



# Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

## Training Officers Association

July

### 2021 Meeting Minutes

In Person – Rogers Fire Department ETC

1002 Hours on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### Call to Order

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1. President Vanatta called meeting to order at 1002 hours. *Members present include Pat Lee, Mason, Bray, Vanatta Jr., Cranford, Lieutard, Mason, Hellard, Watts, Sloat, Howard, Baggett, Hattabaugh, and members not recorded.*

#### Old Business:

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1. **Approval of the Minutes for May 2021** – Motion to approve the minutes by Baggett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sloat, unanimously approved. **PASS.**
2. **CPAT** – DATES will be posted when possible. Everything is posted to the [www.nwatoa.com](http://www.nwatoa.com) website.
3. **Exercises** – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Exercise (Haz-Mat?)– Vanatta to utilize Siloam Springs for the exercise.
4. **AFTA Testing Feedback** – Nothing much in the way of process changes. End of course test schedule adjustment may still be needed.
  - Test Results Process – No priorities given to Academy; it remains first-come, first-serve in grading and returning those grades.
  - Need to redress with Area Rep. Lonnie Harrel about possibility of recommending changes to the AFTA app for the following:
    - i. Only last 4 of social security instead of the full social security number
    - ii. Checkbox for requesting and “IFSAC SEAL” and a bill-to information section.
    - iii. Checkbox for privacy release of testing results to the Training Officer
5. **First-In Conference at Siloam Springs (November 6 & 7)** – There is now enough applications and attendance for the conference to make. There is still available slots. Be sure to get your application and fees in as soon as possible.



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- 6. Potential Addition of EMT Program for the NWA Academy (Dates TBD)** – Josh Kuykendall (off-site) has conducted research on this topic and is currently meeting with Jamin at NWACC to work out the schedule and other details. A “DRAFT” 5-week schedule has been put together. Due to the short length of the program being put together, one of the concerns was clinical time and coordination for students in such a short time-period.

### New Business:

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- 1. FALL FIRE ACADEMY (August 30 – November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021)** – Classroom will be held in Springdale, AR at the new training facility. A majority of the practical live-fire burns will be held at the Fayetteville Fire Training Facility. Approximately 24 students are slotted with Rogers to potentially provide 2 more for a total of 26.
  - 1. EMR & CPR Courses (August 9 – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021)** - Contact Pat Lee for more information if your candidates need these certs prior to the Fall Fire Academy.
  - 2. REMINDER of Text/Curriculum Change to the NEW IFSTA 7<sup>th</sup> Edition** – This text and slides are different as expected from the 6<sup>th</sup> edition. FYI only.
  - 3. EVALS for Students** – The lead instructor will no longer be completing the evals and sending these evals to training officers. The following motion was made: **Motion by Cranford for the Training Officers to perform evaluations on their respective recruits; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee; Motion Passed; Unanimous.** Prior discussion was made that the Training Officers at the recruit’s department would receive updates by the Lead Instructor of the Fire Academy as needed, and then the Training Officer could relay the formal evaluation to the recruit. The purpose of this move is to save the Lead Instructor a great deal of time in performing canned evaluations with details that more-than-likely were already addressed immediately with the recruit.
- 2. Check the NWA TOA Training Schedule on the website for UPCOMING CLASSES**
- 3. NEXT MEETING to be IN-PERSON** at the Fayetteville Classroom facility at 1000 hours on Wednesday 8/11/2021.

### Open Discussion & Roundtable:

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**Fayetteville** – Chief Sloat asked about a sanctioned swim test site, and also, if any department had a “Heat” policy for training that could be shared.



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**Siloam Springs** – Doing short exercises. **AAIR refresher Looking for FD Instructor to help.**  
July 27, 2021 – Contact Vanatta if you can help out.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 1116 Hours - MOTION by Cranford to adjourn; SECOND by Baggett,  
**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](mailto:scranford@bellavistaar.gov) or text me at 417-691-0038.