

**Northwest Arkansas Metropolitan Chiefs Meeting
January 16, 2025 – Springdale FD Training Center
2498 Turnbow Springdale AR**

Standing Items of Business:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Attendance: Shinn, Vaughn, Holt, Bronner, Pearson, Crabbe, Lee, Kendall, Krug, Hellard, Howerton, Wright, Mason, Scantlin, Boydston, Hardin, Hulse, W.Mabry, Keller, Wood, B.Mabry, Luther, Watts, Breeden, Wiedensoler, Ledbetter, Jackson
3. Motion to approve minutes from November 24 meeting – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS
4. Financial report (current balance \$145,064.62) - APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS

New Business:

1. Presentation from By Shannon Hillis NWA Fire and EMS conference.
2. New Member Introduction
 1. TJ Howerton- West Fork Fire Chief
 2. Scott Wiedensoler-Lowell Fire Chief
3. Set date for NWA Metro Chief Workshop
 1. May 7-8
 2. 15,000. Budget
 3. Siloam Spring possible Location
4. Legislative initiatives report provided by Chief Hardin,
 1. State Fire Marshall Enforcement Powers
 2. Moving Fire Alarm Licenses under Fire Protection Services
 3. Firefighter Decertification
 4. LOPFI Workers Comp
 5. 833 Funding
 6. Incentives for Volunteer Firefighters
 7. AFTA funding
 8. NFIRS reporting moving to NERIS
 9. Firefighter Vacation Clarification
1. Set Meeting Locations for 2025
 1. Feb Bentonville, March Siloam, April Farmington, May Workshop, June AR Fire Convention, July Huntsville, Aug FRI, Sept Lowell, Oct XNA, Nov WCDEM, Dec TBD.
2. Discussion on By-Laws and RMS/Election system NO ACTION TAKEN

Old Business:

1. Taking Care of Your Own Update
 1. Upcoming Class Springdale Feb 26th

Committee Reports:

1. NWA Training Officers Report
 1. Upcoming planning session
 1. 500.00 meal budget
 2. AFA Resource 1 pilot program
 3. XNA Full Scale March 12 at 10:00a
0. NWA Fire Marshals Report
 1. No Report
0. NWA Operations Chiefs Report
 1. RMAC Coordinators for 2025 on website
0. NWA EMS Officers Report
 1. No Report

Other Business:

1. Round Table Information
 1. Springdale FD, Assisted in filling Carrol County PPE Needs after Tyson Fire Station 4 relocation underway (cost 5 million, Chief Jackson advised the old St 4 was constructed for 182K) adding 6 FF's mid-year
 2. Johnson FD, Placing ALS engine in service
 3. Bentonville FD, Boydston to Ops Chief Smith to Training Chief
 4. Fayetteville FD, New Mayor added 2 support staff positions for 25
 5. Huntsville FD, Training, Swift Water, and Apparatus Grant adding night shift
2. Adjournment – APPROVED, PASSED UNANIMOUS