

Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Association

Minutes

April 18, 2019

Host Agency: Northville Twp Fire Dept

PRESENT:

Belleville – Loranger

Canton –Stoecklein, Meier, Strassner

Dearborn – Murray, Densmore

Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Martin

Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such, Evans

Farmington Hills – Unruh

Garden City – Neault

Inkster – N/A

Livonia – Heavener, Jennison, Unsworth

Melvindale – Densmore, Murray

Guest(s): Barbara Rykwalder (DTE), Denny Hughes (Belfor)

Northville City – Ott, Westfall

Northville Twp – Siegel, Hughes, Marcotte

Novi – Johnson

Plymouth City – Ott, Westfall

Plymouth Twp – Phillips

Redford Twp – Demoff

Romulus – N/A

Taylor – N/A

Van Buren – Brow, McInally

Wayne – N/A

Westland – Harder

Regular Business Meeting – President Joseph Murray opened today’s meeting at 12:05PM.

- A. Round table introductions.
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named –
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host – Chief Siegel thanked everyone for coming to Northville Township.
- D. Approval of March 2019 minutes. Motion by Demoff, supported by Siegel. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None.

Report of Officers

- A. President Joe Murray reported on the following:
 - o Membership invoices to be sent early June
 - o MiChiefs Winter Workshop & Expo this week in Expo were successful in delivering outstanding courses. Great vendor show & exhibit. Next year’s date: April 6-8, 2020 in Novi.
 - o MiChiefs Leadership conference July 9-10 in Boyne. Western Wayne will pay registration for one member of each member community, including one hotel room (arrival Tues, July 9th for two nights). Please give the name of your rep to Linda ASAP.
 - o DTE Procedures - Dave Brogan asked that if you have anyone call that DTE number, please tell him. We want to make sure that the call is handled properly. DTE staff are trying to streamline their processes. Discussion followed on a recent issue that Krause with Romulus Fire experienced. After discussion, Barb will take this back to her office, as they are committed to improving the process.
 - o Motion required under new business to amend Rules Governing to provide basis for response of our Special Operations Teams to non-member communities. Joe Murray highlighted the revisions verbiage. Ott & Meier provided further insight as to the anticipated invoicing process. To be voted on later during today’s meeting.
- B. Vice President Chris Stoecklein – Nothing to report at this time.
- C. Secretary Dan Phillips - Nothing to report at this time.
- D. Treasurer Mike Evans provided the following report:
 1. Treasurer’s Report as reconciled against the March 2019 bank statement:
 - Checking: \$50,541.35
 - Savings: \$204,691.57Motion by Brow, supported by Johnson. Motion carried. Treasurer’s Report accepted and filed.

2. Gifts for Dispatchers – Thermal mugs were distributed as a small token of our appreciation.
3. Logo Sticker creation for WWCFDMAA – Mike Evans suggested that each WW community put stickers on their vehicles to show cohesiveness. Everyone agreed that WW would pay for these stickers.
4. Overdue / Open Incidents (as of 4-15-19), and status updates provided:
 - Canton Carbon Monoxide (8/03/18) \$2,323.51
 - Farmington Hills M5 Tanker Rollover (10/08/18) \$24,053.23
 - Northville City River Contamination (6/02/14) \$21,655.55
 - Plymouth Twp Semi-truck fuel spill (8/03/18) \$6,726.43

Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Conference of Western Wayne – Jordyn was unable to attend today’s meeting, so her report was handed out to everyone attending today’s WW meeting. Murray summarized the report.
- B. Emergency Management – Densmore continues to work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- C. EMS and HEMS – Steve Ott reported:
 1. ALS Staffing issue came back to the Board of Trustees with no recommendations. Steve provided detailed info that came out of the committees.
 2. Measles was a major topic of concern during the March meeting.
 3. Possible protocol changes with restraining patients if PD isn’t traveling with patient, to ensure that there is a handcuff key available.
- D. Training Report - Chief Stoecklein reported:
 1. Romulus & Northville City received the money, so checks will be cut soon.
 2. No more paying out to individual instructors, only to the departments.
 3. Steve Ott mentioned May 11th drivers training course at Northville City.
 4. NFA Application period is now open
- E. Special Operations Reports – Director Meier reported:
 1. General Updates – Working with Chief Evans to finalize the budget. Anticipate to bring the proposed budget to this group in April. Hoping to offset purchases with UASI funding.
 2. USAR Team Leader group met recently, with Jesse Marcotte organizing. Absenteeism continues to be an issue.
 3. Hazmat uniforms & gear update
 4. USAR – Don Schinske (FHFD) is updating information in D4H software. Please make sure that your members have updated their information in the system.
 5. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported
 - a. Next training is April 30th. Outdoor practical exercise at NOMADS
 - b. UAV Drone has been delivered. Utilized in a recent Pittsfield Twp fire.
 - c. Reminder – if you need to use the drone, make sure the activation comes through the host fire dept. Discussion followed on cost recovery affiliated with activating the drone.
 6. MUSAR Report – O’Such provided brief training report on recent trench rescue training in Canton.
- F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report – Jon Unruh reported on the following
 1. Server Utilization – looking at approximately \$2000/year for us to have our own server to maintain D4H files online. Meier and Evans will do further research and let Jon know how to proceed.

2. Jeff Johnson reported that the next MABAS Board meeting is May 15th 1:30PM at MOB Center in Holly.

G. Other Chief Association Reports

1. Downriver Fire Mutual Aid Group – No report
2. Michigan Fire Chiefs - Mike Evans provided info:
 - a. May 9th– Held in Madison Heights. Installation Luncheon
 - b. June 14th – Annual Spring Golf Outing in New Hudson
 - c. Mike Evans provided a brief report on the recent merger of MAFC with the regions. Changes to bylaws and other issues to be voted on in July at Boyne Conference.
 - Summer Leadership Conference held again at Boyne Mountain Resort. July 9-10, 2019.

Old Business – None

New Business/Good of the Order –

1. Motion required to adopt updated proposed Rules Governing – Motion to approve proposed Rules Governing was made by Dave Brogan, supported by Amy Brow. Discussion. Motion passes.
2. EMU Staff & Command current class - FYI remaining classes to be held at NOMADS.
3. Dan Phillips asked if anyone had any experience with the Wayne County prosecutor re: arson case. Discussion followed.
4. Jeff Johnson lithium battery storage &/or electric car battery – storage facilities – requested policy documents, if anyone has them.

Next Meeting –

- May 16th – Hosted by Belleville FD (NOTE: will be held at the Van Buren Twp FD).

Adjournment – 1:00PM