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Minutes for Dec. 19, 2019

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Meeting Called to Order by President Irwin @ 12:12

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Sign in – 14 members present

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Approval of the minutes for Nov. 21, 2019. Motion by Chief Cunningham to approve, 2nd by Ch. Jenkins. Motion Passed.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Financial report; Balance of \$38,604.77. Motion by Ch. Jenkins to Approve, 2nd by Ch. Neil. Motion Passed.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->New Business; A. Regional Drone effort, discussion of the use of Drone's on large scale and special incidents and the availability of on call use for NWA. Will continue more research and report back at a latter date.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->B. <!--[endif]-->Use of Tactical worksheet prepared by the committee. Motion to accept the worksheet as presented by Ch. Skelton. 2nd by Ch. Cunningham. Motion Passed.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->C. <!--[endif]-->NTN testing update. Ch. Irwin presented info of the requirements to host our own test and the process to go with it. Motion by Ch. Irwin to table. 2nd by Ch. Whisenant. Motion Passed

<!--[if !supportLists]-->D. <!--[endif]-->Regional Mutual Aid. Discussion of large-scale incidents and knowing who is available to assist or not. Ch. Jenkins and Ch. Cranford will look at some options such as text groups, ect. To assist the Dept's with help when needed.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->E. <!--[endif]-->Update ref. ADEM – Ch. Irwin. President Irwin will draft a letter of support on behalf of the Metro Chief's to present. Meeting on Jan. 15 in Little Rock.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->F. <!--[endif]-->LOPFI updates. – Ch. Skelton presented info ref. to disability charges to the cities and the amount's being paid out from LOPFI.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->6. <!--[endif]-->Old Business; A. Training Association report. Dates for 2020 training discussed.

B. Fire Marshalls report- No report

7. Round Table; CEMS- Washington Co. Quorum Court voted to send the AWIN proposal to the Voters for approval to fund the system.

Farmington – approved to Hire 1 more FF

Springdale- updating policies and documents- Metro also needs to update some info- working lunch in the future to look at updates.

XNA- Chief Neil is retired from the PD and only doing the Fireside now. March will be the Tabletop and live fire training. XNA name change to "National " Airport. FAA inspection was 100 % compliant.

Rogers- Approved to Hire 7, Safer Grant opens Feb. 2020, discussion for a 1 Day NWA Training Conference. Discussion ref. C-Pat testing equipment and replacement schedule

<!--[if !supportLists]-->7. <!--[endif]-->Continued; Lowell- City Approval for AWIN radios, Split from Bethel Heights FD
Bella Vista- Hired 2 still need 2, Proposing a bond for improvements, increased the Paramedic
Stipend for 2020.

Springdale – Hired 9, Station 8 still moving forward. Station 9 should be starting soon.

Gentry- moving forward with a 5-bay expansion to station 1

<!--[if !supportLists]-->8. <!--[endif]-->Other Business; A. Fire Chiefs Conference to be Jan. 30-31, 2020

<!--[if !supportLists]-->B. <!--[endif]-->Meeting schedule for 2020. All agreed to follow the
same location schedule as the past year.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->C. <!--[endif]-->Next Meeting to be in Rogers on Jan 16, 2020

<!--[if !supportLists]-->9. <!--[endif]-->Motion to Adjourn by Ch. Neil. 2nd by Ch. Harrison. Meeting Adjourned @ 13:20.

Secretary, Vester Cripps

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