

**TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
Nashville, TN – 15 July 2007**

Members present: David Baxter, Richard Martin, Barron Kennedy, Jimmy Thompson, Buddy Curran, Jerry Crawford, Richard Martin, Kevin Lawrence, Marty Bowers, Daryl Blair, Eddie Phillips, Greg Patterson, Lee Turner, Lynn Murphy, David Dillingham, Dennis Rutledge, and several visitors.

Opening: President Baxter called the meeting to order at 10:00 and Chief Vance opened with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting in Gatlinburg were approved by motion.

Communications: Chief Baxter announced that our website has won a gold award.

Treasurer's Report: Chief Thompson reported that the checking account has a balance of \$39,031.19. The income from dues has passed the projected budget amount. The proposed budget of \$27,222.00 was approved by motion.

Conference Report: The Vendors have been sold out and attendance is up.

Old Business:

- Chief Strobe and Alan Farley briefly reported on the status of this year's legislation. Get ideas for next year to them soon. Contact your Legislator.

New Business:

- Gary West presented a report on the state-wide mutual plan for the fire service. This is a 53 page document and is available on our website. Meetings and discussion continues. The plan was adopted by motion.
- Chief Phillips announced the Southeastern will meet in Chattanooga 19-21 June 2008. FRI will be in Atlanta in August. Cleveland FD Inspector Mike Samples passed away very recently. A motion to send a delegation to the IAFC Leadership Summit in Washington at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 was approved.
- Chief Blair announced the Upper Cumberland Fire Training Weekend will be 6-7 October 2007 in Cookeville. Details are in the TN Firemen's newspaper.
- Chief Jim Whaley announced that the TN Firemen's Association will meet in Townsend 29-31 May 2008.
- Chief Baxter announced the next Quarterly Meeting will be at the Meadowview in Kingsport. The dates are 17-19 October 2007. The format has changed. The Commission would meet on Wednesday at 1:00. Training will be at 8:30 on Thursday. Committees will meet Thursday afternoon. A combined Board / Business meeting will be on Friday morning. Two breakfasts and one lunch will be provided.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49.

Respectfully submitted: Barron D. Kennedy, III, Secretary

**17 July 2007 Board Meeting**

A special Board Meeting was called to order at 13:16 for the purpose of electing the Member-at-Large for the Executive Committee. David Dillingham was elected. The following were approved by motion to be our website workers; Dennis Wolf, Jimmy Thompson, Gary West, Richard Martin, and Barron Kennedy. The meeting adjourned at 13:23.