



Kenton County Fire Chief's Association

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Chairman: Chief Paul LaFontaine

Elsmere Fire Department

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Meeting Minutes – Held on 08/20/2026. The meeting was hosted by the Ft. Wright Fire Dept. and held at the Ft. Wright City building.

Chairman Paul LaFontaine called the regular meeting to order at 11:55 hours and led the attendants with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: All were present except Ryland Heights.

MINUTES: Motion to accept the July 2026 meeting minutes as published by M. Steward and seconded by C Deye. Motion passed.

GUESTS: KCECC, St. Elizabeth and UC, P. See, T. Camp, D. Stoeckle and Judge Kris Knochelman. D. Stoeckle of the Airport Fire Dept. spoke about the upcoming regional drill on September 18, 2026 at 0900. Line-up in Staging at 95 Field Maintenance Dr. Erlanger, Ky. 41018 will be at 0830. Judge Knochelman spoke about future projects in Kenton County and of his continued support of Public Safety initiatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR TRUCK: T. Dickman reported. The truck is fully operational again. 1 run for the month to Crescent Springs and was used for combined training at Patton Vocational School. Vehicle is scheduled for transfer case service. The County garage has advised the organization to start looking into replacing the current unit due to it's age and condition.

FIRE INVESTIGATION: No report.

BUDGET: No report.

BYLAWS: No report.

HSEMA: S. Hensley reported. Thanks for cooperation during the recent storms. MRE's are available through EMA. Contact anyone at EMA if you would like some. If you are aware of a storm siren that is not working correctly let EMA know immediately so it can be addressed. The KCEOC will be open for Riverfest. If you would like to participate or observe let Steve know.

MUTUAL AID: Progress.

RADIO: N. Russell reported. They are working toward an SOG where you would immediately switch to the Assigned Fireground talk-group after Dispatch. A radio talk-group issue was identified recently at mutual aid training. They are investigating how we can proceed and ask that no one make any major changes to their line-up without notifying Paul See and the

radio committee so we can keep track of this. There is a potential that more banks will need to be added much like the ASHER bank.

TRAINING: N. Russell reported. OLS will be November 5 and 6, 2026 and Anthony Castros will be the speaker.

TRAINING FACILITY: N. Russell reported progress. Approximately 80 percent completed and work continues.

EMS: UC – Nurses should be signing with First name, Last name and Credentials.

St. Elizabeth – 2 EMT classes being held currently.

October 8, 2026 is the SETEC conference.

There will be more information to come on PULSARA.

TREASURER: R. Messingschlager reported. Motion by s. Breeze and seconded by M. Steward to approve the July 2026 report and pay the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GOOD and WELFARE: T. Camp made us aware of the 2026 Tri-State NFFF Legacy Golf Outing to be held September 24, 2026 at Hickory Woods Golf Course.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Steward and second by C. Deye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 hours.

Next meeting will be held on September 17, 2026 and hosted by the Covington Fire Dept. The meeting will be held at the Kenton County EOC.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Dreyer