

# Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

## Training Officers Association

### January 2021 Meeting Minutes

VIA Zoom - Online  
0903 Hours on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Call to Order

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1. President Vanatta called meeting to order at 0903 hours. *Members present include, Bronner, Baggett, Vanatta Jr., Cranford, Hoyer, Dray, Mason, Kuykendall, Lee, Rains, Shane, Hellard, McEntire, Mason and members not recorded.*

#### Old Business:

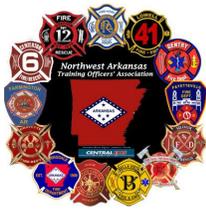
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1. **Approval of the Minutes for November** – Motion to approve the minutes by Cranford, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hellard, unanimously approved. **PASS.**
2. **CPAT** – BC Bronner worked on the CPAT financial link, form and interface, fixing issues with the point of sale for candidates. Looking for ways to integrate information pooling with possibly existing registration and testing sites such as NTN testing.
  - **FYI - 2021 CPAT Spring dates:** January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 orientation, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 final test.
3. **ADEM and New Contacts** – For haz-mat courses and chem courses and new contact over ICS 300 & 400. Chris Foreman is still the supervisor of both contacts below:
  - Haz-Mat and Chem. Courses - Mark McEntire (Ret. Conway, AR Fire Dept.), 501-683-6752 office, 501-258-2147 cell.
  - ICS 300-400 Courses – John Minard, 501-683-6755 office, 501-319-3786 cell.  
[John.minard@adem.arkansas.gov](mailto:John.minard@adem.arkansas.gov).
  - i. **Upcoming ICS 300 & 400 Courses** - to be held in this region at the Drake Field Terminal in Fayetteville, AR on September 20-24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### New Business:

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1. **AFTA Staff “Boxes”** – Putting together gift boxes for the staff at AFTA. Need donations or items asap. Deadline by January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
2. **NWA Training Officers’ Association Challenge Coin Update by S. Cranford** – The Metro Chiefs liked the idea of the Training Coin, but saw that as maybe something smaller to included in the future. The group voted to assign Scott Cranford for research



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into a NWA METRO CHIEFS' challenge coin, logo and in working towards some pricing options and polos/shirts options.

### 3. MCI and/or WMD or Haz-Mat Multi-Department Training Exercises Update:

- First full-scale exercise with Airport March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Chief Hellard advised Farmington may pick up the next quarter's exercise; maybe an "Active Shooter/MCI Drill"
- Also, a potential tabletop exercise was thrown out as an idea for another exercise.

### Open Discussion:

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**LOPFI legislation Update** – Need to monitor current legislation with LOPFI that could threaten disability benefits and percentage payouts of incidents occurring during training and/or agility testing as well as other aspects of retirement for firefighters.

**Centerton** – Passed bond for training facility. Opening Sta 2 soon.

**Fayetteville** – Had a Covid breakout after company drills, restricted to single company training. Hosting ICS 300/400 in Sept, class is posted for registration on ADEM site.

**Springdale**– New training center open early March, Mike and Pat will be moving over in late Feb. EMR class at Springdale for Metro members March 8-12, 9-5. Sta 1 or Training facility, TBD.

**NWACC** - (Josh K) -Jamin took over EMT from Scott Byrd, 5 EMT classes this semester, moving many to Springdale campus, open to Chiefs making recruiting visits to speak to students.

**CEMS** – New ambulance delivered, COVID running rampant.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 0957 Hours - MOTION by Bronner to adjourn; SECOND by Baggett, PASS.

**GroupMe** – Anyone needing to be added to the GroupMe text group, please send your cell phone information to BC Bronner at [mbronner@springdalear.gov](mailto:mbronner@springdalear.gov) . If you need to be added to the NWATOA Google Group so that you will receive group email information from the TOA, send your email request to [scanford@bellavistaar.gov](mailto:scanford@bellavistaar.gov) .