



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 02/19/2026. The meeting was held at the Ryland Heights Fire Dept.

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 departments were present.

MINUTES: Motion to accept the January 2026 meeting minutes as published by C. Hopple and seconded by J. Schleue. Motion passed.

GUESTS: KCECC, P. See, UC, St. Elizabeth, T. Camp and Tony Morgan (KCTCS)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR TRUCK: T. Dickman reported. Report attached.

FIRE INVESTIGATION: No report.

BUDGET: Will be submitting request for FY 26-27 to the Fiscal Court.

BYLAWS: No report.

HSEMA: TRT and Haz Mat team merger continues to progress. No timeline available at this time for when this will be completed, however additional funding will be submitted to the Fiscal Court for the FY 26-27 Budget. Discussion held on the proposed Dixie Highway Corridor (Commonwealth to Turfway Rd) road diet plan.

MUTUAL AID: No report.

RADIO: N. Russell reported. Discussion held on proposed IP based station alerting system. A motion by M. Steward and second by C. Hopple all departments support moving forward with the purchase and implementation of an IP based station alerting system. All Ayes, HSEMA present not voting, motion passed.

TRAINING: T. Morgan reported on upcoming training classes, NFA weekend, and Dixie Fire School. Reminded all that some IFSAC certifications, beyond the already known basic fees, will have a fee for both written and practical. These fees will be specific class dependent, not across the board.

TRAINING FACILITY: N. Russell reported progress and the remaining underground work continues as weather permits. The Chairman and the committee recently met with county administration about this project and status. Kenton County was asked to partner for financial assistance, to assist with obtaining the strip of land owned by KYTC, and accepted ownership of the property. Each city/district will also be requested to partner and provide financial assistance by a yet to be determined formula. The facility would be all inclusive Public Safety Training Facility to include police and HSEMA as well. Discussion was held. A motion by N. Russell and seconded by M. Stewart all chiefs approve and are in support of the proposal and implementation. All Ayes, motion passed unanimously.

EMS: UC –February 25, 2026 is the spring symposium in Lebanon, Ohio. March 24, 2026 is the AirCare conference at Receptions in Erlanger, Ky.
St. Elizabeth – EMT class is progressing. Monthly online training continues.

TREASURER: R. Messignschlager reported. Motion by C. Deye and seconded by M. Stewart to approve the report and pay the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman LaFontaine opened the nomination for Officers of the Association for a 2-year term. A motion was made by M. Stewart and seconded by N. Russell that all officers remain the same. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: No report

GOOD and WELFARE: Assistant Dispatch Director Dave Lenoard is retiring. His last day is March 12, 2026. Congratulations Dave!

Motion to adjourn the meeting by C. Hopple and second by M. Stewart. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 13:30 hours.

Next meeting will be held on March 19, 2026 and will be held at the Edgewood Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Dreyer