

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Established 1934

March 22, 2011

Hebron Station #1

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 all present were noted. Chief Dan Hitzfield welcomed everyone and offered tours at the end of the meeting for anyone interested. KFA Past President Bobby Cowherd and his friend Rick Bobo were in attendance. Bobby Cowherd introduced the Shelby County Judge Executive Rob Rothenburger. Judge Rothenburger is running for the state office of Commissioner of Agriculture. He addressed the group with information on the importance of this office and good working relationship with the fire service. He provided his qualifications and asked the members of the Association for their support.

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

Motion / Second

Rick Messingschlager/Rick Herzog
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

Jeff Pohlman/Bill Birkle
Motion passed via voice vote.

There were no bills presented to the Association for payment.

Officers Report

President: Tim Kleier

- Attended Olympics committee meeting at Green Rivers Fire Officers School
- Attended the KFA E-Board meeting that was held at the Green Rivers Fire Officers School – during the meeting Dave Jansing announced he is retiring from the Secretary position at this year's conference.
- Appointed a committee to find an appropriated person to nominate for the open position.
- The committee consist of Mike O'Day and John Daley (both KFA past Presidents)
- John Daley spoke to the association about the history and importance of holding onto the Secretary position and representation in the KFA.
- The Vice President at Large and Treasurer position are both up for election at this year's conference.

Vice President: John Seitz

- Attended the LODD funeral of Alexandria Police Officer Jim Strickland.
- Currently meeting with all the committees associated with the NKFA that hold separate checking accounts.

Treasurer: Bud Lederer

- Attended the KFA E Board meeting at Green Rivers Fire Officers in his directors' position.
- As directed by the E Board of the NKFA, Treasurer Lederer asked the E Board of the KFA, if departments from other associations are permitted to join a different association?
- If any department that is a member of an association that is not active wishes to join another association that is active is permitted to do so.

Committee Reports

EMS

KBEMS, KAPA & Regional EMS Committee: Tony Scheben

- Regional meeting was well attended.
- Aircare, University Hospital and Children's Hospital have started to attend.
- Billing issues were discussed
- A plan is in the works for when the hospitals are at capacity
- Please remind squad personnel to leave a copy of run reports at the hospital
- Working on a plan to "better" exchange information with each other
- KBEMS was represented at the meeting and reported they will be sending out weekly reports to the fire chiefs
- Worked on audit issues
- The state will be bringing up trainers to help train testing preceptors on 3/29/11 at Burlington.
- The next regional meeting will be 6/21 10am at Erlanger.

St. Elizabeth: Deb Szurlinski

- A website is in the works for pre hospital care and will have helpful links. Robbie Meeks with University of Cincinnati Education was introduced.

Fire Prevention / Public Education

Fire Education Prevention Committee: Wanda Issacs

- Attended the KFA E-Board meeting at Green Rivers Fire School
- Scott Hegener is Area 7's Pub Ed coordinator. He has generated many new ideas and would like to meet with all the departments' public education educators.
- Public Education/Fire Prevention in Kentucky is the topic at this year's state fire school. Displays will be set up throughout the school.

Radios

Campbell County: Mark Bailey

- Waiting for the official "yes you received the grant" for the AFG grant that was applied for.

Boone County: Jeff Barlow

- Starting the process of what to do about (needed) repeaters and narrow banding compliance.

Kenton County: Rick Messingschlager

- April 7th at 7pm there is a 3 county open forum meeting being held at Dixie High School. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the feasibility of combining all the dispatch centers into one.
- Dale Edmondson stated he would encourage every department to have a representative at that meeting.
- Dale also discussed the future funding of the 911 centers and where will it come from.

Firefighter Health and Safety

CPAT: Dan Hitzfield

- 75 personnel attended the orientation for the CPAT testing.
- Test date is April 30th.
- Reviewed licensing procedure to administer the test.
- Report submitted to the secretary will be attached to the minutes.

Training

County Training Officers Group: Bill Birkle

- Boone County has new Maze Trailer.
- Kenton County is still conducting the Fire Officers class.
- 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.
- There are currently 19 students in the class.
- Report submitted to the secretary will be attached to the minutes.

KCTCS: Bill Birkle

- Fire Commission is going to offer a class to teach what to/or what is being looked for in an audit for incentive pay and state aid.

Regional School: Bill Birkle

- Dates for the Regional School are May 14th and 15th.
- Registration is on line and a credit card is needed.
- If not preregistered by deadline, registration cost increase.
- Almost all the classes are being held at the Marriott in Hebron.
- The Friday night Explorer competition is being moved from Burlington Fire Department to Boone County training center.

Recruit Class: Bill Birkle

- Class currently has 22 students and will end by the end of April.

Technical Operations

Fire Investigation: Bill Birkle

- A regional meeting is in the works.

Mutual Aid: Joe Eggemeier

- A CD containing the Campbell County resource list was given to the other counties. Feel free to print off copies as needed.
- The Intrastate Mutual Aid is still at a standstill.

NKIMT (Northern Kentucky Incident Management Team): Ron Schneider

- A Type 5 Team Class will be held at the Regional school.
- Currently there is a Type 4 Class on the agenda for state fire school, but may be pulled for funding reasons.
- Report submitted to the secretary is attached to the minutes.

Water Rescue: Ron Schneider

- A meeting was held in March with representatives from all river cities except 3.
- Quarterly meetings are planned.
- Boone County Water Rescue will coordinate all in service boats on the river for Kentucky and Ohio.
- River communication is still being worked on and radios have been received.

EMA – Emergency Management

- Public Health will be conducting a Radiological class on May 31st.

Campbell County-: Ron Schneider

- All departments in the county have GIS for First Responders. If other counties have not seen this yet get with your EMA directors.

Organization Reports

KFA- Kentucky Firefighters Association: Terry Keller

- Terry does plan to seek re-election for the Treasurers position.
- Finance committee meeting found the association to be looking at a \$20,000.00 shortfall.
- License plate issue has been settled. The \$49,846.00 that has been collected so far will be given to the Association at the end of the fiscal year (hopefully). This will also “hopefully” cover the shortfall.
- Praised Bud Lederer for being such a great director and representing the NKFA well.
- Smoke Signals and website contract with Woody Will have been renewed.
- All state fire school monies will now go through the KFA to help clarify the accounting and accountability.
- There is still one scholarship spot available.
- Conference dates are July 26 – August 2. Registration and ad book forms are available on the website. Deadline for ad book is June 1st.
- 2010 conference committee donated \$1000.00 to the KFA.

Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association: Mike Morgan

- A training conference will be held in Bowling Green in January. More info will be forthcoming.

Fire Commission: Jeff Pohlman

- Next scheduled meeting will be on April 18th in Somerset.

NVFC (National Volunteer Fire Council): Tim Kleier

- A request has been sent out for donations for firefighters in Japan affected by the earthquakes. A motion was made to make \$100.00 donation through the NVFC for the firefighters in Japan.

Motion/Second

Jim Profitt/John Daley

Motion passed via voice vote.

Special Committees

Awards Banquet: Katie Kleier

- January 21, 2012 is the date set for the Awards Banquet.
- 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: Tim Kleier

- There are a few rule changes for this year’s Olympics.
 1. 3 Man Ladder – will have starting box.
 2. Bucket Brigade – There is to be only water in the buckets and barrel. If anything else found team will be disqualified.
 3. Barrel Fill – Time allotment will be 2 minutes.
 4. Efficiency – all equipment must be inspected by team and if any problems found noted to judges immediately. If not noted to judges prior to event start retakes will not be given.
- State Competition will be held at Horse Fork Creek Park on July 29th with captains meeting at 8:30am and start time at 9:00am.
- Regional competition will be held on July 9th at Southgate Community Center.

Honor Guard: John Seitz

- Regional meeting was held on February 25th.
- Working on putting information packets together. There will be a presentation at the May meeting reviewing the packets.
- Report submitted to the secretary will be attached to the minutes.

Legislative: Bruce Smith

- Legislative session is over unless a special session is called. A complete report of the session submitted to the secretary will be attached to the minutes.
- A fireworks bill did get passed and signed into law, and will be enforced by July 4th. The bill now allows for each city in the state to regulate if they want fireworks or not.

Firefighter Memorial: Rick Messingschlager

- Working on a design to display the piece of steel from the World Trade Centers at the firefighter memorial in Newport.

NKWOFF (Northern Kentucky Widow and Orphans Fund): Monica Rath

- An accounting report has been submitted to the secretary.
- There is currently a balance of \$9123.40
- Silver Grove is having a Fill the Boot Campaign during their fish fry in memory of their two recent fallen brothers. Their intentions are to donate the money raised to the Widow and Orphans fund.

Explorers/Junior Firefighters: John Seitz

- A regional meeting was held on March 3rd.
- A representative from the Boy Scout of America was in attendance at the meeting and agreed that the Explorer program and the Junior Firefighter program should work together hand in hand.
- Leeann Pegg with Piner/Fiskburg is the state representative.
- A clarification of what Explorers are allowed to do was discussed. They are allowed to utilize the burn trailer and climb ladders over 35' if they are at a dedicated training center. A dedicated training center is anywhere the fire department deems safe to train.
- Report submitted to the secretary will be attached to the minutes.

Historical: Bill Leslie

- Bill conducted a presentation on the history of the Hebron Fire Department. A copy has been filed with the minutes.

Audit: Wanda Issacs

- An audit of the books was conducted before the meeting with the treasurer and three trustees.
- The committee found the treasurers books to be in order.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the audit committee in regards to the treasurer's books being found in order.

Motion/Second

Wanda Issacs/John Daley

Motion passed via voice vote.

Good and Welfare

Fire Heritage Muster will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery on June 4th.

Joe Eggemeier has an old stretcher. If anyone is interested see Joe.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion/Second

Jeff Pohlman/Terry Keller

Motion passed via voice vote.

Next meeting May 24, 2011 at Campbell County training Center hosted by CCFD#1.

Lunch will start at 11:30am with the meeting starting at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association