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Minutes for June 18, 2020

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Meeting Called to order by President Irwin @ 13:00 by Zoom
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Roll Call – electronic – 20 members and guest present
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Approval of the minutes for May 21, 2020. Motion by Ch. Criner, 2nd by Ch. Jenkins. Motion Passed.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->Approval of the Financial report , Current Balance of \$39,679.22. Motion to approve by Ch. Jenkins, 2nd by Ch. Stewart. Motion Passed.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->New Business: request by President Irwin to add Ambulance Medicaid presentation / discussion to agenda. Motion to Add by Ch. Jenkins, 2nd by Ch. Stewart. Motion Passed.

D ; Presentation by Public Consulting Group ref. supplemental ambulance reimbursements and funding-interested Dept's can reach out to them for more information.

A; Early Alert service – Ch. Jenkins- No cost to the Group. Information ref. Covid or other items that are of current need, protest , ect. . All agreed to have Ch. Jenkins get us signed up.

B; Covid-19 impact, discussion ref. to EMS responses , hospital coverage, staffing for agencies if infected and not able to cover staffing needs. All should get ready for a 2nd wave this fall. Current testing locations and test result timelines.

C; Metro Purchase Cards- discussion about adding purchase cards for the Training Group. Motion by Chief Watts to add cards for Springdale ,Rogers, Fayetteville. 2nd by Ch. Whisenant. After discussion Ch. Jenkins made motion to Table to gather more information, 2nd by Ch. Bronner. Motion Passed to table and bring back.

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->6. <!--[endif]-->Old Business; A; training Officer's report, Spring Academy has been completed , C-Pat testing is going well under the New Covid testing guidelines

B; Fire Marshall's report; several cities / Dept's were not willing to adopt the 2018 Code if the state is not going to adopt it currently. Discussion about sending a letter to the State to support adopting the current Fire Code, No action taken at this time.

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->7. <!--[endif]-->Round Table; Rogers – Training Center Work still ongoing

Fayetteville- C-Pat testing went well

Lowell- Getting New Ladder truck, ISO Class 2

Beaver Lake – looking at hiring a New Administrative position

CEMS – seeing some Staff Fatigue dealing with Covid calls

Farmington – expressed need to wear PPE on all calls

Ft. Smith- Covid response numbers down, hiring 13 FF, looking at a New pumper

Springdale – Station 8 near completion, Station 9 broke ground,

Training Center dirt work started.

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->8. <!--[endif]-->Other Business; next Meeting July 16, 2020

<!--[if !supportLists]-->9. <!--[endif]-->Motion to adjourn by Chief Jenkins, 2nd by Chief Hyde.

Meeting Adjourned @ 14:10

Secretary Vester Cripps

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