



Kenton County Fire Chief's Association

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Chairman: Chief Paul LaFontaine

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Meeting Minutes – Held on 03/21/2024. The meeting was hosted by KCHSEM at the Kenton County EOC

Chairman Paul LaFontaine called the regular meeting to order at 1145 hours and led the attendants with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ludlow was absent.

MINUTES: Motion to accept the February 2024 meeting minutes by S. Breeze and seconded by C. Hopple. Motion passed.

GUESTS: KCECC, KCTCS, Carl Biery, UC Hospital, Tom Camp, Air Evac, Danilee Stiner St E, Paul See, Mike Harris Gateway CTC, Jeremy Conner Thomas More University, Boone Co EMA, and Campbell Co EMA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR TRUCK: T. Dickman reported. 4 runs during prior month. Accident repairs completed.

FIRE INVESTIGATION: New truck is in. Mounting equipment and preparing for the truck to go into service. Radio designation has been changed to 1320. Truck will be housed at Independence FD station 1

BUDGET: Same amount requested as current budget has been submitted to the fiscal court for the FY 14-15 budget.

BYLAWS: No report.

HSEMA: Steve Hensley reported. EOC exercise was completed before this meeting and thanked everyone for attending. EHS plans will be emailed to departments once approved by the state.

MUTUAL AID: No report

RADIO: N. Russell reported. Meeting held with County Administration regarding Pervis Alerting System. Committee collecting more information for follow up meeting. If there are end user equipment problems, contact Russell he will provide a contact to assess your equipment. Will review Lexington's Purvis system when it is operational.

Link Layer Authentication to be able to talk on Ohio MARCS System will take place July 1, 2025, radios need a feature upgrade to work approximately \$180-250 per radio. Cost for this is \$192.72 per radio, radios with a model number ending in "AN" must be upgraded this year or they can never be upgraded. Concerns with river channel and Disaster Net if they aren't upgraded.

Nature codes discussed, more to come next month.

TRAINING: T. Morgan reported that there will be a flashover class at the end of March that still has openings. Contact Morgan direct to register student. There are numerous virtual classes on the Fire Commission website. May 9 and 10th 2024 are IFSAC skills testing.

TRAINING FACILITY: N. Russell reported. Paperwork is ready for purchase of property working on a scheduled closing date and time. The easement which belongs to the State that is between the Gateway property and the property we wish to purchase has been discussed with state personnel at length. The process to get an easement and/or the property donated is in process. Our attorney has approved the contract with the architect and the committee will begin the development/design process.

EMS: Danielle Stiner St E. reported. Planning underway for the EMS Conference Oct 10 -11, 2024. Information coming out soon on fall EMT training class. Reminded everyone that Orthopedic patients can be transported as normal to any St E Hospital. Any departments getting pushback on this, contact the Chris Vogelpohl direct. Danielle Stiner, Chris Barbour and Mike Harris discussed efforts by KAPA to change/alter accreditation paramedic training requirements. Discussion was held. Motion for the chairman on behalf of the entire association to send a letter to KBEMS supporting current accreditation and paramedic training requirements made by M. Pierce and seconded by S. Schewe. Motions passed all ayes.

TREASURER: R. Messingschlager reported. Motion by T. Dickman and seconded by S. Breeze to approve the report as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Independence notified the Association that we will need a place to store the County spare engine beginning March 2024. No department is interest in housing the vehicle. KCTCS Tony Morgan offered to store the vehicle at his facility in Burlington Ky. Lengthy discussion held. Motion to store the vehicle at KCTCS Burlington location after mutually approved written term agreement by S. Schewe and seconded by D. Slusher. Motion passed, all ayes.

Independence advised a Use Agreement will be forthcoming for any department using the loaner ambulance. Discussion held. Further information to come.

NEW BUSINESS: Standing Committee's in process of updates/change. Contact the chairman for committee assignment.

GOOD and WELFARE: EMS Coordinator Manger Danielle Stiner announced her resignation, she has accepted a chief position with Florence Fire/EMS. Congratulations and Best of Luck!

Congratulations and well wishes to Chief Mark Pierce on retirement. C. Biery Red Cross presented a plaque to Chief Pierce recognizing his retirement.

Boone Co. EMA Director Kevin Vogelpohl introduced. Kevin replaced Mark Irig who recently retired.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by S. Schewe and second by C. Hopple. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1246 hours.

Next meeting will be held on April 18, 2024 and will be hosted by the Independence FD.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Dreyer

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