

{Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Fire Chiefs} minutes 5-21-2020

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Minutes for May 21, 2020

1. Meeting Called to order via Zoom @ 13:00
2. Roll Call (electronic) 19 members and guest present
3. Approval of them minutes for April 16, 2020. Motion by Chief Jenkins to Approve, 2nd by Chief Melnicki . Motion Passed.
4. Financial report- Balance of \$43,947.72. Academy invoices all paid to date. Motion by Ch. Jenkins to Approve, 2nd by Chief Cunningham. Motion Passed.
5. New Business ; A. FF Mental Health- Nikki Penn- presentation from Nikki of services available to All of us upon request.

B. 2018 IFC, update on State Approval of the current code. Arkansas not looking to move forward with code update until maybe 2021. Discussion from the group to adopt the 2018 code as a NWA region. Motion by Chief Jenkins to have the FM group look at the code and bring back recommendations. 2nd by Chief Melnicki. Motion Passed.

C. Economic Impact discussion ref. Covid 19 and sales tax declines. Most are watching the numbers cautiously but not seeing any declines to date.

D. June Meeting location discussion / in person or continue via Zoom . Most are ready to meet in person. CEMS should be the June host.

E. Recruit Academy Graduation- scheduled to by virtual and not in person due to Covid 19.

F. Covid 19 Task Force discussion- Discussion ref. to how well the Task Force had been able to communicate and disperse information for the past few months. Would like to continue to use the same type format for the purpose of Public Safety with the NWA Council and meet a couple of times per year. Motion by chief Whisenant to Proceed with meetings, 2nd by Chief Cunningham. Motion Passed.

6. Old Business; A. Conn-X purchase for C-Pat equipment. Container has been delivered, waiting on invoice to complete the purchase.

B. Training Asso. Report. Recruit Academy near completion- graduation will be on-line this time doe to Covid19 requirements.

C-Pat testing schedule is out and will be done in smaller groups to comply with requirements.

C. Fire Marshalls report. Up-date on Knox Box purchase requirements – will be going back to online availability to help control cost.

Concerns expressed ref. School Inspection since All School are currently Closed. Still required to do the inspections as normal.

Continued;

7. Round Table ; Farmington – Chief Cunningham retirement, Chief Hellard taking over
 - Lowell - watching travel restrictions for staff
 - Benton County- expressed Appreciation to the group for Transition of New to the group and as the County Fire Marshall
 - Fayetteville- Station construction underway, New Trucks ordered
 - Rogers- Station Construction nearing completion, contract for Covid testing for staff, received their New Trucks.
 - Bella Vista- RFQ's out for the New Public Safety Building, Seeing several Businesses with Decreased revenues due to Covid
 - Beaver Lake – Hired 3 New Firemen
 - Gentry – 1 volunteer Firemen tested positive for Covid had not been in the station for past couple of weeks. No Station exposure.
 - Springdale- Station 8 set to Open in June, Station 9 under construction, Getting New trucks
8. Other Business; none
9. Motion by Chief Jenkins to Adjourn, 2nd by Chief Cranford. Meeting Adjourned @ 14:13

Secretary / Treasurer , Vester Cripps

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