting. We use the small puppets, the smaller Sparky that we have in a motorized fire truck that talks and interacts with the kids, and we use specialized props that 1-4 year olds can relate to. The themes that are concentrated on are: Hot Things Burn (An interactive game using color pictures of hot things that can burn, and cool things that kids normally play with, instilling the principle to not touch hot things); we



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also begin to teach them not to be fearful of a Sounding Smoke Alarm, and what to do if you hear it; Crawl low under Smoke; and Never Fear a Fire Fighter in Gear (this program uses Elmo, Oscar the Grouch, Big Bird, and many other popular Sesame Street Characters to get across our message).

- **Remembering When Program.** This fun and exciting program is geared more towards our senior citizen population. With this program we offer educational safety tips on Fire and Fall Prevention.



The team does demonstrations on: What NOT to wear when you're cooking; kitchen safety (the use of timers when cooking); give space heaters – SPACE; not to use multiple plugs and drop chords; how to put out a grease fire on the stove; exposing normal household dangers that can cause you to fall; and many other great lessons.

There is a "Stop, Drop, & Roll" lesson included for our seniors as well, and we teach them to take advantage of their "ABILITIES", not their disabilities. The program ends with great prizes and gifts for all those that participate.

- **FREE SMOKE ALARMS.** Over the last several years we have received a state grant for free smoke alarms. To date we have installed nearly 300 smoke alarms in households in our Fire District. The Department will come to your house, give you a brief overview of the alarms, have you sign a consent form and then install the correct number of smoke alarms that you need in your residence. We will also assist you with changing the batteries in your alarms, promoting our message: "WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES." You can call the Fire Headquarters and schedule this service at 910-457-7915.



- **Fire Station Tours.** Every day we have visitors at the Fire Headquarters. We always take advantage of educating and putting fire safety tips & lessons on every Fire Station tour that we give. You are always welcome to stop by the Station Monday through Friday, during normal business hours for a Station and equipment tour.



- **Community Safety Days.** The Department is contacted on a regular basis by commercial businesses to set up safety displays, or be involved in a community event or festival. We always try to accommodate these requests and fit them into our busy volunteer's schedules. During these times we distribute pamphlets, literature, and specialty items in conjunction with fire safety. If we can prevent a child from being burned, or a house from burning down, we have helped you not to have to dial 911. During these festivals, parades, or safety days you may see our Fire Prevention Unit with safety messages, our Clown Troop, or Sparky the Fire Dog and Smoky the Bear.

**Fire prevention education is all about YOUR safety.** If we can prevent you from dialing 911, then our job is a lot easier. Take advantage of these educational offers, it could save your life.

**The second component of Fire Prevention that I would like you to understand is Enforcement.** The Southport Fire Department is tasked with the duty to enforce the State Fire Code. In our Department, we have several State Certified Fire Inspectors. Just to make this clear, not all firefighters are inspectors. The state of NC mandates a certification through the NC Code Officials Qualification Board to perform fire

## Fire Prevention . . . *continued*

inspections. Fire inspections on all commercial buildings are mandatory by the NC State Fire Code.

I am asked frequently, not only as the Fire Chief but as a Level III Fire Inspector, “Why are you here to inspect my business?” There is a two-fold reason for the enforcement of the State Fire Code. First, it is for the safety of the property owner and the general public that patronizes your business; and last but not least, it is for the safety of our firefighters that may enter your building during a structural fire or emergency.

Building and fire codes are sets of regulations governing the design, construction, alteration and maintenance of structures. They specify minimum standards to adequately safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of a building’s occupants. They help to reduce the economic losses from natural disasters and other hazards, such as fire. They also provide safety measures when disaster strikes, recognizing that firefighters will be operating inside the building.

The Southport Board of Alderman adopted a fee schedule associated with Fire Inspections and the issuance of fire permits in May of 2014. When an inspection is conducted, the fee is levied by that schedule. Listed below are items that inspectors will be checking when entering your business:

- Exits and means of Egress (exits must be clear and operable, not locked or blocked)
- Fire Protection Systems (alarms, sprinklers, extinguishers must be tested and maintained)
- Hazardous Materials (Flammable/combustible liquids must be in approved areas and marked)
- Electrical (Emergency Lights / Exit Signs tested / working, panels are clear)
- Housekeeping (no accumulation of combustibles, no clutter or fire hazards)
- Miscellaneous (street numbers displayed, key box for Fire Dept. access)

There is a free self-inspection checklist that is available at fire headquarters or by accessing the fire department section of the City of Southport web page at [www.cityofsouthport.com](http://www.cityofsouthport.com) that will assist you in making sure your business is ready for the next fire inspection.

Nobody seems to like enforcement measures, however, many things are for our own good. Blocked exits, combustibile wall coverings, overcrowding in a business, isles blocked by chairs – are the same issues that cause people to die in fires. Many people do not realize how fast fire can move and how deadly the inhalation of smoke is. You only have seconds to react to fire. Our Department works in conjunction with the City Building Inspector through plan reviews, life-safety inspections, and witnessed testing of fire protection systems. Your business needs to be free of all fire code violations.



In closing, the Southport Fire Department is dedicated and committed to fire prevention measures through Education and Enforcement. Fire prevention officers and fire inspectors are not just bullying citizens, and the government is not being nosy about your business. Written words or armloads of code books do not prevent tragedy. Tragedies are prevented through the thankless duty of fire inspectors and code officials converting words into actions. While your safety is critical, firefighter safety is an absolute priority for this Department. Let’s prevent the 911 call, through a community partnership of Fire Prevention Education and Enforcement.



Membership Applications Available

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# Neighbors Helping Neighbors

*Thank you for giving during this Holiday season.*

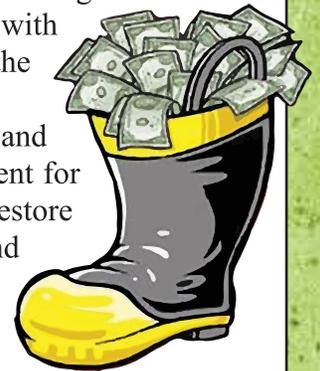
*Dear Neighbors,*

For over 123 years, the Southport Fire Department has protected the lives, homes, and businesses within our community. Recently, we merged with the Southport Rescue Squad, saving the tax payers nearly a half million dollars. This merger has been very successful, and both EMS & Fire divisions, are working together as one department. The people who make up our team of nearly 100 professionally trained volunteers are your neighbors, family, and friends. We thank you for your past support – your donations allow us to enhance our operations, by purchasing valuable assets and equipment not covered in our annual operating budget. We are asking for your help during this holiday season, so we can continue to offer our community the very best.

Our department is committed to offering exceptional quality of service. The Fire division has not missed a call since the department was organized in 1893, and the EMS division has an ambulance staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for the last 2 years. In addition to our annual operating budget, the department applies for grants and does some organized fundraising to assist with costs of specialty items and equipment. Both divisions have an auxiliary account for the purpose of donations and gifts.

Previous contributions and fundraising efforts have enabled us to purchase and upgrade stretchers for both ambulances, and also fire prevention supplies and equipment for our safety team. In addition, donations from our community allowed us years ago to restore the 1922 Model T Fire Truck, which was Brunswick County's very first fire engine, and is so important to our heritage. However, none of this would be possible without the generosity of past and present donors.

Rest assured that whenever the alarm sounds – whether for a fire, smoke or CO alarm, motor vehicle or industrial accident, medical emergency or a lost child – our firefighters and medical responders will continue to make the necessary sacrifices to respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Simply because it is what we do! **Will you consider giving during this Holiday season?**



**Please consider sending your donation today, to mail a check make it payable to the Southport Firemen's Fund, P O Box 10608 Southport, NC 28461. *Donations are tax deductible.***

Thank you for your continued support!

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Southport  
WINTERFEST  
**Light up the  
Night**  
*Southport's Annual  
Christmas Parade*  
**Friday, December 9 at 6:30 pm**

Witness the magic of Christmas through a festive parade filled with classic cars & fire trucks adorned with lights, local floats, music, and more.

Visit [www.cityofsouthport.com](http://www.cityofsouthport.com) for more information




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# DURING THE HOLIDAYS, THINK FIRE SAFETY!



When buying your Christmas tree, be sure to pick a fresh tree. You'll know its fresh if the needles are firmly attached. When the tree is in your home, keep plenty of water around the base. A dry tree is the source of more than 1,000 home fires every year!

Be bright about lights! Don't use lights with worn insulation, broken plugs and loose sockets. They can cause fires, shocks and even electrocution!



Space Heaters — keep away from curtains, bedspreads, and furniture. Make sure children know they could get burned if they touch one.





Be careful when hanging several light strings together. You could have an overload situation. Remember, all lighting inside and out, should be turned off before going to bed!

Are the stockings hung by the chimney with care? Be especially careful if there's a cozy fire going in the fireplace.

