

Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Fire Chief's Association

September 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Washington County Emergency Operations Center

1. Meeting called to order by President Dayringer at 12:37 pm.
2. Sign in sheet was passed around.
3. Senator Jon Woods was presented an award for sponsoring the cancer bill that passed the state legislature in 2015.
 - The award was presented by Bob Malden from the Arkansas Fire Chief's and Greg Gray from the Arkansas Firefighters.
 - Our thanks to Senator Woods for his tireless efforts in getting this important piece of legislation passed.
4. The minutes of August 20, 2015 were presented. Motion to approve minutes was made by Chief Jenkins
 - seconded by Chief Morris.
 - ❖ The motion passed.
5. The financial report was suspended until the next meeting at the request of President Dayringer. The current amount in the account was given as \$4667.42.
 - A detailed report will be given at the September meeting.

New Business:

6. The regional drill set for September 25th was placed on hold due to Bikes, Blues, & BBQ.
 - An alternate date will be set by the training division.
7. Election of Officers:
8. Discussion about current officers and question asked by President Dayringer if anyone else was interested in serving.
 - No one showed any interest.
9. Motion made to r- elect all current officers by Chief Morris.
 - Seconded by Chief Trollinger.
 - ❖ Motion passed.

Old Business:

10. Discussion on webpage and the CPAT registration has all been placed on the website.
 - The purpose is to eliminate any payment during the sessions.
 - The policies have also been placed on-line.
 - Rogers is now licensed for CPAT!
11. Each department who is wanting to participate in the regional CPAT testing needs to complete the NWA Chiefs agreement.
 - It is being looked at to change the wording so that it is on-going unless it is rescinded by a department.
 - Currently it states a yearly agreement.
12. Discussion about Russellville's request to send students to the Regional Academy was held.

- The State Fire Academy director Rachel Nix had a conversation with President Dayringer and she would not approve Russellville to attend. Her feeling was that it was a regional academy and Russellville did not fit into our region.
 - Discussion was held on options, and it was discussed to add them to our by-laws, give them the option to send their students through NWACC or did we try and discuss the decision further with Director Nix.
 - It was decided to leave the decision in how to proceed up to Russellville.
 - Message to Russellville that the state will not currently allow them to attend.
13. Attendance sheets for 2015 were given out, and attendance will be taken for September and then President Dayringer will send letters out to all departments who did not meet the by-laws requirements and remind them of those rules.
14. By-law change dealing with the voting of members will be presented at the October meeting.
- The current proposal is that for By-laws changes and election of officers, only one vote per department will be allowed.
 - For all other votes, anyone in attendance as long as they are a paid member in good standing will be allowed to vote.
15. Discussion:
- FSTARresearch.org a good website for information pertaining to latest fire service information and science.
 - Fayetteville has BioCheck 20/20 units if anyone needs any. They will share.
16. Discussion held on interest of the State Fire Academy offering a 6 month paramedic program.
- The feeling of most was that this was too short a time to give good clinical skills and decision-making to the candidate.
 - Most if not all seemed to have little interest in supporting that program.
17. We discussed the National Testing Network and NTI.
- The discussion centered around two sessions per year, with the possibility of multiple testing dates for each.
 - The training division will take on the task of this while coordinating with CPAT and NTI to accomplish the twice a year offering.
18. Q-Rae class being held Oct 20-22 at SFD. Still have a few openings for the class. If interested contact Battalion Chief James Hales.
19. Bentonville stated that they will in fact respond with any of their haz-mat equipment for anyone who calls. A discussion was held on the white powder incident at Fayetteville and the responders will meet to discuss the call.
20. 12 lead ECG class will be held in December in Lowell.
- Dates to follow
21. May 04-05 is the Congressional Fire Service Caucus in Washington DC..
22. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.