

**TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**  
**Winter Combined Board of Directors and Business Meeting**  
**Jackson, TN – 8 February 2018**

Members present: John Selberg, Brian Goss, Tony Watson, Melvin Martin, Brian Biggs, Mike Flynn, Bob Dudley, Michael Williams, Mark Foulks, James Fountain, Gary West, Eddie Phillips, Steve Dillard, Barron Kennedy and about 20 guests.

Opening: President Selberg called the meeting to order at 15:50, Steve Dillard opened with a prayer and Bob Dudley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Vendors: MES, NAFECO, and Froggy's Fog were thanked for their support.

Adoption of Minutes: The Board and Business meeting minutes from Nashville and a conference call were approved by motion.

First time Fire Chiefs attending: Jim Harville of Arlington FD, Jim Stables of Johnson City FD, Doug Campbell of Lincoln County EMA/FD, Jacob Snyder as Training Officer of Cookeville FD, Tommy Gately of Bartlett FD, and Dustin Scott of Saltillo FD.

Reports from Association Officers:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Eddie Phillips said there is \$76,425.77 in the General Account and \$28,427.02 in the Conference Account. He explained the refunds from the TN Weekend due to the cancellation of the weekend.
- **Conference Report:** James Fountain reported that the Spring meeting dates in Gatlinburg are April 22 – 25 at the Park Vista. The 2018 Conference will be our 50<sup>th</sup>. It will be July 28 – 31 at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro. Our Fall Quarterly meeting will be September 18 -21 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Murfreesboro. The Expo in 2018 is October 15-19 and a room block will be at the Millennium Maxwell House.
- **Fire Marshal's Report:** Gary Farley reported on the new rules for the Electrical Code and the separation of certificates. The proposed effective dates of these are 10/1/18 for the Electrical rules and 3/19/18 for the Certification rules. Steve Majchrzak reported that Billy Deering is the new Director of the Fire Investigators. He comes from Metro Nashville. They are fully staffed in all 9 regions with marketing efforts forthcoming. Gary West reported that there is a change in the way fireworks permits are issued. He also briefly discussed respiratory protection during overhaul operations. The Google Group is 11 years old and continues to be a good communications tool across the state. The Get Alarmed smoke alarm program has surpassed a mile stone of 200 lives saved. As of today, the total is 2018. The statewide Poster Contest banquet is this Saturday at the Governor's residence honoring both poster and video winners. FD Day on the Hill is soon, and all should attend. The next round of AFG grants FF cancer will be a priority.

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- Executive Committee: Barron Kennedy reported on the desire to establish a Corporate Membership which will require a By-Laws change. James is working on details. We are exploring the use of a “professional e-mail service” for our members and possibly some vendors. We encourage nominations for Fire Chief of the Year.

#### Associated Organizational Reports:

- Jeff Elliott reported for TFACA. The year 2017 was a record setting year. The recruit class begins Monday. The Driver/Operator course has a new format. The Conference Center has been awarded to Architectural Design Team. Four new pump simulators will be in service soon. Two dates for the Fire Chiefs Orientation Class have been scheduled. Smokey Mountain Weekend is in Gatlinburg May 18 – 20. There will be blended formats for the Basic 64 and Haz Mat Awareness/Operations.
- Steve Majchrzak reported for the Commission. The next meeting is next week. Education incentive pay forms are online and due March 1st.
- Steve Dillard reported that the Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains has opportunities for departments to host REST trailers as well as REST trailers with showers. The REST trailers have a grant match of \$12,000 and those with showers have a match of \$16,000.

#### Committee Reports:

- Professional Development – James Fountain spoke of future classes and ideas.
- Mutual Aid – Mark Foulks reported on many issues. The state is rewriting their emergency operations plan and the fire service will now be a major player with a seat at the table. We need to continue to upgrade our info and keep the regional and district coordinators involved. Strike teams and task forces are being formed for various types of responses.
- Communications – Amy Maxwell reported 3,961 followers on Facebook. Please share info to be included.
- NFVC / Volunteer – Melvin Martin discussed the need for members.
- SEAFCA – Eddie Phillips reported the 90<sup>th</sup> SEAFCA will be in Montgomery in June. A motion was passed to endorse Chief Otto Drozd for IAFC 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.
- Safety – Tony Watson reported on the posters of last year. Get them out.
- NFA Weekend – Matt Henderson reported the dates of the 2018 class are September 28 – 30. The 2019 classes have been selected. We will be given numbers in April and registration will begin soon after that.
- TN Fire Accreditation and Credentialing Consortium – Brian Goss reported that a CPSE representative will either be in Gatlinburg or at the Annual Conference.

#### Old Business:

- Challenge Coins – They will be available at the Annual Conference and thereafter.
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- BUP – Steve Dillard requested used uniforms for the BUP. Bring uniforms to him and he will send them off.

New Business:

- Life Membership was granted for Robert Barnes and Jack Spurgeon from Bristol FD, Joe Johnson from the Smyrna Airport FD, and Randy Safer from NFPA by motion.
- Fundraising by STAR Therapy – Brian Goss explained how the program worked. We may get up to \$25,000 income and are trying to get sponsors for the \$3,500 screen printing fee.
- Statewide NVFC – If opted, a member can join NVFC through TFCA for an additional \$15 and get full benefits and TFCA would get \$1. A motion was passed to do the statewide NVFC Membership.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 16:42.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary