

**TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD/BUSINESS SPRING MEETING  
Gatlinburg, TN, 1 May 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Crawford at 08:30. Chief Charlie Vance opened the meeting with a moving prayer and Chief Crawford lead The Pledge of Allegiance. There were about 60 members present.

Thanks: President Crawford expressed thanks to John Lovell and the folks from Southeastern Fire for the Hospitality Room and breakfast. Wink Brown and the folks at Pro-Fire were thanked for the great breakfast. Ferrara was thanked for lunch. Gatlinburg Fire Dept. and MES were thanked for the cookout.

First Time Attendees: Chief Barry Carrier from the Elizabethton FD, Chief Todd Torbett from the Nothcley Creek VFD, and Chief Tim Smith from the Mt. Pleasant FD. Several others were present for various events during the meeting but not present at the Business/Board meeting.

Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting in Pickwick Landing were approved as written by motion.

Treasurer's Report: Chief Thompson reported that the balance at the end of April was \$71,632.47. This was approved by motion.

Conference Report: Chief Lawrence reported that the balance at the end of March was \$44,573.88. The Annual Conference will be at the Marriott 11 – 14 July with preconference training on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. In October we will be at the Meadowview in Kingsport on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be back at Pickwick Landing in February 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. The Spring meeting will be back at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg April 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. The '10 Annual Conference will be at the Marriot in Nashville July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Duty assignments were made for the Conference.

Fire Marshal's Report: Fire Marshal Jim Pillow gave a brief report on how things were going in his office.

Legislative Report: Chief Rocky Garzarek spoke and advised members to follow the legislation on the website.

Mutual Aid: Chief Wolf reported on the first real use of the system in the recent Cobbly Knob fire in Sevier County earlier this week. The system worked very well. There is some data coming in and there is hope to be 40% by July. UT is working on the software instead of using the Ohio model. The video should be completed soon. The budget is still healthy but support is welcomed. There will be IMT T-t-T classes in all three grand divisions in the next few months.

Strategic Plan: Chief Crawford reported that progress is about 95% completed and will be voted on during the Annual Conference in Nashville.

Southeastern Fire Chiefs: Eddie Phillips reported that the Southeastern will be in Myrtle Beach 18 – 20 June 2009. He wishes to be replaced as our representative after this year's meeting. He suggested that Chief Rocky Garzarek be his replacement.

Academy: Ed Hines, Fire Service Director, presented several items of interest.

- The Fire Officer III course pilot program is now ready.
- There were 34 in the T-t-T for the 16 hour class on Tuesday evening. The T-t-T for the 64 hour class held 60 on Wednesday.
- The T-t-T for the Intro to Pumps, the 16 hour class, and the 64 hour class will be offered at the Annual Conference.
- There will soon be a T-t-T for a Technical Rescue course in July.

Membership: Chief Crawford reported we have 296 members at this time. The Academy endorsed 16 hour class for new Chiefs allows a one year free membership.

Memorial: Chief Kenny Lane reported that the account has about \$200,000 at this time. There will be an auction at the Conference of several items. They are planning a service on 11 September 2009. The TUFF Challenge is 26 September 2009.

TN Firemen's Association: Charlie Vance announced that the Conference will be in Murfreesboro in late May.

NVFC/Volunteers: Al Rosamond presented several items of interest. The Volunteer Committee Meeting yesterday was very well attended. NVFC membership is needed for eligibility for several programs. Stay in touch with your Legislators for continued support for the Fire Service.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Daryl Blair showed several styles of shirts with a revised logo for sale on the website soon and at the Conference for about \$20 to \$25 each.
- Gary West reported that this MTAS's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and he was requesting a resolution of support.
- Training – a motion was passed to pay the Academy \$1,000 for the T-t-T in Nashville.
- Life members – Chief Crawford recognized Chief Charlie Carter of the Millington FD for years of service. Chief Carter will be retiring in June as will Chief Kelly Holmes of the Madison County FD. A motion was passed to make these men Life Members at their retirement and Chief Buddy Curran a Life Member since he retired earlier this Spring.

Other Business:

- Gallatin Chief Billy Crook spoke of the dedication of a fire station in memory of Chief Joe Womack on Thursday, 7 May 2009 at 2:30. Everyone is invited.
- Nominations: Dennis Wolf, Ed Kay, and Richard Martin are the Nominating Committee. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will be from West Tennessee and Lynn Murphy has expressed interest. Dennis Rutledge will be resigning his spot so there will be two Board slots from the West. Daryl Blair has expressed interest in remaining on the Board from the Middle as has Roger Robinson from the East.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary