

TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
Chattanooga, TN, 29 February 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 08:30. Chief Charlie Vance opened the meeting with a prayer and Chief David Dillingham lead The Pledge of Allegiance. There were about 65 members present.

Thanks: President Martin 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. Jeff Bagwell and Ferrara were thanked for the lunch.

First Time Attendees: Chief Chris Holmes from the Baxter FD.

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting in Kingsport were approved as written by motion.

Legislative Report: Chief Shane Ray presented the FD Day on the Hill on 4 March 2008. The bills are on the website and can be followed there.

Southeastern Fire Chiefs: Eddie Phillips reported on the IAFC Leadership Summit. The Southeastern will be in Chattanooga 19 – 21 June 2008 at the Chattanooga. The Commissioner is still trying to decide the state code adoption.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Al Rosamond reported on several issues. A major topic was the novelty lighters. Talk to your Federal Legislators about the LOSAP tax-exemption issue. Also continued funding for AFG. \$325 in compensation to Volunteers is tax-exempt.

Academy: Roger Hawks, Executive Director, presented several items of interest.

- The Fire Officer II course is now the practical for the Commission.
- SCBA's are used at all times during live-fire training.
- May the 18th is Horsepower Weekend and Muster.
- He presented a Power Point show on the new ACI (Academy Credentialed Instructor) program to offer entry level courses within home departments. Several questions were asked.

Pub Ed: Jeff Huddleston talked about lighters that look like toys and possible actions concerning them. The Department is also targeting low-literacy adults in fire prevention.

Mutual Aid: Kevin Lauer reported briefly on the State Mutual Aid plan. More will be presented in May at our meeting. A demo is planned for the Conference.

TN Firemen's Association: Jim Whaley announced that the Conference will be in Townsend in late May.

Commission: Terry Woody said they are in the process of getting ROP's for the Field Reps. Clarence Thress, former field rep, passed away this week.

ISO: Peyton Bullen reported on the class in Bell Buckle at TFACA 8 – 10 April 2008.

Memorial: Charlie Vance reported on the continued need for financial support. The Chaplain's Federation's mobile comfort stations were greatly used and appreciated during recent tornados. CISM classes and teams are available.

New Business: Robert Strobe and Al Rosamond were granted Life Membership status.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary