

Northwest Arkansas Metro Chiefs Training Officers Association

March 13th, 2025 Agenda
Eureka Springs Fire Department
1000 Hours



Call to Order:

1) Chief Sloat called the meeting to order at 10am. Members present include:

L. Bohon Lowell	C. Combs Eureka Springs
B. Sloat Fayetteville	P. Lee Springdale
L. Kattabaugh Farmington	W. Watts Washington County OEM
S. Boyd Bentonville	H. Smith Bentonville
B. Earley Bella Vista	O. Carrillo Rogers
L. Lieatard Bella Vista	G. Inman Eureka Springs
M. Swanson Centerton	J. Washington Siloam Springs
B. Garbutt Siloam Springs	

Welcome new members or guests:

- Scott Boyd Bentonville FD
- Jamie Washington Siloam Springs

Old Business:

1. **Approval of the Minutes –**
 - a 1st Garbutt 2nd Early
2. **Exercises-**
 - a. 3rd Quarter – The majority of the meeting was focused on developing ideas and plans to make this drill a successful one.
3. **CPAT dates:**
 - a Dates are on the TOA website for 2025
Setup begins at 9AM @ Fayetteville Training Center
4. **Spring Academy – Numbers 28**
 - a Rogers – 5
 - b Springdale – 6
 - c Fayetteville – 0
 - d Siloam Springs – 2 possibly 3
 - e Bella Vista – 6
 - f Lowell – 2
 - g Bentonville – possibly 3
 - h Farmington – 0 in the spring possibly 3 in the fall

- i Centerton – **minimum 3 possibly 5**
- j Others –

New Business:

1. 3rd Quarter Drill planning.

- a Review of the previous assessment of the tunnel system under the downtown area.
- b Chief Inman to identify some objectives that would benefit ESFD and the Region.
 - i Length of time for outside resource arrival
 - ii Medical resource availability, i.e ambulances, air ambulances, hospitals.
 - iii Hazmat resources and monitoring needed and available.
- c Discussion of resource movement from regional departments to Eureka Springs for an event like a collapse.
- d Discussed need for break out groups to work on Comm's plan, Medical Plan, Resource needs, ect.
- e Discussed ability to communicate with ESFD/Carroll County Dispatch
 - i Carroll County is on a P25 radio system similar to Bentonville Fire.
 - ii Need to test the patch between dispatch centers to ensure ease of use.
- f Drill components could include and should plan for the following:
 - i EMS/Medical
 - ii Search and Rescue
 - iii Hazmat
 - iv PIO
 - v Security
 - vi Reunification center
 - vii Staging
 - viii Incident Command center
- g Homework for all agencies: Identify response plans for each department.
- h Drill potentially will be a table top exercise with and IC command component.

2. Instructor Guidebook

- a Had an open discussion about what to include in an instructor guide book. This will be for succession planning.
- b A rough draft will be created from the discussion and sent to the group. More information and content to come.

3. XNA Drill

- a Debriefing will be on April 1st at 10am at the Bentonville Fire department.

4. 2025 Regional Class Offerings

- a Swift Water Dates: March 24th – 28th and April 7th-11th
 - i Third course may be in the fall depending on water levels.
- b Driver Operator Mar. 3rd-14th - Springdale
- c Aerial Operator Oct. 20th-24th - Springdale

- d See TOA website for other 2025 classes. Send confirmed classes to Matt Swanson to get on the TOA calendar.

Open Discussion:

Discussed the need to send out monthly notices to departments about up coming classes. This would be done to improve turn out for classes.

Briefly discussed the new prerequisites from the Arkansas Fire Training Academy. More information to come once the Hybrid Instructor I is complete.

5. Next meeting- Farmington April 9th @ 10AM

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Lee 2nd Sloat Time Adjourned: 15:04

GroupMe – Anyone needing to be added to the GroupMe text group, please send your cell phone information to Chief Sloat at bsloat@fayetteville-ar.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 mswanson@centertonfire.com