



Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs

Training Officers Association

October 2022 Meeting Minutes
Springdale Station 6
1000 Hours on October 12, 2022

Call to Order:

1. Chief Vanatta called meeting to order at 10:03 hours. Members present include:
 - a. Rogers FD: J. Hoyer, A. Box
 - b. Springdale FD: P. Lee, T. Pearson
 - c. BVFD: L. Lieutard, B. Earley
 - d. Farmington FD: L. Hattabaugh
 - e. Bentonville FD: J. Bequette
 - f. Benton County: L. Harrell
 - g. CEMS: J. Kuykendall
 - h. Tontitown: J. Buchan
 - i. Fayetteville FD: B. Sloat
 - j. Siloam Springs FD: J. Vanatta
 - k. Centerton FD: M. Swanson

Welcome new members or guests:

Old Business:

1. **Approval of the Minutes** for September
 - a. *Motion Bequette seconded Sloat, passed*
2. **Exercises-**
 - a. *3rd Qtr-Feedback from Rogers Swift Water exercise*
 - i. *Could have coordinated with corps better.*
 - b. *4th Qtr- Siloam Springs- Haz-mat*
3. **Classes for 2023-**
 - a. *Vanatta will be sending out an e-mail for input*
 - i. *See below*
 - ii. *Rogers: typically a Trench/ Confined Space/ Structural Collapse Ops, Instructor I, Officer I, D/O(tentative August)*
 - iii. *Tontitown: Inspector I May 1-12, Inspector II June 19-23*
 - iv. *Farmington: (Tentative)Inspector I Jan. 30-Feb 10th*
4. **2022 Academy-**
 - a. Update on Fall Academy
 - i.
 - b. EMT course feedback-**recommendation to Metro on course length and timing**
5. **CPAT dates for 2022-**
 - a. *Oct 15th, 29th, Nov 10th*
 - i. *Help so far for the 15th: as of this morning 28 signed-up*
 1. *Fayetteville-3*
 2. *Rogers-3*
 3. *Springdale-4*

4. *Siloam Springs-?*

5. *Bella Vista-2*

6. **IFSAC/NFA/ADEM classes regionally for 2023**

a. *Ropes 1&2: Jan 9-13*

b. *EMT: Feb 6-March 17 (Depends on # of students and AFTA availability)*

c. *Instructor I: March 20-24*

d. *Swift Water Tech: March 27-31*

e. *Officer I: April 17-21*

f. *Incident Safety Officer: Offered on shift days 9/18 & 9/25; 9/20 & 9/26; 9/22 & 9/29*

g. *EMS classes at Siloam: Dates TBD: BLS, ACLS, PALS, AMLS, PHTLS*

h. **ADEM is hosting:**

i. *ICS 300-400 in Bentonville Feb 6-10, 2023*

ii. *Haz-mat Tech Sept 11th-22nd, 2023*

7. **BC Lee's Radio Proposal-** update

New Business:

1. *Instructor II:*

a. *Everyone is having to re-test including anyone that was re-testing*

b. *Can't proctor your own test taught*

2. *VP nominations due to BC Howard's return to shift*

a. *Tabled until November meeting*

3. *SSFD EMT class*

4. *Next meeting SFD, Station 6*

Roundtable

Springdale: *First-In: Fire Conference. Keynote at Springdale FD. Gadberry is contact*

Bentonville: *12 openings. Apparatus accident in BFD*

Bella Vista: *Site prep on training facility. Core finished this week. Ropes class Nov 7-11*

Tontitown: *possible training tower coming with new station. 3-6 fulltime persons*

Rogers: *training team is changing, Howard is going to shift, Pace is leaving.*

CEMS: *Stoppel is retiring, reception at 12pm at CEMS training center*

Siloam Springs: *16 people to hire. Vanatta will be filling in as Ops Chief over the next 4-6 mths.*

GroupMe – Anyone needing to be added to the GroupMe text group, please send your cell phone information to DC Vanatta at jvanatta@siloamsprings.com. 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 jvanatta@siloamsprings.com.

Motion to Adjourn: 11:07 Bequette, second Lieutard