

# Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

## Training Officers Association

### December 2018 Meeting Minutes

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#### Call to order

1. Meeting called to order by President Bronner @ 09:04
2. Sign in – 6 members present

#### Old Business

3. Academies
  - a) Price increase recommendations were discussed:  
**MOTION by President Bronner: “Keep pricing for STANDARDS Academy recruits at current pricing of \$350 per recruit”; SECOND by Chief Hardin. Vote: Unanimous; PASSED.**
  - b) Chief Hardin requested what the propane expenses were for the STANDARDS Academy were, and if they have not been paid; they need to be. Recorded remaining expenses are shown as \$5,039.72 with an income reported as \$5,950.00 (17 recruits).  
*Note: Some of the expenses occurring during this Academy were deemed as one-time expenses and are not necessarily expected as an expense to be shown during future academies.*
  - c) Dates for Academies: President Bronner suggested that “Hard Dates” be presented at the January 2019 meeting.
    - i. **Spring STANDARDS Academy** - Captain Everhart (via text to Chief Cranford) will have a full schedule for the Spring 2019 Standards Academy at the January meeting. Pre-Req. week is March 18-22, 2019 with the main Academy running from March 25-May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
    - ii. **Summer EMT Academy** - EMT dates will be June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 (8 weeks).
    - iii. **Fall STANDARDS Academy** – Pre-Req. week is August 19-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 with the main Academy running from August 26-October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



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### 4. 2019 Regional Drills

- a) **Winter 2019**- CBRN/MCI Drill- Fayetteville will host. Chief Hardin will contact Chief Good for coordination of this training event and present information at the January 2019 meeting. Possibly move drill to the Spring season.
- b) **Spring 2019**- Swiftwater Drill- Siloam Springs will host this drill. The dates were tentatively set for April 22-May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 by Chief Vanatta.
- c) **Summer 2019**- Cave Rescue Drill- Bella Vista will host this drill. Dates are yet to be determined.

### 5. Bought CPAT supplies

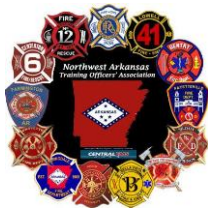
### New Business

### 6. By-Law changes:

- a) NWA Metro Chiefs amended By-laws to include Presidents of both NWA Training Officers' Association and NWA Fire Marshals' Association as part of the "Executive Board" with allowance of a credit card with spending control.
- b) NWA Training Officers' Association By-Law changes:
  - i. Page 2, Meetings of the Association: needs updated to reflect current schedule. **MOTION by President Bronner: "Amend by-laws to reflect the monthly meeting held on the second Wednesday at 09:00"; SECOND by Chief Hardin. Vote: Unanimous; PASSED.**
  - ii. Discussion for By-Laws.
    1. Officers of the Association: secretary officer duties to include Website and Social media. **No motions entertained.**
    2. If dissolved for whatever reason, the addition: "All equipment will be auctioned, and proceeds will be equally split to member departments. **No motions entertained.**

### 7. New website/Social Media:

- a) Website: <http://www.nwatoa.org> – Website hosting is through Bluehost.com as well as the domain name nwatoa.org and nwatoa.site. Fees for keeping this site up and running are roughly 200 USD annually. Chief Cranford has developed,



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will maintain and, teach all willing officers how to keep up-to-date and make changes easily on the site.

- b) Social Media: (Working on Guidelines for Use) – At this time, all officers recommended for monitoring and updating media until a motion can be made on future developed guidelines (by Chief Cranford). Contact Cranford at 417-691-0038 for access to anything website or social media.
  - i. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nwatoa>
  - ii. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nwatraininofficers>
  - iii. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nwatraininoff1>
8. New Equipment Requests for Metro Chiefs – The purchases of one or more thermal imager cameras (TICs). Recommendations included the K65 model around 6,000 USD or less, video recordable, and NFPA compliant. Research in progress. **No motions entertained.**
9. Online/Hybrid Certification Courses – Discussion from the group agreed upon development of a sample online course for presentation at a future AFA board meeting for seeking approval.
  - a) The types of courses at this point we are looking at going online with in an online or hybrid/blended format are:
    - i. Fire Service Instructor I
    - ii. Fire Service Instructor II
    - iii. Fire Officer I
    - iv. Fire Officer II
  - b) Chief Cranford and Chief Hardin will be coordinators in making the sample. Other members are welcome in this development.

### **Other Business**

10. Development of Regional Training Curriculum – Discussion is still open.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

11. MOTION by President Bronner to adjourn; SECOND by Cranford, Unanimous, PASS.