

{Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Fire Chiefs} minutes for Feb. 25, 2021

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Minutes for February 25, 2021

1. Meeting Called to order by President Criner @ 12:30
2. Roll call- sign in , 27 members and guest present in person 8 members online zoom
3. Approval of the minutes for Jan. 21, 2021. Motion by Ch. Irwin to approve, 2nd by Ch. Hardin. Motion Passed
4. Financial Report. Balance of \$41,916.72. Motion by OEM Luther to Approve, 2nd by Ch. Ford. Motion Passed
5. New Business; A. Legislative update. Ch. Hardin, LOPFI proposed changes, Ch. Hardin will invite D. Clark from LOPFI to come to next meeting to explain and answer questions.
 - B. Personnel accountability; Ch. Hellard explained the wishes to standardize the systems we all use and the use of TacTron system. Ch. Hardin made a motion to form a group to study and make a recommendation to the Chief's with Ch. Hellard as the Chair, 2nd by Ch. Irwin . Motion Passed.
 - C. Chief's Retreat- Ch. Jenkins. Chief Jenkins gave a run down of planned events and schedule along with sponsorships received or pledged and what the needs might be still outstanding. Motion by Ch. Jenkins to approve up to \$2,500.00 for expenses if needed, 2nd by Ch. Stewart. Motion Passed.
 - D. Bylaw's update discussion Ch. Hardin, discuss the need to look at and update the bylaws for the Group. Motion by Ch. Hardin to form a working group to review the bylaws for proposed changes, 2nd by Ch. Irwin. Motion Passed.
6. Old Business; A. Challenge Coins- styles and cost presented by Ch. Cranford. Motion by Ch. Bryant to purchase 300 of the METRO Chief Coins and wait on the others at this time, 2nd by Ch. Pittman . discussion- sell the coins for \$10.00 each, give 1 coin to each member. Not to exceed \$2,000 cost to purchase. Motion and 2nd agreed to discussion. Motion Passed.
 - B. Training Officer's update. Planning for Spring academy currently have 38 students signed up. XNA ¼ drill canceled due to Covid restrictions. Planning on a Active Shooter Drill in June.
 - C. Fire Marshalls report, No movement on the 2021 Code adoption at this time. Hosting a web based training on March 18 for the Fire Marshall's group.
7. Round Table; CEMS- submitted a grant for power load systems for all trucks. Update ref. to Paramedic's giving Covid vaccines. Yes They are Allowed and can.
 - Springdale- Training Center Near Completion, Station 9 under construction
 - Centerton- received an ISO Class 2, working on Station 2 living quarters
 - Bella Vista- Fire Station construction underway. Working on property for Training Center
 - Pea Ridge- applied for AFG for 9 Full time FF's
 - Rogers- installing a Safe Haven Box. Received New Brush Truck, Adding 2 New rescue boats, Will be presenting Dr. Duncan with her Helmet at the School Board meeting.
- 7.Continued
 - Farmington- Adding 3 Full Time FF's
 - Greenwood- have 3 FF's retiring, will be adding some more Part Time and Volunteer's
 - XNA- ¼ drill canceled, should be getting their AFFF truck back from refurb.
 - Beaver Lake – considering the move to Fire District for the area
 - Ft. Smith- Remodeling Fire Station 1, received 1 New Engine and placed the order for 2 more
 - Fayetteville- going to City council for 2 new stations, should take delivery of the New Tiller soon.
 - Siloam Springs- conducting Dept. Physicals using "Life Screen", preparing for a CASS site visit
8. Other Business; next meeting March 18, 2021
9. Motion by Ch. Irwin to Adjourn, 2nd by Ch. Melnicki. Motion Passed @ 13:40

Secretary Vester Cripps

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