**Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Chiefs Meeting**

**September 19, 2024 – Bentonville**

**Next Meeting: October 17, XNA**

**Standing Items of Business:**

**Siddons Martin sponsored meal, introduced service manager and briefly spoke**

**Chief Criner recognized for service to the Association**

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Attendance: Springdale, Goshen, Siloam Springs, Bentonville, Rogers, Bella Vista, Pafford, Fayetteville, XNA, Elkins, Lowell, Gravette, Huntsville, Eureka Springs, Pea Ridge, NFPA
3. Financial report APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS

**New Business:**

1. Legislative Report: Discussed changes to Workers Comp, Act 833 and OSHA fire brigade rules.
2. FRI Review: suggested to move Metro event to first of the week to avoid schedule conflicts. Class quality was down from last year.
3. Discussion on Protocol App billing – invoicing is due soon.
4. Rookie School cost – Springdale is tracking cost for current class and will report back.
5. Force conference – Tabled per Chief Jenkins’ request
6. Membership dues – Discussed a simplified, tiered system of invoicing for large/small departments. Request for more detailed information concerning projected revenues at a later meeting.
7. Ideas for speakers at AAFC winter conference. Contact Chief Scantlin, Chief Stewart working on vendor notification for planning purposes. Chief Hellard and **Chief Baggett** reported on attending TX chief officer program.

**Old Business:**

1. Investment and Financial Policies: Motion to approve by Chief Shinn, second Chief Hulse, passed unanimous.
2. E Voting- Election Buddy for E Voting will be first attempted October meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

1. NWA Training Officers Report

Quarterly Training Bella Vista September 25th at 10:00 (cave rescue)

Recruit graduation November 1st, TBA

1. NWA Fire Marshals Report

Washington and Benton Counties working jointly on a Youth Fire Setter Intervention Task Force

1. NWA Operations Chiefs Report

Requested review of RMAC stipend at 1st of year, afraid it’s too much.

1. NWA EMS Officers Report

Protocol Updates released.

Southwest Division Conference- Oct. 23rd Denton, Tx.