



Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

Training Officers Association

February 2022 Meeting Agenda

Springdale Station 6

1000 Hours on February 9, 2022

Call to Order:

1. President Vanatta called meeting to order at **10:02** hours. Members present include:
 - a. Farmington FD: L Hattabaugh, B Hellard
 - b. BLFD: J Wright
 - c. Tontitown
 - d. Rogers FD: B Howard, G Bray, C Thompson
 - e. Springdale FD: P Lee, M Bronner
 - f. BVFD: L Lieutard
 - g. SSFD: J. Vanatta
 - h. CEMS: J Kuykendall, D McCratic
 - i. Lowell FD: J Stapp
 - j. Fayetteville FD: B Sloat

Welcome new members or guests:

Joey Bequette from Bentonville,

- *New training Division Chief hoping to become more involved with the Metro*
 - jbequette@bentonvillear.com
 - 479-271-5921

Deputy Director Goodwin:

- *Nix retirement celebration March 18, 10-12p*
- *Certificate programs for: Instructor I, II, III and Officer I, II, III, IV courses forthcoming.*
- *Online training will be forthcoming. Dr. Morrison from SAUTech is on-board for this. Starting with online registration.*
- *Possibly pass cost of putting courses online to departments*
 - *Cost of approximately 250 for an Officer III*
- *Looking for references for L. Harrell replacement deadline is March 31st*
- *Director Woody has intention to make AFTA the top*
- *Q: Are CEU needs for instructors being considered?*
 - *Instructors to have an instructor retreat every 6 months to stay current on the NFPA standards*
 - *Desire to keep instructors up to date*
- *Wants to learn what we do good to take back to Academy*

Old Business:

1. **Approval of the Minutes** for Jan

a. *Motion: Bronner, second Bray/Lee*

1. **Exercises-**

1st Qtr-XNA on March 7, 2022; ARFF annual burns on Mar 7-9

2nd Qtr-*Technical rescue or Haz-mat*

2. **Attrition Report update:** 18 recruit surveys, 18 FD surveys (Centerton, Siloam, RFD, SFD)

PT time was excessive and could have been spent better working on skills

3. **Classes for 2022-**update class offerings on TOA website

i. *Pulling information from FireMail*

ii. *Command from the Right Seat in Lowell \$150*

1. *Need 14 to make the class*

iii. *March 28th-April 1st Swiftwater in Siloam Springs*

1. *Limit to 16, 10 min.*

2. *May run another in the fall*

-April 28-KCS Rail class in Siloam

8-hr Railcar and locomotive class, 50 needed max 100

-Propane class

Farmington scheduling

-Volunteer FD Training

SS First In fire conference November 5-6

4. **2022 Academy-**Updates on numbers

a. *BV-4*

b. *RFD-7*

c. *SFD-14*

d. *FFD-10*

e. *LFD-1*

f. *BLFD-0*

g. *JFD-1*

h. *TFD-2*

i. *SSFD-2*

j. *Lincoln-1*

5. **CPAT dates for 2022**

a. *Bronner working with NTN to schedule an in-person exam*

New Business:

1. Update on AFTA Director position

-Andy Woody selected

2. Next meeting SFD Sta 6

Open Discussion:

BLFD-on boarding a couple new personnel

TFD- ask for interested persons for the Officer III and IV courses so we can encourage the AFTA put the class on in NWA, breaking ground on fire station, and 2 new hires

BFD- Officer I in fall and Officer II in spring

CEMS- State level EMS section chiefs have stepped down and a lot of unknown/turmoil

For profit paid EMS are a large lobbying entity with the Arkansas Ambulance Assoc.

Feb 23 AHA CPR, PALS, ACLS at CEMS incase someone needs it

Mar 11-12 EMS conference in Eureka Springs

Aug 4-7 State EMS conference in-person/hybrid

Feb 18 Statehouse Marriot in LR, EMT instructor conference

May 11 (week of) Oaklawn/Hot Springs EMS Expo see AR ambulance association website

ACS University of Miami, June 2022 ends a state re-imbursed program. CEMS has the materials

SFD-Scott SCBA specialist class March 24, 2002 \$125/person

ACLS PALS instructor class March 1, contact James Hales

RFD-check Firemail for their upcoming classes.

Academy numbers get them finalized for necessary books

SSFD-AHA days next week, MWF

PHTLS and other classes coming up.

Filling EMS DivChief beginning to work QA/QI

GroupMe – Anyone needing to be added to the GroupMe text group, please send your cell phone information to BC Bronner at 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 mbronner@springdalear.gov.

Motion to Adjourn: _____ *Lieutard, second Bronner 11:46AM*