

Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Chiefs Meeting March 16, 2023 – Siloam Springs Fire Department

Standing Items of Business:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Attendance: Jenkins, Criner, Melnicki, Vanatta, Watts, Hulse, Lieutard, Vaughan, Breeden, Cripps, Goode, Harrell, Sims, Yarno, Bryant, Bronner, Meredith, Ford, Kuykendall, Ross, Shinn
3. Motion to approve minutes from the 16 Feb 2023 meeting – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS
4. Financial report (current balance \$104,480.57) - APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS

New Business:

5. Creating a Fire Chief David Dayringer Award – MOTION TO APPROVE AWARD, PASSED UNANIMOUS
6. Metro fire district research – DISCUSSION ON NEXT STEPS TO HELP WITH THE RESEARCH OF POTENTIAL LEGISLATION IN THE STATE AND THE EFFORT REGIONALLY. SUGGESTED FIRST VISIT WAS TO WEST METRO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN DENVER, CO. INDIANAPOLIS AND THE COUNTY SYSTEMS OF VIRGINIA/MARYLAND WERE ALSO SUGGESTED. NO ACTION
7. Legislative update – PROVIDED BY PRESIDENT CRINER, NO ACTION
8. Research Symposium – JENKINS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF FIRE SERVICE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM IN TULSA ON JULY 8. THEY ARE DESIRING TO HAVE A CONTINGENT FROM NW ARKANSAS. INFORMATION TO COME, NO ACTION TAKEN.

Old Business:

9. Nonprofit Status – UPDATE FROM TOM JENKINS. NEW IRS 1023 APPLICATION SENT.
10. Company Officers Program – CHIEF CRINER SUGGESTED A GATHERING OF COMPANY OFFICERS PRIOR TO OUR WORKSHOP IN APRIL.
11. Information on the April 18 NFPA Summit occurring in NWA. Emailed agenda and registration forthcoming. The event will take place immediately before the NWA Metro Fire Chiefs Workshop and Retreat.
12. Information on the April 19-20 3rd Annual Metro Chiefs Workshop was shared. Registration to open soon.

Committee Reports:

13. NWA Training Officers Report
 - a. Report provided
14. NWA Fire Marshals Report
 - b. No Report provided
15. NWA Operations Chiefs Report
 - a. Report provided

- b. Regional Mutual Aid Coordinator Job Position passed out for review – updated version.
- 16. NWA EMS Officers Report
 - a. Report Provided

Other Business:

- 17. Round Table Information from Departments
- 18. Adjournment – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS