



# Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

## Training Officers Association

### October 2020 Meeting Minutes

Fayetteville Fire Department Classroom Training Facility  
0840 Hours on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Call to Order

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1. President Bronner called meeting to order at 0840 hours. *Members present include, Bronner, Baggett, Vanatta Jr., Cranford, Hoyer, Chief Watts via Zoom, Captain Bray, Kuykendall, Harris via Zoom, and members not recorded.*

#### Old Business:

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1. **Approval of the Minutes for September** – Motion to approve the minutes by Vanatta Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. **Fall Recruit Academy** – Thank you to all assisting instructors and departments for their participation.
5. **NWA Training Officers' Association Challenge Coin** – The group agreed to come up with a design and submit it to the Metro Chiefs for approval and funding. Cranford came up with a design for the coin, looking to seek further input from the NWA Chiefs group.

#### New Business:

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1. **Academy and Upcoming Training Schedule for 2021**
  - Spring Academy Schedule and Location – Need to determine host for the Spring Academy as well as future, regional training courses for 2021, given the current pandemic situation.
  - Fall Academy Schedule and Location – Maybe looking to start rotating locations of the Fall Academy as departments in the region have new classrooms and available training towers to accommodate.
  - Conference/s to the NW region. Vanatta entertained the idea of bringing bigger names into the region for great training opportunities, i.e. McCormick, Brush and several others mentioned. We are looking for a location to have a minimum number of 6 breakout classrooms or sizeable venue to attract regional firefighters.



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Looking at a time-frame of roughly 2 or 3 days for the conference. This conference would mainly be lecture format around the “March” timing of the year. Membership input is welcome.

2. COVID Testing – Rapid test available. Bronner has contact information of the rep. Insurance coverage and location where you receive your test is a big factor and may vary by out of pocket expense.
3. AFTA – No representatives available. Lonnie Harrell left message with Bronner to indicate that a satellite office is now being setup in the Rogers Training Facility for more security.
4. Voting on Officers for the 2021 year resulted in the following outcome:
  - For President – Deputy Chief John Vanatta Jr., Siloam Springs - Motion to approve by Bronner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kuykendall, unanimously approved. PASS.
  - For Vice President – Deputy Chief Jamie Baggett, Lowell - Motion to approve by Bronner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kuykendall, unanimously approved. PASS.
  - For Secretary – Division Chief Scott Cranford, Bella Vista - Motion to approve by Vanatta Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baggett, unanimously approved. PASS.
  - Past President – Battalion Chief Mike Bronner, Springdale – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.
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### Open Discussion:

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1. **Bella Vista** – Station 3 site development underway. Training facility in the incipient stages of land acquisition and planning.
2. **Central EMS** – Kuykendall – Disaster Medic Protocol needs generated/updated. Dr. Johnson will support a protocol, but the protocol needs to define what Disaster Medics with “function as” and who they will “be protected” by. The purpose is to define responses with Arkansas TF1 when they deploy. Individual agency directors may have to be consulted and provide agreement/s or input because different services throughout the State are allowed to do different procedures where others are not allowed. Input needed!

**Motion to Adjourn:** 0932 Hours - MOTION by Hoyer to adjourn; SECOND by Cranford, PASS.