



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 10/17/2019 at the Kenton County Training Center, hosted by Covington FD

Chairman Paul LaFontaine called the regular meeting to order at 11:52 a.m. and led the group with a pledge of allegiance to the United States flag. Assistant Chief Chuck Dietz served as a recording secretary for this meeting in the absence of Secretary Dreyer.

Roll Call: All departments present

Guests: Red Cross, 859 Board Up, Tom Camp, KY DOT, Mayor Jansing, UC Air Care, Duke Energy and Paul See.

Taylor Brooks with Duke Energy introduced herself as the representative for the Northern Kentucky Counties.

Steve Hensley introduced Corey Huber with KYDOT who is the representative for this region who deals with highway issues through EMA

Amy Swieneki with UC Air Care announced their EMS conference on 10/22 to be held at the Lawrenceburg Indiana Convention Center, see UC Air Care website for more info.

Minutes: Motion by J. Stager and seconded by S. Breeze to approve the September 2019 minutes as submitted. Motion passed, all Ayes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIR TRUCK: 2 runs, 1 training, 52 bottles filled. The written monthly report submitted by C. Ammon

FIRE INVESTIGATION: 3 calls outs – 1 to Independence – vehicle fire, turned over to IPD, Erlanger for structure fire, turned over to EPD and Erlanger for structure fire – accidental

Training to resume on 11/7 @ 10:00 at Elsmere FD

BUDGET: No Report

BYLAWS: No Report.

HSEMA: Now located in the new county building on Simon Kenton Way

Response to Ludlow Bromley Yacht Club which was hit by a barge was very well coordinated with a 3 day continuous operation by all involved.

2 year anniversary of Todd Schulkers with the EMA office

MUTUAL AID: Chief Amon working on High Rise/High Hazard response, has Covington's High Rise SOG, would like for mutual aid committee to look into adopting county wide.

Steve Hensley reminded everyone that with the new Kentucky Building Code, all new buildings must conform to communications standards for emergency services and utilize whatever equipment it takes to ensure radio communications within a building.

RADIO: Paul See provided a update on 700/800 MHz system. Problem is with licensing with frequencies given by FCC to Kentucky that conflict with the frequencies given to Indiana. Problem lies with one of the frequencies is the same as in Indiana and we are utilizing a tower 2 miles inside of Indiana for lower Boone County that overlaps the City of Lawrenceburg causing issues. This is a Motorola problem that is being handled by Motorola which hopefully a fix coming soon. Coverage testing was supposed to begin on 10/14 but was delayed by Paul See due to the previous mentioned issue along with the coverage taking 3 weeks and the concern with no leaves on the trees by the end of the coverage testing.

In the next 2-3 months the system will be up in Kenton County, building testing will start with all departments. Radio training will start also but system will not be totally functional until coverage testing is done in Spring 2020.

Steve Hensley reported the Kenton County Police Chiefs Association adopted a resolution to not accept the 700/800 MHz system until it is operating to its fullest potential and accepts the delays. Motion by J. Wendt, 2nd by D. Jansing to do the same from the KCFCA, approved.

Paul See reminded everyone warranties do not start on radio's until radios are used on a 'beneficial use' which means day to day usage. Paul See to look into obtaining a potential discount for parts/batteries needed for current radio's in use on VHF system, this to occur when Paul is negotiating with Motorola on current 700/800 MHz problem.

Chief Wendt reported 'Pre Dispatch' turned off temporarily, looking into problem.

Boone/Kenton dispatching issue with each agency dispatching other county units, per Dan Mathew, Kenton County will dispatch KC units and Boone County will dispatch BC units with phone calls made to one center to the other center to make it happen. This decision was made by Mathews and Staverman. After much discussion on above topic, Steve Hensley offered to work with Erlanger and all affected departments to facilitate a meeting for all affected departments to attempt to get a better resolve. Erlanger, Elsmere, Independence, Piner-Fiskburg, Point Pleasant, Florence, Walton.

Pulse Point still not working properly, fix is in the works being paid for by St. E's and Pulse Point, waiting on Tyler.

Crew Force not turned on yet, waiting on Tyler.

Severe Weather Policy – still work in progress

TRAINING: OLS held on 11/7 & 11/8 – discount period closing soon

Kenton County approved a bid to fix roof on burn building and gutters and downspouts on classroom building, work to start in November.

Chief Pierce report work in progress on SOG's and new props at drill field. The goal is have live fires at least quarterly or once a month.

TANKER No Report

EMS: Saint E's Conference is 11/21 & 11/22. Please get your personnel signed up to attend.

Doctor Le wants everyone to get a flu shot, flu season to be very bad this year

TREASURER: The report was submitted by Treasurer Messingschlager (report attached) Motion by J. Stager and seconded by M. Pierce to approve report as submitted. Motion passed with all ayes.

SAVE PROGRAM: No report

OLD BUSINESS: Work in progress still with fire departments, police and schools on new evacuation plans for fire alarms, more to come.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD and WELFARE: Chief Stewart thanked all who worked with LFD on the LBYC incident

Chief Amon is retiring 11/30/19, so this was his last meeting. Congratulations Chief Amon!

AC Hils from Ft. Mitchell retiring 10/31/19, Lt. Slusser promoted to AC. Congratulations Chief Hils and Slusser!

KYDOT is looking to host a class for all 3 NKY counties on cable barrier systems, possibly to be held at the KYDOT office in Ft. Mitchell, more to come.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by S. Schewe and second by C Ammon. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 hours.

Next meeting is at Kenton County HSEMA offices Simon Kenton Way, December 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T. Dreyer