



Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

Training Officers Association

November 2020 Meeting Minutes

Springdale Fire Department Station 1
0900 Hours on November 12th, 2020

Call to Order

1. President Vanatta called meeting to order at 0904 hours. *Members present include, Bronner, Baggett, Vanatta Jr., Cranford via Zoom, Captain Dray, Harris via Zoom, and members not recorded.*

Old Business:

1. **Approval of the Minutes for September** – Motion to approve the minutes by Bronner, 2nd by Baggett, unanimously approved. **PASS.**
2. **CPAT** – Final test on 11/21.
3. **Visit to Camden to Meet with Director Nix** – Tabled for future agenda.
4. **NWA Training Officers' Association Challenge Coin** – Looking to price 100 coins and then go from there. Also, a 20th year, anniversary coin was discussed.

New Business:

1. **Academy and Upcoming Training Schedule for 2021**
 - Spring Academy Schedule and Location – EMT at NWACC ends March 5th. Looking to start the 10-week Spring Academy (includes the pre-req week) on March 29th with an end date of June 4th. The plan will be to continue “splitting” the Academy depending on attending student count.
 - Fall Academy Schedule and Location – Looking to start Fall Academy the week of August 30th with an end date of November 5th. Splitting may still be a factor and course location may or may not rotate.
2. **AFTA Courses** – No representatives available. Working out needs for the region currently. Due to COVID-19, we will have to keep courses isolated and less than 10 per class. Departments brought about the need for ICS 300, 400, Officer II, Instructor II, and also, contacting Chris about getting some of the haz-mat courses and chem courses approved for our instructors to teach in-house.



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- 3. New Benton County Training Officer** – Please welcome David Dray, Benton County Assistant Director of Community Risk Reduction to the Training Officers' Association. David was a former Training Officer for Bentonville and brings a great deal of experience to the Association. You may contact him at David.dray@bentoncountyar.gov.

Open Discussion:

Gravette Fire Department – Brad Harris - I'm sure most of you have heard by now but if you haven't, Chief Orr here at Gravette has been diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon Cancer. He had a PET scan on Friday and they determined it hasn't spread anywhere.

He will begin chemo and radiation treatment on I believe the 9th of next month. Gravette FD will be doing a pull up pulled pork dinner on next Friday the 20th from 11-7 or until we run out. All of the proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly to Chief Orr and his family to assist with any expenses he will incur during this time. If you have any questions, feel free to get ahold of me and if you don't mind passing the word around.

Motion to Adjourn: 1031 Hours - MOTION by Bronner to adjourn; SECOND by Cranford, PASS.