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The Crystal Coast Chief's mess conducted a meeting on 14 Sep 2007 at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Holly Ridge, NC. There were 23 Chiefs and Perspective Chiefs present.

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of new Chiefs.

Old Business:

*Sector Command Master Chief Angela Rodriguez reported aboard on 13 Aug 2007. She has an open door to anyone that needs to speak with her.

*There was a request from OCS Keith Kalseim for sponsorship on behalf of OSC Max Stel for a motorcycle ride. Request tabled for more information.

*It was decided that there will not be a CCTI without a minimum of 4-5 PCPO's. There was a motion to let the PCPO's decide if there are 2-3 to wait until the next cycle.

*Many changes are coming down the COC about CCTI. There is a standing order on the MCPOCG website if anyone wants to read about them.

*MKC Mike Payne was introduced. He transferred from CGC STORIS in Kodiak, AK to ISD Fort Macon.

*OSC Kalseim is going to add SKC Sassin to the CPOA bang list.

*Baby Gifts: The mess is still sponsoring a gift to all E-5 and below of a Walmart gift card or an embroidered blanket with the newborn's info. Contact MKCS John Burkee for the Walmart card and SKC Loretta Sassin for the blanket.

New Business:

*Max Stel filled us in on the motorcycle ride. It will benefit the Beaufort Middle School students that are taking a trip to England. It was voted to donate \$150.00 for this cause.

*A member of the CGC DILIGENCE crew had a fire in his apartment and lost most of his belongings. It was voted to donate \$300.00 to this young member plus the dues that were collected at the meeting. OSCS Ed Spainhower is still passing the hat at the Sector. There was a reminder for us all to encourage our junior members to purchase renters insurance. It is very inexpensive.

*BMC Jeremy "Mac" McConnell reported that the CPOA was one of the very few supporters of the "Heartworks" project which is a building being renovated as a safe harbor youth center in Bayboro, NC. The \$300.00 donated was greatly appreciated. Also, an additional \$300.00 went to the Salvation Army Social Services for school uniforms for underprivileged children in Pamlico County.

*MSTC Todd Mann brought all the options for the next CPOA shirt order. The following was decided:

- #Polos w/ embroidery
- #Beefy Tees w/ screen print
- #Reduce the size of the design to 4"-5"
- #No pockets

\$100.00 was given to Todd to get the shirts on order.

*BMC Jeremy Mac McConnell and BMCS Scott Hooley would like to sponsor a "Coats for Kids" in Eastern NC. We could take the small boats and park them in front of major shopping areas and fill the boats for underprivileged children. Mac is going to talk to Cowell's Cleaners to see if they will donate the cleaning of the donated coats. The CPOA is going to sponsor the event. This is a potentially huge project and we could get the entire eastern coastal area of NC covered and have an enormous number of coats do donate. Planning to schedule the event between Halloween and Thanksgiving. Any OINC in the Sector interested contact Mac or Scott for further info.

*There was a motion passed to include E6 and below for the CPOA layette gift set or Walmart gift card. Contact SKC Loretta Sassin with details for the embroidered set and MKCS Burkee for the gift card.

*Each Sector unit is to identify two members in need for a Thanksgiving bonus. The gift will be \$40 to each member

*BMCS John Sesta, BMC Mac McConnell, BMCS Eric Floyd and BMC Mike Hall all volunteered to be on the committee for COC gifts for Captain Lee's COC.

*There was a long discussion about the email that just went out about the CPO Academy. CMC Angela Rodriguez is looking for input from the mess on their individual ideas. Some of the ideas thrown in the pot were:

#Leadership needs to be a priority earlier in a person's career

#Do away with LAMS and have a "Leadership School" similar to CPO Academy for the junior members as they are coming up the ranks

#Leadership training is VERY important-so why minimize it at the more junior level-maybe do a longer leadership at the E5/E6 level and a "refresher" at the CPO level

#If you have any strong thoughts on the matter-please send them to Ed Spainhower so he can compile them for the CMC.

*There was a shakedown recently in the Coast Guard about unauthorized emails being forwarded. BIG REMINDER to your junior folks and yourselves: DO NOT FORWARD unauthorized emails or emails with obvious non work related topics. People are losing their jobs over this one. Also remind your folks not to write threats in an email. It's just like taking out a full page ad and can get you arrested.

*There was a new committee created to identify the new changes that need to take place with the CCTI. The committee will consist of :

#Ed Spainhower
#Major Phillips
#Mike Hall
#Loretta Sassin
#Rob Fenner
#Nikki Kirby
#Todd Mann
#Wayne Cox

There is a scheduled meeting for this committee this Friday @ 0900. More to come.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING CCTI SO WE KNOW IF WE HAVE ENOUGH PCPO'S TO CONDUCT ONE THIS FALL. CONTACT ED SPAINHOWER IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE OR YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE.

