



Northern Kentucky Firefighter's Association Established 1934



August 28, 2018

Florence City Building
Hosted by Florence Fire Department

The regular meeting of the Northern Kentucky Firefighter's Association was called to order by President Fuller with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll call was taken by Vice President Hammann and all present were noted. It was explained again that only dues paying members will be announced during the roll call at all meetings.

Welcome by Asst. Chief Knoll.

Guest Speaker: Teri Vonhandorf -Gateway Vice President of Academic Affairs

- Additional Guests – Amber Carter, Dean Health Professions and Missy Miles St E, Gateway President
- Update on Paramedic Program Status (PowerPoint)
 - History of Program
 - July 2018 Program Faculty resigned – Dawn Bloemer until December 2018
 - Reviewed actions taken to date to address program needs
 - Challenges
 - Finding qualified personnel who to want to be educators
 - Program Coordinator
 - Bachelor's Degree, Master preferred
 - Ky Level III Educator
 - 375 State Wide / 40 locally
 - 15 in Greater Cincinnati Area that have required degree and EMS education
 - Program Faculty
 - Minimum Associate's
 - Level III
 - Medical Director
 - KY Licensed
 - Strong Commitment
 - Strengths
 - State of art facility
 - Regional Accreditation
 - Work-Ready Scholarship eligible
 - Access to Perkins funds for professional development
 - Prior learning credit
 - Not for Profit Program
 - Reviewed Facilities and program support
 - Reviewed Long term Sustainability and growth
 - Task Force to find solutions

- Partnerships to meet needs of the program
- Group Discussions were held between attendees and Gateway personnel.
- Applications were taken up to the week before announcement of program cancellation.
- July 1 when Gateway realized program was in jeopardy
- Future of program needs to find instructors and develop the overall instructor pool.
- Concerns about mass exodus of the program staff
- Integrity of program with new staff and proof that program is back to being first rate program.
- Staffing Issues – Fall 2017 need for 2 full time employees – 2.5 for fall for additional. 5 persons.
-Future need was 3 full time employees.
- Discussion on coordinator also being instructor or separate positions. More successful to have separate positions.
- Question of student/instructor ratios in the future
- St E Partnerships
 - Medical Director
 - Instructors
- Fire Service Partnerships
 - Shortage even with all 3 programs
 - Level III – Class plus 50 hours of instruction – Host needed class in our area
 - Succession Planning
- Faculty consturium concept
 - St E March or April meeting with Gateway – Proposed a working partnership -Gateway was not able to do it.
 - St E and Gateway currently working together on solution
 - St E is willing work to with Gateway – 3rd entity interested in partnership also
- St E Hospital Based Program – Gateway General Ed. Side/work ready portion of program – January 2019 program goal
- KBEMS – Assistance with List of Level II and Level III instructors and helped draft a posting. KBEMS Regulations are part of the issue – 2 years to fix.
- Recruiting Side
 - Gateway and NKU work together – Hours from Gateway EMT not transferable to NKU
 - Fire Science Program – Concerns from those in fire science program similar issues.

President of Gateway

- Succession Plan
- Direction for career in program field – Clear Pathway
- Creation of Task Force to find solutions.
- Mentoring and nurturing next generation.

President Fuller appointed an EMS Task Force Committee to work with Gateway. The committee members are:

- President Fuller
- Chief Amon -Edgewood FD
- Asst. Chief Butcher -Burlington Fire District

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

Motion/Second: Joe Stambush/ Joe Eggemeier

State Fire Rescue:

IFSAC Testing for skills we be held on November 10th and 11th. Need 25 registered, currently only have 12
30-hour request need to be submitted
Curriculum Change January for IFSAC

Poster Contest:

Sean Barth for Independence Fire District will chair the committee and work has started for this year.

Radios:

Keith Hammann reported that the project is at about the 45% mark on completion. Waiting on some tower sites to be built and the Talk groups are being developed.
Programming – Cost going away on Motorola side. \$99.99 per radio \$150 trade port \$100 Mobile. If drop 7-year warranty for 5

Safety: Joe Eggemeier

Report given on upcoming Cancer seminars and SOG's for decon. Discussion was held on SOG's / LAVENDER and Hamilton Co. SOG's / Decon materials coming from 859 and 1800 board up. Chris Miller – NIST and Illinois State Baby Wipes 50% all wipes will be tested for efficiency.

President Fuller appointed a committee to develop a regional decon protocol. Committee members will be:
Chief Scheben Chair
Commander Miller
Joe Eggemeier

Training

Recruit Class – started with 24, down to 17- Began 8/2
Test scores were not great on first test
Need for instructors – Test proctors – Get with Nick or Greg for material
Emphasis was placed on the fact that recruit class students must read material

AFST ECU Club – Assist in filling gap from fire admin to fire service – Instructors to assist with program

Special training committee meeting – Focus on the future of recruit class and what class looks like – Strain on instructors, add RIT and other areas. Consensus to have 1 class per year and extend the curriculum time. Need ample time to continue quality of the class.

President Fuller appointed the below committee to review the recruit class and future needs. Committee members are listed below

Greg Schultz
Chief Lafontaine
Bill Allen
Nick Russell

Organization Reports:

Greg Buckler reported that Campbell County has received a grant to upgrade AV at their training center for \$20,000

KFA:

2nd VP Eric Philpot was in attendance and gave a report on the 2021 conference to be held in Corbin, KY
Southeastern Conference – Reverse Raffle \$5,000 cash prize

Good conference this past year – Executive Director Hired – President Transitions – Working with Howdy on Legislative side, Randy Lawson Executive Director (Past President).

CERS Separation is a goal of legislative session

Red Cross:

Thanked everyone for calling them. 245 families assisted in the past fiscal year

Legislative:

Bruce Smith reported on upcoming legislation on Fire Dist. issues and working on tax credit for volunteers – All help appreciated and needed

Waiting on supreme court decision on Pension Bill – Chance of special session on pension bill.

Fire Dist. legislation – allowing rate to be increased over \$2.00 not to exceed 4% - If do it change of board structure.

Need presence in the capital – Need help when called for

Oct. 3rd KFA Memorial

Junior Firefighters:

JR FF Camp Sept 1st open registration. Camp is in the beginning of November

Conference:

KFA Conference – Owensboro next year – Hotels open now

2020 Hotels contract signed by President Fuller

Sept 29th NKFA Golf Outing

Oct 2nd -Texas Roadhouse- 10% of sales with flyer

Alexandria Fair -Pull tabs booth

Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards - 10% of all gift cards purchased will be donated

Awards Banquet:

Nominations due 10/31/18

Jan 19, 2019 banquet- Price did increase to \$35 per person

Good and Welfare:

Motion to purchase a hole sponsorship for Golf outing. Motion Buckler/second Pohlman. Motion carried

Sept 14 – Covington FD Mental Health program Chip Terry Program

- Event Tickets include copy of book from speaker
- CEU's for EMS

Tunnel to Towers 9/22/18 registration is open.

Newport Capt. Peddicord provided an update on the Newport Firefighter who was injured during a fire this morning. The injured Firefighter is expected to be okay and is recovering.

Motion to adjourn: Motion Stambush /Second Pohlman

Minutes Submitted by President Fuller