



Kenton County Fire Chief's Association

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Chairman: Chief Paul LaFontaine

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Meeting Minutes – Held on 08/19/2021. The meeting was held at the Wietholter Training Center; hosted by Covington FD

Chairman Paul LaFontaine called the regular meeting to order at 1200 hours.

Roll Call: Ryland Heights, Taylor Mill, and Ft. Wright were absent.

Guests: Tom Camp, Paul See, Carl Biery, and KCECC (Hawks/Cummins)

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes by J. Wendt and seconded by S. Breeze. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR TRUCK: T. Dickman reported. See attached monthly report. No maintenance or repairs required.

FIRE INVESTIGATION: No report.

BUDGET: No report.

BYLAWS: No report.

HSEMA: S. Hensley reported. Airport Tabletop Disaster Drill tomorrow.

COVID 19 cases are going back up. Updates and information on booster shots will be sent out to all agencies soon.

I-75/Bridge work will make changes to the traffic pattern this weekend. See information previously emailed out from KY DOT. Expect traffic back-ups and delays.

Riverfest will be held this year.

MUTUAL AID: No report.

RADIO: J. Wendt reported on list of topics discussed at the radio sub-committee meeting.

Ashley Hawks has been appointed to the Dispatcher Manager position. Congratulations Ashley!

If you scan with your radios, there is a potential to miss important traffic as the new radios do not have a priority scan available. It was the committee's recommendation to not scan but to carry 2 radios, not on scan and turned to the OPS channel and whatever Fireground channel you have been assigned. Paul See to turn on scan flags today.

Committee met with Boone County representatives to discuss CAD systems, 800 paging, and common procedures/protocols. There is interest and will be further discussions.

The River and Airport channels have been turned on. Please check your radios to make sure they work.

Nature codes will be evaluated.

The in-building radio coverage requirements have not been required during PDS Plan Review. N. Russell working with PDS to get issue resolved.

TRAINING: OLS is on at St. Barb's November 4-5, 2021. Registration is open, please have interested persons sign-up. Kenton County will again provide scholarship funding for 3 people from each department to attend.

Committee recommends declaring the fire pump simulator, EMT class equipment, and training center pumper (old Bromley Truck) surplus. M/S to declare all surplus as discussed N. Russell/J. Schule. Motion passed.

Committee presented request from Regional SWAT Team to house (1) SWAT vehicle and 5 lockers inside the training center building. Discussion held. Committee to draft a MOU covering the details. M/S N.

Russell/D. Jansing to provide parking space for the vehicle and space for the 5 lockers. Motion passed.

Thank you to Covington FD Co.8 for weed control work at the training center.

Committee working with Judge Executive Knochelman on the future of the training center lease, location, and needs. Discussion held.

EMS: The City of Ft. Mitchell approved donating their 2010 Horton Ambulance to the County to use as the county spare. Independence has agreed to continue housing the spare and the need for mechanical repair (oil leak), installation of cot load system, and graphics. Discussion held. Director Hensley went on record stating Kenton County thinks this is a good program and fully supports the idea. Until this unit is placed in service, there is no County spare ambulance.

TREASURER: R. Messingschlager submitted the report. Motion by M. Pierce and seconded by S. Breeze to approve report as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Outdated foam disposal payment was discussed. A motion was made by M. Pierce and seconded by N. Russell to pay to dispose of the foam from the Fire Chief's Kenton County Budget funds. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD and WELFARE: Gary Rucker is the new Covington FD EMS Assistant Chief.

Condolences to Chief J. Stager and family on the recent passing of his father.

Well wishes to Danielle Stiner as she is recovering from COVID

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Stewart and second by J. Schule. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1300 hours.

Next meeting will be held on September 16, 2021 hosted by KCHSEMA at a location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Dreyer