

# **Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Chiefs Meeting June 15, 2023 – Lowell Fire Department**

## **Standing Items of Business:**

1. Meeting called to order
2. Attendance: Jenkins, Criner, Watts, Vaughan, Cripps, Goode, Meredith, Hardin, Hellard, Harrison, Hyde, Breeden, Bronner, Stewart, Sims, Earley, Wright, Herrell
3. Motion to approve minutes from the 18 May 2023 meeting – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS
4. Financial report (current balance \$118,366.56) - APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS

## **New Business:**

1. Lunch and Learn Training Sessions – PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER FUNDING TWO PER YEAR ROTATING BETWEEN CITIES/COUNTIES. NEXT L&L WILL BE IN FAYETTEVILLE – DISCUSSION WITH SUPPORT, NO FORMAL ACTION BECAUSE IT CAN BE FUNDED BY THE EXISTING BUDGET APPROPRIATION
2. Policy Proposal - #4 Investment Policy – POLICY DISTRIBUTED AND TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE JULY MEETING.
3. FRI Gathering / Plan – TOM JENKINS DISCUSSED OPTIONS FOR FRI 2023 GATHERING AND RECOMMENDED A ROYALS BASEBALL GAME “PATIO PARTY” FOR OUR AUGUST MEETING. CONCENUS OF THE GROUP WAS TO PROCEED AND TOM AGREED TO GATHER A COUNT OF INDIVIDUALS FOR A FINAL PRICE.
4. Recognition of Fire Chief Brad Hardin for Arkansas Fire Chief of the Year. NO ACTION
5. Inquiry about a department to host 2024 Arkansas Fire Academy Chief Fire Officer Program (Week 3 in May). NO ACTION

## **Old Business:**

1. Metro fire district research – INTERESTED PARTIES HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION. PLANNING ON THE METRO CHIEFS FUNDING FOOD AND LODGING WITH TRANSPORTATION THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANYONE ATTENDING. TRIP TO BE SCHEDULE TO DENVER, CO IN SEPTEMBER.
2. RMAC Application Process – APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE METRO BY NEXT MEETING, NO ACTION.
3. FORCE Program in NWA Spring 2024 – UPDATE PROVIDED BY TOM JENKINS, NO ACTION.

## **Committee Reports:**

1. NWA Training Officers Report
  - a. Report provided
2. NWA Fire Marshals Report
  - b. No Report provided
3. NWA Operations Chiefs Report

- a. Report provided
4. NWA EMS Officers Report
  - a. Report Provided

**Other Business:**

1. President Criner recommended a new strategic plan be developed for the group after listing the numerous accomplishments made over the past three years.
2. Round Table Information from Departments
3. Adjournment – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS