



Montgomery County First Responders Association
July 24, 2025 @ 6:00PM
Clarksville Montgomery Co. Public Library

Attendance

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| Lori J. Mason | Bill Van Beber, Jr. |
| Gene Downing | Talia Koeser |
| Judson Hall | Joshua Beal |
| Shonday Hall | Jesse Rivera |
| Katja Rivera | Darla Tillman |
| Irving Tillman | Silvi Mize |
| CPT. Ben Blackmon (Guest speaker) | |
| Chief Ty Burdine (Guest speaker) | |

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance was said.
Quorum was met.

Approval of the June Meeting minutes. Motion to accept made by Bill Van Beber, Jr., seconded by Talia. Unanimous vote to accept. Motion passed.

Approval of the June Treasurer's Report - \$78,291.91 balance. Motion to accept made by Bill, second made by Talia. Unanimous vote to accept. Motion passed.

Old Business

- MCFRA invited to Mayor's Summer Night Lights on July 29, at Barksdale Elementary School from 5:30-7:30 pm. Need Volunteers!!!
- National Night Out August 5, Fortera Stadium Parking Lot, please bring a chair. Volunteers needed!!!

New Business

- CPT. Blackmon and Chief Burdine spoke to group about current CPD needs. Talked about how CPD is considered a young department since COVID, putting the right people in right spots (lots of movement currently), and keeping up w/pay scale issues. Looking to improve on customer service, Professional accountability, and technology (AI). Current staffing is down, but so is most all crime except Juvenile Crime is increasing. Have a wellness Unit staffed with one LCSW and a grant capability possible for another wellness counselor. One of Chief Burdine's goals is Mental Health and well-being for his officers. Received a \$10k grant from Hankook being used for the wellness program and they are looking at a K-9 Service/Support animal to be used in LCSW therapy work for officers (not to be deployed to

scenes) and maintained by the wellness program LCSW on staff. Ultimate Canine (Indiana) is where the canine will be purchased. \$20k for the canine, officer certification to handle, insurance, and \$5k yearly to recertify officers. CPD will retrofit a vehicle as needed and Montgomery County Animal Control has offered to provide veterinary care for canine (minus prescription cost). Guest Departed.

- Mayor's Summer Night Lights on July 29, at Barksdale Elementary School from 5:30-7:30 pm. Still need volunteers!!!
- National Night Out – Fortera Stadium Parking Lot, please bring a chair. Bean bag toss and promote MCFRA. Shonday, Judson, and Talia committed... more volunteers welcome!!
- Discussion on Canine request from CPD, Lori discussed providing \$13-15k to match Hankook and help with additional cost. Motion to up to \$20k was made to match \$10k for purchase of canine and provide additional \$10k for two recertification's (\$5k yearly for recertification (to be held in chaplains fund)) until CPD can work budget needs to fulfill. Motion to accept by Judson, seconded by Talia. Unanimous consent, motion passed.
 - **\$20K approved for use (\$10K match and \$10K two years recertification's)**
- Request was received via Facebook site to assist with a First Responders Basketball game from LT. Eddie Chancellor and Officer Riley. To be held October 4, at Family Life Center, 250 Old Farmers Road and a kitchen will be available for concessions. Will need \$100 (4 each referee gift cards), 10% proceeds to church, and possibly shirts for players. Attend will be CPD, Fire, Gas and Water, APSU, EMS with \$20 player and \$5 entry fee. Will reach out for more details, further discussion at next meeting in August to determine if Association wish's to participate.
 - **No funds allocated at this time.**
- Clarksville Cares Down Syndrome has reached out to see if we would like to participate in the event to have a booth/table and or a sponsorship. October 18, at Liberty Park from 1-4 pm. Bronze level Sponsorship is \$250 but no cost to Association to have a booth. Checking back with staff for details, further discussion at next meeting in August to determine if Association wish's to participate.
 - **No funds allocated at this time.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn by Judson. Seconded by Bill. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Next meeting August 28, 2025 at 6PM.