



NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 28, 2018  
Hosted by Alpine Fire District

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 hrs. by President Rich Upham

- Roll Call members present: Robert Garvin, Frank Adams, Rich Upham, Darrell Craig, Jason Kirk, Cristian Patterson, Clint Peck, Clay Wood, Jeff Farkas, Dave Niehuis, Catrina Jenkins, Robert Pena, Brandon Green, Matt Adams, Jarret Jensen, Travis Noth, Justin Covert, Kurt Schneider, Gary Strickland, Richard Wallace, Kerry Pena, Tammi-Jo Wilkins, Shauna
- Meeting minutes of May 24, 2018 approval
  - Motion: Bob Garvin to accept the minutes
  - Seconded: Robert Pena
  - Motion carried
- Treasurer's Report – No report
- Open to the public –None
- Presentations— – Kerry Pena, Tammi-Jo Wilkins
  - Introduced the Apache County Critical Incident Stress Management and Peer Support Team.
  - Discussed Grant funded program that can provided training for those interested.
  - Discussed the goal of the organization to create partnerships with agencies and to get the word out of the benefits and services the are available.
  - Announced peer support team meeting coming up on 7/25/2018 at 10:00 am at RV Apache Count Annex.
  - Discussed working on forming a spouse support group.
  - Discussed that the group is peer support and not licensed Counselors.
  - Discussed the group is a volunteer group and there are requirements to join.
  - The contact for the group to learn more information is Kerry Pena and Tammi-Jo Wilkins at Apache County Health Department Emergency Preparedness
- Executive Board Report—Rich Upham
  - No Report
- Agency Reports
  - AZ State Forestry – Kurt Schneider/ Darrell Craig
    - Discussed the 377 fire
    - Discussed that all State Lands are still closed to the Public.
    - AZ Game and Fish and State Parks are in Stage 2 fire restrictions.
    - Invited everyone to the new forest lakes fire station open house.
    - Pinetop and Vernon Fire Districts will be working on WHA grants.
    - Fire wise assessors' course will be offered at Forest Lakes 8/11-12 contact Darrell or Kurt for details.

- Discussed the requirement to have qualified individuals on engines responding to local IA fires
- Discussed that changes in IA response were coming from the State.
- Discussed the letter that was sent out regarding the available resources that were able to go out of state.
  
- BIA – No Report
  
- Navajo County Emergency Management – Catrina Jenkins
  - Discussed that the 377 fire was the last large fire for the area.
  - Discussed the fireworks show in Heber and Show Low were waiting for approval and may be cancelled due to severe fire conditions.
  - The weather forecast does not look promising for fireworks.
  - MAG 300 and MAG 400 courses coming up August and September
  - Navajo County will be looking at updating the fireworks ordinance.
  - RAC grants due by 2/16/18, Grant must have terrorism nexus in it to be approved
  - 8/22-23 EM Conference will be in Scottsdale Saguaro Conference Center
  
- Apache County Emergency Management – No Report
  
- 311 – No report
  
- Fire Restrictions Working Group—Catrina Jenkins
  - No Change in fire restrictions.
  - The group is still meeting every week.
  
- USFS – Gary Strickland
  - Discussed that the ERC for the area was impacted very little by recent rain.
  - Discussed that the ERC for the area was sitting at 90% and above.
  - Fire danger level was at high to very high for the area.
  - Task force A and B were still in the area.
  - Discussed the cause for the Duran Fire and the 377 fire and how they were both human caused.
  
- Representative Reports
  - AFCA – Rich Upham
    - Discussed that the leadership conference was coming up on 7/10-12
  
  - AFDA—No Report
  
  - Statewide Mutual Aid – Bob Garvin
    - Meeting to be held at leadership conference on 7/10
  
  - Red Card Committee – Darrell Craig
    - Red Card Committee meeting will be held 7/26 at 10:00 am

- Discussed making sure if you get your qualifications in early if you want to be on the list for the July red card review meeting.
  
- NPC/NATC – No Report
  
- Automatic Aid Group – Richard Wallace
  - The group is working on a communications plan for NAFC.
  
- State Training Committee – Clay Wood
  - State Fire School is open for registration.
  - Scholarships are available for State Fire School.
  - New classes will be offered this year at State Fire School.
  - There will be some changes to the opening ceremony this year.
  
- Wildland Resource Coordinators – Clay Wood
  - No Report
  
- Section Reports—
  - EMS Section – Jeff Farkas
    - TMFMD was awarded the CON for the rest of the district area.
    - TMFMD was awarded a grant to outfit the trucks with telemedicine tech.
    - Clint Peck
    - Summit Hospital offering to take old drugs from EMS.
    - There is still a shortage of morphine and recommended using alternatives.
    - Fentanyl is an option to substitute for morphine.
    - There are still shortages in saline solution.
  
  - Fire Marshall – No Report
  
  - Training Section – No Report
  
- Good of the Order
  - Catrina Jenkins—EM conference coming up soon in Scottsdale.
  - Richard Wallace—Fire Wise Bloc Party will be on 8/21 and there is a flyer available. Pinetop is also working on rope rescue training and it is available to the group.
  
- Location of next meeting – No meeting in July due to Leadership Conference
  
- Adjourned—10:35
  - Motioned by: Bob Garvin
  - Seconded by: Richard Wallace
  - Motion carried

Minutes taken by: Frank Adams