

# Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

## Established 1934

May 24, 2011

Campbell Co. Training Center  
Hosted by CCFD#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.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 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/Keith Kallmeyer  
Motion passed via voice vote.

Treasurer Lederer read the bills presented to the association. A motion was made to pay the bills.

Motion/Second

Terry Keller/Greg Buckler  
Motion passed via voice vote.

### **Officers Report**

**President:** Tim Kleier

- Attended Retired Chief Ray Muench Sr.'s (Southgate) funeral
- Attended the Explorer/Junior FF competition held at Burlington Fire Dept. in conjunction with NKESS – regional fire school.

**Vice President:** John Seitz

- Attended the funerals of Retired Chief Ray Muench Sr. (Southgate) and Rose Booth (Kenton Community).
- Attended the Explorer/Junior FF competition held at Burlington Fire Dept. in conjunction with NKESS – regional fire school.
- Attended the "Vision for St. Elizabeth for the Community" meeting at the request of President Kleier. Reviewed what was discussed at the meeting and asked everyone to participate in the online survey that was sent out.

**Treasurer:** Bud Lederer

- Attended Retired Chief Ray Muench Sr.'s (Southgate) funeral
- Worked on getting the dues in that are not paid

**Secretary:** Monica Rath

- Attended Retired Chief Ray Muench Sr.'s (Southgate) funeral
- Worked on getting dues paid with Treasurer Lederer.
- Updated association email list. If you do not currently receive emails from Secretary Rath and would like to, please leave your correct email address after the meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **EMS**

#### **KBEMS, KAPA & Regional EMS Committee:** Rob Butcher

- KBEMS will be hosting a town hall type meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 13:00 hours at Gateway.
- Rob Butcher has been appointed to both the Regulatory Re-Write committee and the Senate Bill 66 revamp committee. He will be keeping us informed of both committees.
- KBEMS website is up and running.
- KAPA- There has been uproar in the state concerning a paper that was drafted by physicians from the Lexington and Louisville area stating that any potential responder to a trauma incident should be educated to the critical care level.

### **Fire Prevention / Public Education**

#### **Fire Education Prevention Committee:**

Wanda Issacs

- State fire school theme this year is Public Education.
- KFA Pub Ed committee has been asked to set up displays in the foyer at state fire school.
- If anyone has any pictures of pub ed events or stories of saves directly relating to what was taught at a pub ed event please email them to Wanda.
- Boone County schools are looking into having a fire safety day for the blind and deaf.

Joe Stambush

- Insight / Toyota Firefighters of the Month are  
April – Myron Born May – Jim Profitt June – Gary Auffart July – Ray Knockelman
- Suggested that since most schools are closing for the summer it would be a really good time to do a walk through and keep in contact with principals, superintendents, and teachers.
- Training website will give 2 hour certification for public education. The website will expand in the future. [www.kiprc.uky.edu/courses/fire\\_training.HTML](http://www.kiprc.uky.edu/courses/fire_training.HTML)

#### **Fire Inspectors:**

- The state's Fire Inspectors Association is now a member of the International Fire Marshalls.
- Progress is still being made in Frankfort
- Next meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup> in Boone County

### **Radios**

#### **Campbell County:** Mark Bailey

- May 16<sup>th</sup> Kenton and Campbell received official word that the radio grants were awarded. Meetings between the two counties are in progress.
- Marc Muench reported that Paul Laney held/lead an informational meeting with all 3 counties concerning the feasibility of combining all the dispatch centers.

### **Firefighter Health and Safety**

#### **CPAT:** Dan Hitzfield submitted report to Secretary Rath

- CPAT testing was completed on April 30<sup>th</sup>. 25 persons completed the testing.
- Currently only 2 departments in the area are licensed to use the testing and they are Florence and Hebron.
- Each department wanting to use the test must get a license.
- Report submitted to the secretary will be attached to the minutes.

## Training

### **County Training Officers Group:** Chris Miller

- Next regional meeting is May 31, 2011 at 13:00 hours at Boone Co. training Center
- Point Pleasant took delivery of the SCBA Confidence Trailer, housing it at the Boone Co. training Center, train the trainer is forthcoming
- If anyone has taken the IFSAC written test for Fire Instructor II, Pump Apparatus Driver/Operator, or Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator and still needs to take the skills portion, must do so before July 1, 2011 or start over from the beginning. The testing is changing on July 1, 2011.
- IFSAC FF I and FF II testing will be conducted on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at Campbell County Training Center.

### **FODC:** Dan Hitzfield submitted report to Secretary Rath

- 19 students completed the class.
- SFRT administered the written portion of the IFSAC test the last day of class
- Report submitted to the secretary will be attached to the minutes.

### **Regional School:** Wanda Issacs

- Lots of good comments from students that attended the school. Everyone liked the new location.
- The Friday night Explorer competition was a huge success.
- Averaged 200 students each day classes were held.
- President Kleier thanked Burlington Fire for help with set up and clean up of competition equipment and area.

### **Recruit Class:** Ron Becker

- 14 students graduated a few weeks ago.
- Next class will start mid-August
- Thanked all instructors for all the help teaching the classes and invited any additional instructors interested in helping with the next class to contact Ron Becker.

## Technical Operations

### **Mutual Aid:** Joe Eggemeier

- Mutual Aid contracts automatically renew every 3 years.
- If anyone would like a new contract, contact Joe Eggemeier.
- Airport Fire has offered to scan all hardcopies of the Mutual Aid Agreement and put them on a disc to share if anyone would desire an electronic copy.

### **NKIMT (Northern Kentucky Incident Management Team):** Ron Schneider

- Several members of the team were dispatched to assist with the management of the Western Kentucky floods.
- Other members of the team spent the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> assisting the State in the National Level Exercise at the Wendell Ford Training Center in Western Kentucky.
- The Type 5 class that was to be held at NKESS was cancelled.
- At this time the Type 4 class scheduled at State Fire School is still on.

- Report submitted to the secretary is attached to the minutes.

## Organization Reports

### KFA- Kentucky Firefighters Association:

Terry Keller

- There is an E-Board meeting scheduled at State Fire School
- Preliminary budget will be started – if any KFA committee heads need money allocated to them for 2011-2012 please get the dollar amount to Treasurer Keller ASAP.

John Daley

- Reviewed the history of the Secretary position for the KFA. Northern Kentucky has held this position since 1950.
- 2011 Conference dates are July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Reviewed the voting requirements and guidelines for the KFA.
- All possible votes are needed. Please make sure you send your delegates to the conference and send your completed delegate sheet to KFA Secretary Dave Jansing.
- Nominated Monica Rath to run for the position of Secretary for the KFA.

A motion was made to send letters of support to Dave Jansing, KFA Secretary, for Monica Rath for the position of secretary, Terry Keller for the position of treasurer, and to maintain Bud Lederer as our regional director.

Motion/Second

John Daley/Rick Messingschlager

Motion passed via voice vote.

### Fire Commission: John Daley

- 4 appointments are due this year for 4-year terms. 2 paid, 1 volunteer and 1 business & industry
- Contacted Rep. Keene about submitting 2 names from Campbell County.
- Urging Kenton and Boone to contact their state reps., which are close to the governor, about submitting names from their respective counties.

### Red Cross: Carl Biery Sr.

- Cincinnati chapter currently has 76 people out on assignment across the nation due to the flooding and tornados.

## Special Committees

### Awards Banquet: Tim Kleier

- Monthly nomination packet has been sent
- Nominations will be accepted all year long

### Olympics: John Seitz

- Regional competition will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> at Southgate Community Center.

### Golf Outing: Dale Edmondson

- September 9<sup>th</sup> is now the date for the outing
- Door prizes, hole sponsors, and golfers are needed

### LODD: John Seitz

- Objective of committee is to be a resource for departments in the event of a fire department funeral/LODD event, the committee will not take over a detail unless requested to do so by the department.
- Currently reviewing protocols to create a set of protocols for the NKFA to adopt.

- Information packets that the committee designed for LODD were distributed to all in attendance.
- John reviewed and explained the packets.
- Report (packets) submitted to the secretary will be attached to the minutes.

**Legislative:** Bruce Smith

- Contact your local Senators concerning the volunteer firefighter tax
- Rusty Todd has an article in Smoke Signals explaining the new fireworks bill.

**Firefighter Memorial:** Paul Uebel

- Working on a design to display the piece of steel from the World Trade Centers at the firefighter memorial in Newport.
- Hoping to have a drawing and quote at the next meeting

**Explorers/Junior Firefighters:** John Seitz

- Committee is looking into holding a Fall competition for local Explorer and Jr. FF groups
- Boy Scouts of America is in agreement to work with Jr. FF's nationally
- There is a one day recruit blitz being planned for the week after 9-11

**New Business:**

Steve Listerman

- Took part in the earthquake drill and discovered many more squads would be needed
- When the NASCAR event is "in town" there could be as many as 200 private aircraft and helicopters in the skies especially from Wednesday to Saturday.
- If you were to have an incident in your jurisdiction, feel free to call for help from Airport Fire
- Airport Fire took delivery of a Polarius, it can transport 6 seated or 5 in stokes baskets and 1 seated. After the department completes the training and has the equipment set up, anyone is free to call for the equipment if needed. Department employees will deliver, set up and pick up equipment after the incident.

**Good and Welfare**

- Fire Heritage Muster will be held at Spring Grove Cemetery on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Marc Muench and John Beatsch thanked everyone for their help and support during Chief Ray Muench Sr.'s funeral.
- Chris Miller reported that the World Burn Congress Conference is coming to Cincinnati in September from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. In the past they have been able to count on many volunteers from local fire departments and are soliciting volunteers from N. KY and Cincinnati area departments for this year's conference. Troy Webster from Florence is the N.KY coordinator, if interested contact Troy. More information will be forthcoming and forwarded out to everyone.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion/Second

Terry Keller / Keith Kallmeyer

Motion passed via voice vote.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at Edgewood. This is an evening meeting with dinner starting at 7:00 pm and the meeting starting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Rath, Secretary  
Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association