

# Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

## Training Officers Association

### August 2019 Meeting Minutes

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#### **Call to order**

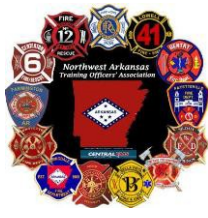
1. Meeting called to order by President Bronner @ 09:25
2. Sign in – 8 members present with Departments represented from Bella Vista, Siloam Springs, Springdale, Rogers, Fayetteville, Central EMS, and Fort Smith

#### **Old Business**

1. Motion for approval of July Meeting Minutes by Vanatta, Cranford 2<sup>nd</sup>, - Motion approved unanimously.
2. ISFSI course Live-Fire 1403 Fixed-Facility Instructor in Siloam near capacity – maybe a couple slots open. Wednesday, October 23 - Friday, October 25, 2019. Held at 1450 Cheri Whitlock, Siloam Springs, AR 72761; 9AM-6PM. \$555 per student.
3. Moodle – Course Syllabus, Course Coordinator, work on completing during a separate work session next month for the ONLINE selection of courses or sample to present to AFTA in the future.
4. College – Asking again about NTN Testing as well as Bentonville campus security requirements for outside people.
5. Haz-Mat Awareness Training – 19<sup>th</sup>, Operations on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> – Full.
6. Fire Academy – (24) members in the Academy this fall. Chief Campos requested instructors to get in and SIGN UP for what they would like to teach.
7. Website for [www.nwatoa.org](http://www.nwatoa.org) needs form submit, pay and registration consolidated; Chief Bronner said he would develop the form using Google forms.
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2. 4 Drills per year was a directive from the Metro Chiefs – All Departments to be welcome as well as volunteer. Target to recue or Haz-Mat. Potentially need to approach the Metro Chiefs with reducing the number of drills from 4 per year, down to one or two per year (Rogers) and increase the quality.



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3. AR EMS Rules and Regs Change – Gov. Hutchinson ....move the rules and regs to the rules of EMS. With the passing of the Mark King initiative Oct.- to April is the “only window to apply”. Must apply. Right now, if they ever lose their NREMT, they lose their license.
4. Chris Foreman – if you have IFSAC pro-board Awareness and Ops., AR will accept it. No using the current edition of IFSTA book “operations” addition. Operations will go from 2 days to three days. Changes in 472, addition of 942?.....testing on decon. Damning diverting. Should go into effect in October of 2019. Some select from each department to get up to date on the new Haz Awareness and Ops. If you need a proctor for test; call Chris Foreman! Send test requests for haz-mat to AFTA but CC Chris.

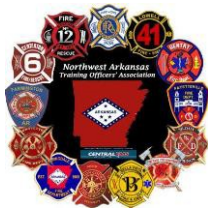
All haz mat instructors would now then be given access to resource one with manuals, books. Request classes at least 30 days before via email. [training@idem.arkansas.gov](mailto:training@idem.arkansas.gov). Add Chris Foreman to the Distribution List. NOTE: Chris is having trouble filling classes for haz-mat. Chemistry, air monitoring....already committed to hot springs in 2020 (maybe one per year in this region).

Haz-Mat IQ and Above the Line/Below the Line tomorrow in Rogers. Awareness classes are 1 day, Operations classes will be 3 days now, technician 2 weeks. Get department Haz-Mat instructor T-T-T of haz-mat (maybe after the 8th in November, the Tuesday 19th for T-T-T Springdale St. 6?) Notify current instructor; no one outside. Maybe next year for that. Bronner – Training division personnel are important to get instructor certified first...aware and ops.

5. Oct 1st WMD exercise will be held in the “Old” Health guard building in Springdale, AR.

### Round Table

1. Fort Smith - Aerial Driver Course - October 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, pre-requisite is current D/O cert. There is still room if interested.
2. Task force Class shows only 2....probably not going to make.
3. Central EMS has ACLS coming up on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, PALS on Sept 20th. EMS RULES AND REGS TO BE SENT OUT TO THE GROUP (political efforts at the State and Federal levels).
4. Pediatric Education Coordinator – new for each organization (maybe the training group; there will be a lot of money allotted to this). Go through “Ballard”.
5. Safe sleep program – into residence, see kid in unsafe sleep place....give the packet. Highest rate in AR is because of a poor sleeping environment.



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6. Grants for easy funding for those teaching CPR in their communities are due Aug 16. Community CPR program now open to all counties. \$5000 towards teaching classes. PUT OUT application to ME to send out. AUGUST 16th deadline 2 days!
7. University of Arkansas is now at max capacity as school has started. For gameday, everything in the gardens is moving to the north end. They are shutting down maple to have a “hogfest” before each game. This also, shuts down Stadium and Razorback streets. Access will be a nightmare.
8. NIEMT.com would like to evaluate for NREMT testing entry. It was determined that this was not going to be considered.
9. Need evaluators for Captains’ testing for Wednesday September 18th from 0730 to 1630 hours at Station 1, 103 Town Center, Bella Vista, AR.
10. Siloam – Brent Form – is the new EMS Chief – Deputy, the training tower done with training for the tower systems to be held on the 29th and 30th. W.H.P. is providing the training and will start at 0800 until finished. There will be an Active Shooter Course held Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
11. Springdale – Sept. 4th and 5th – Driver/Operator Testing – Needing Evaluators. We are moving forward with the classroom training building at the current training tower site.
12. Fayetteville – Wildland class moved to the next day – UPDATE NEEDED ON WEBSITE.
13. Motion to move TOA meeting from Nov 13th to the 19<sup>th</sup> by Cranford, Second Campos, favor...unanimous.
14. Looking for Naloxone kits for your dept. there is money available. Contact Central EMS for more information.
15. Other Upcoming Training Classes Posted Previously
  - a. Siloam Springs Fire
    - i. Haz-Mat Technician Course – August 19 – 30, 2019
  - b. Bella Vista
    - i. Officer II – August 26, 2019 – August 30, 2019
  - c. Fayetteville Fire
    - i. Incident Safety Officer – November 6 & 7, 2019
    - ii. Instructor II – December 2, 2019 – December 6, 2019

### **Motion to Adjourn**

1. 1045 Hours - MOTION by President Bronner to adjourn; SECOND by Campos, PASS.