



THE TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS  
NORTH CAROLINA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date: January 6, 2026

To: Debbie P. Diaz  
Town Manager

From: Frank M. Roepcke, III *FR*  
Fire Chief

Re: Annual Certification of Firefighters

In 1980, the Board of Trustees for the North Carolina Firemen's Pension Fund established a requirement for state fire departments to annually submit a roster of active firefighters. The roster must be certified by each local governing board to maintain eligibility for pensions and the line of duty death benefit provided by the state for firefighters. Attached you will find the certified roster for calendar year ending 2025.

**North Carolina State Firemen's Association**  
**323 West Jones Street, Suite 401**  
**Raleigh, NC 27603**  
**1-800-253-4733**

**2025**

**ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREFIGHTERS**

*\*This form MUST be filled out and sent in for your Roster Renewal to be complete\**

North Carolina General Statute 58-86-25 requires that all certified fire departments submit a complete roster of its eligible firemen annually. **This certified list determines eligibility for the \$100,000 line-of-duty death benefit as well as eligibility for Pension Fund credit. Failure to accurately and promptly report this information is violation of G.S. 58-86-25 and will automatically result in a loss or reduction of benefits.**

**REPORT BY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF**

As Fire Department Chief, I have determined that the attached roster is a valid and accurate list of all eligible firemen, within the definition contained in North Carolina General Statute 58-86-25.

Name of Fire Department: Town of Kill Devil Hills Fire Department

Fire Department Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1719

City: Kill Devil Hills State: NC Zip: 27948 County: Dare

Name of Fire Chief: Frank M. Roepcke, III

Signature of Fire Chief: 

Date: January 12, 2026 Daytime Telephone: (252) 480-4060 ext. 5223

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**CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNING BODY**

Pursuant to G.S. 58-86-25, the governing body of a fire department operated by (i) a county is the county board of commissioners, (ii) a city is the city council, (iii) a sanitary district is the sanitary district board, (iv) a corporation, whether profit or nonprofit, is the corporation's board of directors and (v) any other entity is that group designated by the board. Therefore, in our capacity as the governing body of the above-named fire department, we certify and find that the attached roster is a valid and accurate list of all eligible firemen in accordance with G.S. 58-86-25.

Name of Governing Body: Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners

Name of Governing Body Official: John Windley

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Mayor

Date: January 12, 2026 Daytime Telephone: (252) 449-5300

2025 Fire Department Roster  
Annual 36-Hour Certification

Total: 51 Members

Updated 01/06/2026

(19 Paid; 23 Volunteers; 1 Member; 1 Non-Member; 7 Non-Members-Retirees)

Names	Names
Barnes, Jr. Ronald L.	Vann, John R.
Barnes, Samuel. E.	Ward, Ryan P.
Battaile, Benjamin L.	Whiddon, Jesse D.
Bezek, John K.	Woolard, Jason M.
Boyce, John H.	
Burmeister, Curtis L.	<b>Member-NCSFA, (36 hours-Training- not required)</b>
Church, John H,	Riddick, Pamela A.
Clark, Devin T.	
Cobb, Walter Ben	<b>NOT CERTIFIED but on CURRENT ROSTER</b>
Combs, Omareon Lorenzo	<b>(did not complete the required 36 hours training)</b>
Crist, Andrew J.	Bressette, Daniel W.
Downing, Olan D.	Burnette, Jr., William R.
Gates, Jonathan D.	Gray, Jr., Terence L.
Hansford, James B.	McNeil, Michael C.
Hedspeth, William J.,	Rowe, Bonnie B.,
Johnson, Connor H.	York, Larissa B.
Kirkendall, Jeremy H.	
Long, Jody P.	<b>Non-Member (Treasurer-Relief Fund)</b>
Marshall, Brayden	Doughtie, Angell
McVaugh, Bradley C.	
Mendez-Lopez, Gerardo	<b>Non-Member Inactive Retirees (36 hours-Training-not required) (Had to be added back to Roster since they retired in the past 10 years-to qualify for the Cancer Benefit Program)</b>
Merrill, Phillip B. G.	
Phan, Michael H.,	Buchanan, Jr., Howard G.
Pinto, Charles Ross	Harris, Jackie L.
Rawls, Rodney	Heppert, Richard W.
Reventas, Karigaila A.	Heppert, Shelly P.
Risoldi, Sr., John L.	James, Jr., James T.
Roepcke, III, Frank M.	Tilley, Troy N.
Saylor, Devin P.	Watson, Zachary J.
Siegrist, Steven F.	
Smith, III, John W.	
Spencer, Dennis C.	
Sylvia, Trenton B.	