



# 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 06/19/2025. The meeting was hosted by the Covington Fire Department at the Kenton County EOC.

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 represented.

**MINUTES:** Motion to accept the May 2025 meeting minutes by M. Steward and seconded by C. Hopple. Motion passed.

**GUESTS:** 859 Board-up, St. Elizabeth, KCECC, Paul See, UC Health, and Tom Camp.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AIR TRUCK:** J. Schaffer reported. 1 runs this past month. Light towers repaired by CR Fleet and Fire. Report attached

**FIRE INVESTIGATION:** No report.

**BUDGET:** S. Hensley reported the second reading of Kenton County's FY 26 Budget was approved as submitted with no changes.

**BYLAWS:** No report.

**HSEMA:** S. Hensley reported. State of Kentucky is working on formalizing USAR Teams. Chiefs should have received an email with details. KCHSEMA now has (4) complete sets of FIT Testing equipment available for use.

**MUTUAL AID:** No report

**RADIO:** KCECC will be sending each department an Info Agreement regarding data received. Upgrades to the CAD will be happening soon. More Info to come. Paul See reminded all regarding updating the radios for Link Layer. The committee proposed adding board-up companies to a rotating list for call outs by KCECC. Discussion held. Motion to have a group of chiefs to vet the board-up companies and develop a list for dispatch by T. Deye and seconded by C. Hopple. Motion passed 12 ayes, and 1 no.

**TRAINING:** Erlanger recently used the car fire prop and discovered rodent damage to the ignition box wiring and piping that will need to be repaired. Discussion held. R. Godsey will investigate repair costs estimate and coordinate repairs. For the interim the prop is being housed by Erlanger FD.

**TRAINING FACILITY:** N. Russell reported waiting for Cardinal Engineering to complete drawings. As soon as completed bids for site work can be obtained.

**EMS:**

J. Cox (St E) reported. fall EMT class is full at 43 students. The Pulsera app will allow notification directly to L&D for OB patients effective 6/23/2025.

J. Laidlaw (UC) reported. Working on updates to Health Data Exchange. Requests each department complete short survey using QR code provided. Burn Sims training class available, departments interested need to call to be added to the list. UC Aircare @ Walton base continuing with same hours of service.

P. LaFontaine reported on the recent letter from St Elizabeth pharmacy regarding a \$20 tax fee for every purchase a FD makes. Discussion held. Motion to have the association send a letter to St Elizabeth opposing this tax by M. Stewart and seconded by N. Russell. Motion passed. The Chairman will prepare and send the letter.

**TREASURER:** P. LaFontaine reported in the absence of R. Messingschlager. Motion by M. Stewart and seconded by S. Breeze to approve the May 2025 report as submitted. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD and WELFARE:** C. Deye introduced Patrick Averbeck as the new Deputy Fire Chief of Covington FD. Congratulation Chief Averbeck and welcome!

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Steward and second by N. Russell. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1256 hours.

**Next meeting will be held on July 17, 2025 and will be hosted by the KCHSEMA at the Kenton County EOC.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Dreyer