



Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

Training Officers Association

June

2021 Meeting Minutes

In Person – Rogers Fire Department ETC
0902 Hours on June 9th, 2021

Call to Order

1. President Vanatta called meeting to order at 0902 hours. *Members present include, Bronner, Lee, Bray, Vanatta Jr., Cranford, Thompson, Bingham, Harrell, Mason, Hellard, Watts, Sloat, Howard, Baggett, and members not recorded.*

Old Business:

1. **Approval of the Minutes for May 2021** – Motion to approve the minutes by Bray, 2nd by Baggett, unanimously approved. PASS.
2. CPAT – Update by Sloat.
 - Spring CPAT dates - Final Test: June 19, Saturday. Everything is posted to the www.nwatoa.com website.
3. ADEM Classes – No updates.
3. **MCI and/or WMD or Haz-Mat Multi-Department Training Exercises Update:**
 - Completed 2nd Quarter Exercise - Chief Hellard of Farmington hosted an “Active Shooter” drill on June 8th, 2021 at 0900 at Farmington High School. Formal feedback and lessons learned from the drill will be given out in a formal after-action review later this month. Overall, the drill went well and many NW departments and law enforcement agencies participated.
 - 3rd quarter exercise – A Tech. Rescue exercise is preferred for this exercise and a location decision has been requested by President Vanatta to be finalized at the next TOA meeting. Rogers and Fayetteville were discussing details.
 - 4th quarter exercise – A Haz-Mat exercise is preferred for this exercise and a location decision is requested to be finalized at the next TOA meeting. Siloam could be an available site if needed for this exercise.



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4. Metro Chiefs' Retreat

- VFIS – Let Chief Vanatta know if anyone is interested in the T-T-T for VFIS. Participation of 15 or more training officers is required for the class to make, if scheduled. They would only do a weekend format so that “volunteer” schedules can accommodate.
- EMT Class for NWA/TOA – Nothing to report as Kuykendall is currently on vacation.

New Business:

1. **Next Fire Academent** – Looking to be held in Springdale, AR at the new training facility. So far, potential candidates look like, Bella Vista 3, Siloam 3, Springdale 6-12.
2. **AFTA**
 1. The sending of results for Academy students was delayed. Looking to work with AFTA to smooth out the process, and also, potentially move up testing to the Friday before.
 2. Application Form Requests – by Cranford
 - i. Suggestion to add a check box to be invoiced for and “IFSAC” certificate with bill to location.
 - ii. Suggestion for an Approval/Release of Grades to the Training Officer or any person the applicant may indicate on the application.
 - iii. Changing the social security number requirements from the full social to the last four numbers. As it stands now, almost all identifying information can be found on the application form which if compromised can greatly affect individuals.
3. **Mobile Hospital Setup** – June 16th 0900 at Farmington Station 1. All are welcome to attend. Contact Chief Hellard for any other details you may need.
4. **Siloam Springs “FIRST-IN Conference” in November:** Dates are November 6th & 7th, 2021, cost is \$195 per person, register at www.first-in.net .
5. **NEXT MEETING to be IN-PERSON** at the Rogers ETC facility at 1000 on Wednesday 7/14/2021.



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Open Discussion & Roundtable:

Bella Vista – We have hired 5 personnel; three of which will need to attend the upcoming fire academy. Station 3 on track to be completed by the second week of October 2021. Still trying to finalized land for the Training Center Project.

Springdale – Training Center Classroom Facility Grand Opening – JUNE 11th, 2021.

Siloam Springs – REGISTER FOR THE upcoming “FIRST-IN” Conference, November 6th & 7th. \$195 per person.

Rogers – Thompson presented the “Total Health and Wellness” class which is not only great training, but a chance for training officers to get the T-T-T cert to teach this new program. Also, this training is recommended for our PD partners! Chief Thompson also, brought up the topic of potentially developing a Type 3 All-Hazards IMT for the region. Cranford agreed with some benefits that this could bring as there is not a current team in the State of Arkansas. This was agreed to be researched further and was expressed to see if the region or any members have interest in starting a team. It was mentioned that maybe the AR Taskforce 1 had maybe had a discussion or two themselves about this topic.

Siloam Springs – Doing short exercises. **AAIR refresher for 2 dates coming up.** All are welcome to attend.

Motion to Adjourn: 1007 Hours - MOTION by Howard to adjourn; SECOND by Sloat, PASS.

GroupMe – Anyone needing to be added to the GroupMe text group or the NWATOA Google Group for text and email information from the TOA, send your email request to scranford@bellavistaar.gov or text me at 417-691-0038.