

Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Chiefs Meeting

May 18, 2023 – Springdale Fire Department

Standing Items of Business:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Attendance: Jenkins, Criner, Vanatta, Watts, Hulse, Vaughan, Cripps, Goode, Meredith, Kuykendall, Ross, Hardin, Hellard, Luther, Harrison, Baggett, Crabtree, Valdez, Holte
3. Motion to approve minutes from the 15 Mar 2023 meeting – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS
4. Financial report (current balance \$113,336.77) - APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS

New Business:

1. Regional Mutual Aid Coordinator Presentation – DISCUSSION, NO ACTION
2. Hosting Fire Chief Michael O'Brian for Lithium Ion Battery Training – MOTION PASSED TO APPROPRIATE \$1250 FOR THE LUCHEON EVENT AND HONORARIUM
3. Western Fire Chiefs Association FORCE Event – AWARENESS ONLY, WFCOA TO HOST IT IN NWA IN FALL 2023

Old Business:

1. Metro fire district research – WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING FOR PEOPLE TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN ATTENDANCE
2. Legislative update – PROVIDED BY PRESIDENT CRINER, NO ACTION
3. Nonprofit Status – UPDATE FROM TOM JENKINS. NEW IRS 1023 APPLICATION SENT.
4. Company Officers Program – CHIEF CRINER PROVIDED AN UPDATE. LIMITED PROGRESS AND DEPARTMENTS NEED TO REGISTER THEIR INTERESTED COMPANY OFFICERS.
5. Feedback on the April 3rd Annual Metro Chiefs Workshop was overwhelmingly positive. Plans for the next workshop will begin immediately.

Committee Reports:

6. NWA Training Officers Report
 - a. Report provided
7. NWA Fire Marshals Report
 - b. No Report provided
8. NWA Operations Chiefs Report
 - a. Report provided
9. NWA EMS Officers Report
 - a. Report Provided

Other Business:

10. Round Table Information from Departments

11. Adjournment – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS