

**Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association  
Meeting Minutes**

**April 15, 2021  
11:00AM via Zoom**

Belleville – N/A

Canton – Stoecklein, Strassner, Hayes

Dearborn – Densmore, Murray

Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Badalow

Detroit Metro Airport – Evans

Farmington Hills – Unruh

Garden City – Harman

Inkster – Hubbard

Livonia – Jennison, Unsworth

Melvindale – Densmore, Murray

Northville – Ott, Samhat

Northville Twp – Siegel, Hughes

Novi – Martin, Johnson

Plymouth – Ott, Samhat

Plymouth Twp – Phillips

Redford – N/A

Romulus – Krause

Taylor – Pochron

Van Buren – McInally

Wayne – Stradtner, Schneider

Westland – Stamper, Morris

Guest(s): Sellek (CWW), Ahonen & Hughes (Belfor), Robertson (DTE)

**Hosting Agency: ZOOM Meeting (COVID-19)**

**Regular Business Meeting** – President Murray called today's meeting to order at 11:00AM.

- A. Round table introductions.
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named.
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host.
- D. Approval of March Minutes – motion by McInally, second by Evans. Motion carried.

**Public Comments** - none

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray reported on the following, mainly focused on COVID issues.
  1. COVID Testing – State is looking for facilities to utilize as testing sites. Please reach out to MDHHS if you are interested in hosting.
  2. COVID Vaccination Updates – vaccine supply remains stable, even with the issues surrounding the J&J vaccine. There are still several challenges surrounding the process.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein had nothing to report at this point.
- C. Secretary Phillips reported on the following
  1. Relicensing letter will be distributed and is good for this year.
  2. CLEMIS updates –
    - a. Staff retirement – Colleen announced recently that she is retiring.
    - b. They are working on a cost recovery option. They are asking for input. Please let Phillips know if you have any feedback.
- D. Treasurer Brogan reported on the following:
  1. Account balances as of today, reconciled against the March 2021 statement
    - a. Checking: \$27,771.52
    - b. Savings: \$319,546.94

**Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates**

- Van Buren Twp-Belleville Lake-\$13,198.43 - Per Chief McInally, check has been mailed.

Motion to accept today's treasurer's report. Motion by Ott, second by Evans. Motion carried. Report was accepted and will be filed.

2. DTE updates – Brogan reported that they continue to meet with DTE. Please continue to provide feedback on your experiences to Brogan regarding the call-in process and the overall procedures. There seems to be an issue with receiving ETA's. Concerns are still being relayed re: solar powered buildings and issues with batteries found in these buildings. Arcs & Sparks program should be coming backing, hoping for this Fall during open house season. Looking to move to MPSCS, as they are in the early stages.

### **Report of Committees and Task Groups**

- A. Conference of Western Wayne – Jordyn Sellek provided details on how the COVID vaccines are distributed and the related timing issues for distribution. Jordyn provided an update on the 911 enabling act expires at the end of this year. She explained the issues surrounding this legislation. Draft bill is being worked on. They will be requesting the increase in the surcharge. She will need everyone to start reaching out to local legislators on the importance of funding this network. Talking points will be distributed in the near future for your reference.
- B. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hays)
  1. COVID-19 Updates – nothing more to report at this time.
  2. EM Updates included:
    - a. Densmore reported they are looking for an SME for EM. Please reach out to Lt. McQueen (MSP)
    - b. Michigan Ox Comm – if you need more info, let Densmore know.
    - c. Hayes reported they are continuing with vaccine clinics around the county. Moderna is looking at offering a booster sometime this fall. Variants may impact COVID testing.
- C. EMS and HEMS (Chief Ott, Chief Phillips, Chief Brogan)
  1. Board of Trustees – Met back on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Main item of business was presentation of the audit, which was “clean” though they did disclose a couple of “material weaknesses”. They also discussed TXA protocol (circulated for approval & adoption). EMS Week is May 16-May 22.
  2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Phillips reported they did not meet back in April, and their next meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Operations – Brogan reported on the very brief meeting that occurred. They are looking at approving a new IO drill, but they are doing more research before any decisions.
- D. Training Report (Chief Stoecklein, Chief Badalow, Chief Portis)
  1. CTC Updates – Badalow reported on the following:
    - a. Some available fireworks funding (approx. \$12,000) is available.
    - b. Provided details on the \$5,500 funds that was earmarked specifically for FF Health & Wellness. Still working on this.
  2. Act 291 Updates – Stoecklein provided an update on the March 24<sup>th</sup> public hearing. He paraphrased the issues that surround this and confirmed that the MiChiefs are continuing to monitor and stay involved. More to come.
- E. Special Operations Reports
  1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported:
    - a. Working on next year's budget. Should be finalized in the next two weeks
    - b. Met with Badalow on First Due training, anticipated goals of this training, and getting this on the training calendar.

- c. Looking to schedule in-person meetings in the near future with shift commanders and battalion chiefs. Hoping to use NOMADS.
  - 2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported:
    - a. Two incidents - March 24<sup>th</sup> (WAMAA request for Drone / barricaded gunman). Yesterday's incident was in Canton. Details provided.
    - b. Next team training – April 27<sup>th</sup> at NOMADS
  - 3. MUSAR Report - Chief Badalow reported:
    - a. Tues, April 13<sup>th</sup> training was held at the old Canton fire station. Trained 30+ members in structural collapse.
    - b. Next month is machine rescue training & Vehicle extrication May 15-16 – full roster.
- F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report (Chief Johnson, Chief Evans, Chief Unruh)
  - 1. Recent State Testing Update
  - 2. Box Card Updates – Trent Atkins should have everything he needs for our division.
  - 3. Reminder - April 21<sup>st</sup> Spring Webinar – registration required. Limited to 500 participants.
  - 4. Unruh said we are going through MABAS validation typing process (drone & Hazmat)
- G. Other Chief Association Reports
  - 1. Downriver Fire Chiefs – Murray had nothing to report. Their meeting is next week.
  - 2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs – May 13<sup>th</sup> installation of incoming officers. This will most likely be a very small gathering “in-person”, with an option to Zoom. June 18<sup>th</sup> Golf outing is still scheduled, though things are tentative.
  - 3. MAFC – nothing more to report at this time.
  - 4. International Association of Fire Chiefs - FRI scheduled for July 28-31 in Charlotte, NC “in-person”
- H. Michigan Fire Service Coalition Updates

**Old Business - None.**

**New Business**

Congratulations to Chief Steve Ott (retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>).  
Thanks to Chief Mike Evans (retirement date April 30<sup>th</sup>)

Evans asked about PFOAMS testing. Metro airport FD will be the first one in the state. Evans will stay on the steering committee for the next three years.

**Good of the Order-**

Denny Hughes (Belfor's asset reallocation program) - gear equipment collection program, mostly to the UP. Escanaba Twp Fire Dept is hosting this year's event. If you have anything to donate, please reach out to Denny.

EM Manager's Meeting – Evans stated that his EM passed on to him, that if anyone needs PPE, be sure to reach out to them.

Ray Ahonen mentioned that MEMA is having a virtual one-day conference/get-together on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Register via their website. He also mentioned the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Active Assailant Conference is scheduled for Oct 14-15<sup>th</sup>.

Johnson reported that Novi had a couple fires last week, one of which was fatal. Details provided on the incident. Thanks to Chief Siegel and NTFD for help. Johnson also provided details on the second fire (North end of city).

Next Meeting - May 20, 2021 via Zoom

Adjournment – 11:47AM – Motion by Evans, second by Harman. Motion carried.