



Kenton County Fire Chief's Association

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Chairman: Chief Paul LaFontaine

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Meeting Minutes – Held on 07/15/2021. The meeting was held at the Ft. Wright Fire Dept.

Treasurer Rick Messingschlager called the regular meeting to order at 1200 hours.

Roll Call: Ryland Heights, Piner and Ludlow were absent.

Guests: Tom Camp, Amy Aircare, Paul See, Bill Birkle, KCECC and Leah Hanlon.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR TRUCK: T. Dickman reported. The truck responded 3 times to fill air cylinders. Independence, Piner and Florence were serviced. No maintenance or repairs required.

FIRE INVESTIGATION: No report.

BUDGET: S. Hensley reported that our budget request was approved as proposed.

BYLAWS: No report.

HSEMA: S. Hensley reported. Missing person search class is still available.

Outdated foam disposal was discussed. We received 3 bids ranging from \$3835 to \$18,000. A motion was made by S. Schewe and seconded by J. Stager to spend \$3835 to dispose of the foam. Motion carried. For those with remaining foam please drop it off at Covington Company 1 on July 22 in the morning.

MUTUAL AID: No report.

RADIO: J. Wendt reported that there was much conversation and a long list of topics discussed at the radio sub-committee meeting. He briefly discussed a couple items. 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.

The tones have been optimized and Taylor Mill has a high pitched tone which may need to be changed.

At the urging of S. Hensley the rest of the list was discussed.

Voice volume problems should be brought to Ashley Hawks attention when they occur. Boone County has the same equipment as Kenton County and they are still evaluating the condition of KCECC equipment.

The River Channels have been turned on. Please check your radios to make sure they work. Presently Ludlow and Crescent Springs are having problems and hope to be functional soon.

The meeting regarding Digital paging with Boone County and Campbell County will be held next week. KCECC would like for us to think about Fireground communications like using a cell phone. If we want to initiate a conversation with KCECC we would do it in the OPS channel. Once we are on scene if KCECC wants to communicate with us they would call us on our assigned Fireground channel.

Nature codes will be evaluated.

Lecution (computerized voice message) is not supported by KCECC or the Committee.

Resource request problems should go directly to Ashley Hawks so she can investigate.

Run cards – Please check your run cards as updates have potentially caused problems.

If Paul See is not available, the Point of Contact for Kenton County is Brent Cummins (Tank).

Check your radios to see that they work on the Airport system. If they do not, let Paul See know.

All Dispatchers have been trained on the Evacuation tones.

TRAINING: OLS is on at St. Barb's

EMS: Amy from Aircare stated that the ride-a-long program is back up and running.

D. Stiner texted a report which stated she is still notifying agencies of positive COVID patients.

HealthEMS is not working as advertised and they are trying to resolve the problem.

Fuller stated that the City of Ft. Mitchell is potentially willing to donate their 2010 Horton Ambulance to the County to use as a spare, with council approval. Discussion ensued. Independence has agreed to continue housing the spare and the vehicle will be sent out for mechanical evaluation. Director Hensley went on record stating Kenton County thinks this is a good program and fully supports the idea.

Until this unit is hopefully placed in service, there is no County spare ambulance.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: S. Hensley reported that there was a meeting regarding the future of the NKTRT. Tim Ford is retiring and they are looking for a new person to lead the organization. There will be more to come.

T. Whitaker reported that Erlanger will be hosting a Wills for Heroes event at Erlanger Station 1 on September 11, 2021. If interested contact Erlanger.

GOOD and WELFARE: The Ohio FACE team meeting is July 28 at 1 pm at the Colerain Township Admin. Building.

There will be a benefit ride for First responders on July 24 at Queen City Harley Davidson.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by J. Stager and second by S. Breeze. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1250 hours.

Next meeting will be held on August 19, 2021 at the Kenton County Drillfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Dreyer

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