Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association
Established 1934

January 25, 2011 Kenton Co. Drill Field - Covington

The regular meeting of the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association was called to order by President Tim Kleier with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Roll call was taken and absent were noted. Assistant Chief Bamberger welcomed everyone and explained that Chief Young is currently deployed with the military and is expected to be back in a few months.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November meeting as sent.

Motion / Second Rick Messingschlager/Keith Kallmeyer

Motion passed via voice vote.

Treasurer Bud Lederer read the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the report as read.

Motion / Second Paul Uebel/Joe Stambush

Motion passed via voice vote.

A motion was made to pay the bills as read by Treasurer Lederer.

Motion/Second Joe Eggemeier/Bill Leslie

Motion passed via voice vote

Officers Report

President: Tim Kleier

- Attended Southgate Fire Department Installation of Officers
- Attended the NKFA Awards Banquet
- Attended the NKFA-EB Board meeting
- Appointed the audit committee to consist of the three NKFA Trustees and complete an audit before the March meeting.

Vice President: John Seitz

- Thanked everyone for their support and the opportunity to serve on the NKFA-EB Board
- Attended the NKFA Awards Banquet
- Attended the NKFA-EB Board meeting
- Introduced Two committees he would like to see get off the ground right away, if anyone is interested contact him
    1. LOD/Funeral committee
    2. Junior Firefighter/Explorer committee

Treasurer: Bud Lederer

- Attended the NKFA Awards Banquet
- Attended the NKFA-EB Board meeting
- Dues are due and thanks to the departments that have already sent them in.

Secretary: Monica Rath

- Attended the NKFA Awards Banquet
- Attended the NKFA-EB Board meeting
- All 2011 paperwork and November meeting minutes were sent by regular mail and electronically. If you didn't receive it please get with Secretary Rath immediately.
- Extra copies of the 2011 paperwork are at the front table.

Committee Reports

EMS

KBEMS, KAPA & Regional EMS Committee: Rob Butcher

- There is a proposed bill coming out of KBEMS. It is still in committee and waiting on a # but has to do with rewriting the EMS statures. If and when the bill is passed the rewriting of the statures will begin and Rob Butcher will be working on the new committee.
- Bud Payne is working on grant writing and has a proposal out there for Pediatric Equipment and Preparedness. He would like to use the Northern Kentucky Area as a testing/guinea pig grounds.
- Forest Wayne is in charge of Field Operations and the Lead Inspector, and Bill Young is the education director for KBEMS. They want you to know there have not been many changes in the inspections but be advised they are checking continuing education hours.
- KBEMS will have a new website coming out soon
- Working with Deb Szurlinski on a new call in sheet for ambulances to use when calling the hospital. Since they are all owned by the same this will help ensure uniform information given to all St. Elizabeth hospitals. (their staff may rotate from hospital to hospital)
- Next regional meeting will be March 10th at 10:00 am at the Florence Government Center.
- Judy Taylor is the new lobbyist for KAPA.
- KAPA membership forms will be out in the mail soon, if you are a member you membership is greatly appreciated and if you're not a member you are urged to become one. There are plans in the works to have surrounding states come together as one unified presence.

St. Elizabeth: Deb Szurlinski

- St. Elizabeth is sponsoring an EMT class that will start on February 15th
- Urged all departments to go back and ask squad personnel to please make sure they leave a copy of the run report at the ER. The report is needed for patient care. Some departments are not leaving any and it takes the hospital a day or two to receive them.
- If there is any department that needs to get students in for training, i.e. operating room time, there must be a contract between St. Elizabeth and said department. Contracts can be obtained

Mass Casualty: Rob Butcher

- There is a new plan ready to be implemented. Hope to have personnel trained by summer and a full scale exercise in the fall.

EMS Educators Group: Tony Scheben

- There is currently a moratorium on new instructors until several issues are resolved and we can produce quality instructors, classes and students.

Ken Knipper took a few minutes and spoke to the group concerning EMS happenings in Washington. He reviewed a few of the different committees he sits on with the NVFC.

- Chair of the EMS Resource Section – work on public awareness and FEMA issues
- US Fire Administration – currently working on trying to implement EMS into the management course at the National Fire Academy. Any ideas are welcome.
- Ambulance Committee – worked on committee that went through 17000 proposals to come up with NFPA 1917 which standardizes ambulance box.
- Standards Committee – KY is on board with using the standards set forth for training. The Paramedic training program will be a certified program.
- Suggested to the group to get involved with your legislatures and stay on top of EMS issues or you will get bowled over.

Fire Prevention / Public Education

Fire Education Prevention Committee: Joe Stambush / Greg Schultz

- Thanked banquet committee and membership for allowing the invite of Toyota and Insight Communications representatives to the Awards Banquet.
- Winter Safety is still a hot topic please continue to push.
- Shriners Banquet is March 2nd. If you have someone you would like to nominate see Joe for the form.
- Poster Contest had a lot of entries and great participation.
- There are a few departments that still need to pay for their participation.
- Treasurer Lederer will be taking over the books for the poster contest, so from here forward all monies will go through the NKFA Treasurer.
- Your Pub Ed programs do work. There was a 5 year old who called 911 after his dad was knocked unconscious by being hit with a large outdoor model plane.
- January Toyota Firefighter of the Month – Robert Newman
- February Toyota Firefighter of the Month – Dan Hitzfield
- Nomination forms are available on the NKFA website or from Joe Stambush or Secretary Rath.
- President Kleier challenged every chief to send in at least one nomination from their department. We know you have deserving people out there.

NKY Fire Inspectors: Bob Krebs

- KY Fire Association is separate from the Fire Marshalls office but they do work together.
- Fire Marshalls office will be conducting the first fire inspectors class at the Green Rivers Fire Officers School using the new curriculum.
- State Association will be joining the National Fire Inspectors Group.
- Next regional meeting for the NKY Fire Inspectors will be on March 8th at 8:00am with the location being in Campbell County but yet to be announced. This info will go out to the group as soon as it is found out.

Radios

Campbell County: Mark Bailey

- 2009 the county was awarded a grant for a second repeater channel
- There is a uniform fire channel line up throughout the county leaving 5 channels for each department to individualize. Copies were passed around.
- Applied for a grant to help minimize the financial impact of going to narrow band.
- Currently working on updating the communications manual. This will be sent out to al the chiefs in the county for input and fine tuning.

Boone County: Jeff Barlow

- This is a newer committee for the Boone Chiefs Association but has been very active.
- They too have a uniform fire channel lineup used throughout the county.
- Narrow banding is not as big of an issue for the county as most departments already comply.

Kenton County: Dennis Halpin

- Applied fora grant from FEMA for narrow banding equipment.
- After the grant comes in (cross your fingers) they also will work on a uniform fire channel lineup.

PSAP Directors: Jim Staverman

- There is currently legislature that wants to allow the state to keep the monies that come in from 911 fees. This is not a good thing for the dispatch centers.
- Dale Edmondson is currently down state working on this issue.

Firefighter Health and Safety

Accountability: Shaun Klaserner

- Shaun has a PowerPoint presentation on the accountability guidelines. If anyone would like a copy get in contact with him.

CPAT: Dan Hitzfield

- There are currently only 2 departments licensed to use the test, Florence and Hebron.
- Each department wanting to use the test must get a license.
- Application for license is online at the IAFF website and there is no cost.
- There are two types of licenses – Full which is for departments and Limited which is for agencies like the Fire Commission or Community Colleges.
- If you use another departments/agencies license there must be a written agreement in place.

Training

County Training Officers Group: Chris Miller

- SCBA Trailer – grant has been approved and is currently in first stages of construction.
- Command Simulator – waiting for more info from FEMA
- Boone County training center just finished their second phase which included the classroom building and the draft pit.
- Each county has been asked to compile a list of training props so resources can be shared.
- At the last meeting issues with the Firehouse records program were discussed. Hopefully changes will be forthcoming.
- Next regional meeting will be on April 19th at Boone County Training Center.

FODC: Dan Hitzfield

- Fire Officers class started in December and is anticipated to finish the middle of May.

KCTCS: Bill Bickle

- Driver Operator Aerial and Water Supply training is currently being revamped.
- Fire Officer 1 & 2 training is ready to be submitted for approval.
- Fire Commission does not currently accept or recognize online training, but they are working on getting this clarified.

Regional School: Tony Laumann

- Class list is finalized.
- Class booklet will be out very soon.
- Rooms at the Marriott will cost $89.
- Registration will be available online and will accept credit card payment.
- Cost for classes will be $30 for 1 day / $60 for 2 day class.
- Cost for late registration will be $50 for 1 day / $100 for 2 day
- They are able to lower cost due to not giving shirts with registration but shirts will still be offered for purchase.
- There will be an Explorer competition again this year with details to follow. If interested in entering a team Wanda Isaacs has packets.
- Next committee meeting will be February 15th at Taylor Mill.

Recruit Class: Ron Becker

- Class started January 24th with 23 students.
- Thanks goes out to all instructors and if there are any others interested in helping all help is welcome.
- The 2010 class had a 90% graduation rate.

Technical Operations

Fire Investigation:

The Campbell County team is up and running.

Hazardous Materials: Bill Fletcher

- Reviewed how team is composed and works.
- It is made up of 4 teams, 1 in Boone, 1 in Carroll, 1 in Georgetown, and 1 in Kenton/Campbell.
- Training and equipment is identical so members can respond to other areas with ease and knowledge of how it will be ran.

Mutual Aid: Joe Egemeier

- Campbell County has updated their county equipment list. Joe will distribute these to Boone and Kenton.
- The Intrastate Mutual Aid is at a standstill waiting for a computer program from FEMA.
- Committee will work on getting the 4 County Mutual Aid Agreement updated this year.

NKIMT (Northern Kentucky Incident Management Team): Ron Schneider

- Explained/Reviewed the composition of the team. Currently have 34 members
- Dispatched through Campbell County Dispatch.
- If deployed to outside area team responds to Erlanger Station 1. If deployed to incident inside area will respond directly to scene.
- Team has been tasked with the development and delivery of a standard training course that will be used statewide.
- Always looking for new members and all are welcome.
- Complete report is attached to the minutes.

TRT (Technical Rescue Team): Jeff Groneck

- Membership has grown
- Reviewed duties charged with
- If team is needed let your local dispatch know and the team will get dispatched
- If it is a missing person incident notify OEM first.
- If team is dispatched to an incident there is potential for needing a large staging area for equipment, unless the incident is a missing person.
- Complete report is attached to the minutes.

Water Rescue: Dale Appel

- Reviewed capabilities of team
- If needed notify your local dispatch
- During summer months on the river every weekend covering from Big Bone to Mendahl Dam.
- Ride alongs are possible, call for availability but be prepared to be on water for at least 10 hours.
- Currently have 60 active members
- If dispatched to your scene and you have wifi capabilities you will be able to connect into divers camera.
- Currently working on ice rescue training, team tries to have 4 classes a year with weather cooperation.

Command Teams

Boone County: Jeff Barlow

- The county is covered by a rotating schedule of chief officers that will respond to any incident in the county if needed.
- Jeff will send out this schedule to other counties to review.

Organization Reports

Boone County Fire Chiefs Association: Marc Muench

- The Airport Fire Department plans on having the Signal 500 drill on September 16th

Campbell County Firefighters Education Association: Greg Buckler

- Campbell County plans on looking into the changes the NKFA has implemented and possibly following their lead.

Kenton County Fire Chiefs Association: Paul LaFontaine

- After the recent field fires, it was found that currently there are no SOG's for PPE in forest fires.
- A proposal has been put together covering SOG's for PPE and a minimum of hand tools to have on hand.
- If you would like a copy see Paul LaFontaine

Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association: Mike Morgan

- Reviewed recent activities
- A survey has been sent out recently, please take a minute to fill out the survey and return it. The information will be used for their strategic plan.

Fire Commission: Betty Rauch

- Commissions annual workshop is the last weekend in January in Lexington.
- Junior firefighter program information will be mailed out very soon. The commission worked on this program for over a year.
- Currently the commission has no bills filed with the state.
- There have been a lot of request for the firefighter identification cards.
- Constantly monitoring the Firehouse record keeping system.
- The states CPAT test is booking quickly.
- Next commission meeting will be at Green Rivers Fire Officers School in Lexington on February 25th.
- Alexandria will host the Fire Commission meeting on December 8th at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited and lunch will be served. An invite with RSVP information will come out closer to the date.
- John Daley reported that the Fire Commission Board has 18 members that are all appointed by the Governor. Northern Kentucky currently only has 1 representative Betty Rauch. Northern Kentucky deserves more representation on this board so we need to keep our legislatures to help us get more appointments.

NVFC (National Volunteer Fire Council): Ken Knipper

- Kentucky is a charter member and currently 49 states are members. (Hawaii doesn't have any volunteer firefighters)
- Health and Safety programs and information come from the NVFC
- Fire Core and Junior Firefighter are a few of their successful programs
- Currently redoing their LODD manual. Used Charlie Shaw as a resource and appointed him as a main contact.
- Currently working on a $3 million budget
- Many other countries visit to see how the council works
- Website is NVFC.org and available to everyone
- There are 3 major organizations that represent the fire service in Washington DC and 98% of the time all 3 are on the same page.

Red Cross: Carl Biery

- Carl is looking into training that may be available to the fire service.

Special Committees

Membership: Marc Muench

- Quick review of the changes that have happened and why
- Great attendance Thanked everyone for coming hopefully it will last
- Near the end of the year the committee will do an evaluation and see if any/all changes have worked.

Awards Banquet: Greg Buckler

- There were 337 in attendance
- 3 departments still need to pay
- Profit of $858.23
- While this year there was more nominations than usual, there were two categories that didn't have any nominations, Chief Officer Award and Firefighter of the Year. This is a big disappointment and hopefully will not happen again.
- Starting next month, once a month the awards nominating forms will be emailed to help with nominating personnel while details are still fresh in your memory.
- Nominations will be accepted all year long

Olympics: John Seitz

- Southgate is willing to host the regional Olympics this year unless someone else is interested
- Please consider putting a team in this year.

UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative): Paul LaFontaine

- We are a part of the Hamilton County area.
- To date we have received $2.3 million in assets from the Ohio side of the river.
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