

TENNESSEE FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION
FALL MEETING
Kingsport, TN, 19 October 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 09:00. Chief Barron Kennedy opened the meeting with a prayer and Chief David Dillingham lead The Pledge of Allegiance. There were about 53 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.

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting in Nashville were approved as written by motion.

Treasurer's Report: Chief Thompson reported that there is \$39,526.40 in the regular account.

Conference Report: Chief Curran reported that there is \$63,123.72 in the conference account and the conference cleared \$27,927.39 this year. The dates and locations of the 2008 meetings were announced.

Winter – 27 – 29 February 2008 at the Choo Choo in Chattanooga
Spring – 30 April – 2 May 2008 at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg
Annual Conference – 13 – 15 July 2008 at Marriott in Nashville
Fall – 15 – 17 Oct 2008 at the Meadowview in Kingsport

State Fire Marshal: Chief Turner said that despite rumors, he is not planning on leaving the position.

Legislative Report: Chief Shane Ray presented the list of legislation that worked on during the committee meeting. The slate was approved by motion. Chief Ray also told of the TN IAAI wanting to join the Coalition. This was approved by motion with details to be worked out later.

Southeastern Fire Chiefs: Eddie Phillips reported that a TN delegation will go to the IAFC Leadership Summit next week. The Southeastern will be in Chattanooga 19 – 21 June 2008 at the Chattanooga.

National Volunteer Fire Council: Al Rosamond reported on several issues. The PSOB (Hometown Heroes Survivors) program is beginning to work better, the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act, the Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Personnel Protection Act, Rural Fire Assistance, Volunteer Fire Assistance Programs were discussed. Al also mentioned a grant for Ranger vehicles from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company. The web site is www.ustinc.com/corp_giving/operation.asp.

Academy: Karl Thompson, Fire Program Director, presented several items of interest.

- The TUFF Challenge was a success with over \$10,000 raised for the Memorial.
- The TN NFA Weekend is 3 & 4 November 2008.
- The open enrollment in recruit classes seems to be working well.
- Several courses are being reviewed by ACE for college credit.
- The Academy has a small (\$24,000) grant again this year and classes are being scheduled.
- The Live Fire Training program is experiencing changes, do not give up in us yet.
- The NFPA 1001 has changed and this may make the recruit school go to 10 or 11 weeks to cover the skills.
- There is a pilot offering of Instructor III with slots available.
- Fire Officer II should be available after the first of the year.
- There will be an Instructor Development Workshop at TFACA on 17 – 18 Dec. 2007.
- Thanks for all the support.

Pub Ed: Ed Kay talked about lighters that look like toys and possible actions concerning them.

Commission: Terry Woody said there is a new manual now for Instructor I & II.

TN Fire Service Response Plan: Dennis Wolf reported briefly on the State Mutual Aid plan. The 91 page document is on our website for review. MTAS/CTAS will be hosting the server to track TN resources. A demo is planned for the Conference.

TN Firemen's Association: Jim Whaley announced that the Conference will be in Townsend in late may and they need new blood.

Inspectors Association: Ken Honeycutt announced their meeting 6 – 9 November at the Holiday Inn in Murfreesboro.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted: Barron Kennedy, Secretary