

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

**January 21, 2021
11:00AM via Zoom**

Belleville – Loranger	
Canton – Stoecklein, Strassner, Hayes	
Dearborn – Murray	Northville Twp – Siegel
Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Badalow	Novi – Johnson, Martin
Detroit Metro Airport – Evans, O’Such	Plymouth – Ott, Samhat
Farmington Hills – Unruh	Plymouth Twp – Phillips
Garden City – Harman	Redford – Demoff
Inkster – N/A	Romulus – Krause
Livonia – Heavener	Taylor – Portis
Melvindale – Murray	Van Buren – McInally
Northville – Ott, Samhat	Wayne – Stradtner
	Westland – Stradtner, Morris

Guest(s): Ahonen (Belfor), Consumers Energy (Browning, Jr.)

Hosting Agency: ZOOM Meeting (COVID-19)

President Murray called today’s meeting to order at 11:00AM

Regular Business Meeting

- A. Round table introductions – N/A
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – N/A
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host – N/A
- D. Approval of December Minutes – Motion by Demoff, support by Siegel. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Carl Browning, Jr. introduced himself. He is the public safety officer for Consumers Energy. He is our new POC. He has jurisdiction over West Oakland County & Wayne County. If you want any training, please contact him directly - Carl.Browning@cmsenergy.com / cell (248)909-1527

Report of Officers

- A. President Joe Murray reported on the following:
 1. COVID Testing – Email was sent out. Murray provided information that the State is working on a contract with Abbott. Looking for a partnership opportunity to purchase kits as stock is low. More to come. Significant decrease in the amount of people being tested. They are unable to do retests at this point. Appreciate everyone’s patience.
 2. COVID Vaccination Updates – A lot of information has come out. A few departments are working on becoming a vaccination site (Dearborn is one of them). Unfortunately, the state wasn’t as organized as we expected. He provided further explanation on plan for future availability of vaccines.
 3. Appointment for LPT (Urban Fire Chiefs Seat)- Chief Brent Siegel was appointed to fill this position.
 4. Appointment for CLEMIS Committee (Records Management)- Chief Dan Phillips was appointed to this committee.
 5. Marathon Oil Foam Information – They have let us know that their trailer (4 totes) is available for us to utilize for foam (non-pfas foam). Just an FYI: Not sure if anyone uses this, as most people use the airport. Marathon Corporate approval is required for a larger quantity of foam, which may delay the response time. Mike Evans provided further insight as he recently confirmed with the State that if he responds off-property, he’s ultimately responsible. This is a huge liability for the airport, so he is looking at how to resolve this issue. More to come.
 6. AFG Grants Open, Fire Prevention AFG to open shortly – Noted the application deadlines.

- B. Vice President Chris Stoecklein reported on the following
1. Canton (Canton Center Road fire station location) is open for quick testing. Memorial health is handling the testing for Wayne County. Lab setup in Detroit.
 2. Murray mentioned First Choice Urgent Care is open at six different sites for rapid testing, as another option.
 3. Heavener mentioned that Wayne County has setup Schoolcraft College VistaTech center as a vaccination site. It's opening up very soon, if not today.
- C. Secretary Dan Phillips reported on the following:
1. Confirmed that Schoolcraft is up & running for vaccinations, as he just received a call to send personnel there today.
 2. EM sent out an email re: other 1B personnel vaccination instructions.
 3. Continue to educate yourself on the process, as information from the state is minimal.
- D. Treasurer Dave Brogan reported on the following:
Checking: \$37,200.78
Savings: \$339,538.68

We received payment from the Taylor Diesel Fuel Spill last week. Labor reimbursement checks have been sent to the responding communities.

Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates

1. Van Buren Twp - Belleville Lake - \$13,198.43 per McNally, this is moving forward.
2. Northville City River Contamination (6/02/14) - \$21,655.55 - per Ott, this is still in process.

Motion to accept by Ott, seconded by McNally. Motion approved. Report accepted and will be filed.

Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Conference of Western Wayne – Harman had nothing to report, as lame duck session was quiet. Hoping for more to report in the near future.
- B. Emergency Management – Will Hayes reported on the following:
1. COVID-19 Updates –
 2. EM Updates - review of test sites and activity at these sites, as seems to be running smoothly. He provided current rules related to first & second doses. He reviewed the minimal side effects affiliated with the vaccines.
- C. EMS and HEMS
1. Board of Trustees – Ott stated that their next meeting is next week so nothing new to report.
 2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Phillips reported on their last meeting. Discussion on EMS crews entering the hospitals & nebulizer treatments. Focus of the meeting was on E-Bridge Software. Hospitals letters of compliance.
 3. Operations – Brogan had not report as the last meeting was canceled.
- D. Training Report
1. CTC Updates – Badalow provided the following information:
 - a. Staff & Command – 15 students were funded. If you receive an invoice, do not pay it until running it by Vaskin.
 - b. \$208K was fully encumbered
 - c. Another \$12K was deposited due to MAFC's conference cancelation

2. Act 291 Updates – Stoecklein provided a brief report. He will continue to keep everyone updated as this moves through the process. Michigan Fire Chiefs continue to be very involved with this process.
3. RAFT - Fire Instructor 1 course open first week of March. Visit RAFT911.org for details.

E. Special Operations Reports

1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported on the following, as the Special Ops committee met last week:
 - a. Appointment of new team members re: Rules Governing – Siegel reviewed some of the qualifications that need to be met and provided background as to why some of those requirements are in place. We will accept a fire chief's recommendation for a new team member in the event they don't meet all the ideal requirements.
 - b. Training Requirements, attendance & related fines – new members are required to stay on the team for 3 years. Siegel highlighted these requirements and reminded the group that if they don't meet these stipulations, your community will be fined (based on population). These requirements are in place for safe operations.
 - c. Funding mechanisms – They are looking at Regional grant and replacing expired equipment. He provided an overview of the anticipated process to move forward, in order to meet the grant requirements. Local Planning Team which recommends the distribution of UASI funds. This is another source of funding for the special teams.
2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported on the following
 - a. Hazmat3 remote training was rolled out last month
 - b. In-person training this Tuesday for Vehicle Maintenance day at NOMADS.
 - c. No incidents to report.
3. MUSAR Report - Chief Badalow reported
 - a. 2021 Training Schedule sent out to the chiefs
 - b. January was admin day to audit PPE and discover any missing items. New gear was also disseminated.
 - c. February 9th training will be held at the Canton Theater (Road Rescue & Artificial High Directional).
 - d. Future training – Principles of large trucks (May), Road Rescue Technician (June), Confined Space (Aug)
 - e. Continue to conduct training audit of training certifications

F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report

1. Recent State Testing Update – Chief Evans reported that the testing continues to be smooth. Starting in the next few days, everyone will be notified of the new dispatch contact information
2. Box Card Updates – Chief Johnson reported on last week's meeting.
 - a. Brian Ball remains president, Chuck Schubert remains secretary. Chief Mike O'Brian (Brighton Area) became Vice President. Discussion about possibly submitting an AFG for radios. Discussion on peaceful protests in Lansing. Atkins highlighted his plan for FY21. Reviewing all the agreements, reminding each division that the state will accept the agreements when they inspect for PMS. Policies & Procedures guidelines were approved. Website has been updated. Planning coordinators will be meeting on Feb 10th, which Unruh will continue to attend on our behalf. Video presentations include describing the RED Center, MABAS Overview. Highlighted the anticipated exercises for this year (strike teams, task force, and divisional radio). New divisions are forming almost daily. Make sure that we have ability to communicate with 800 radios. There is mobile housing (logistical trailer) available for use, stored at the MOB Center. Chris Martin (SHFD, retired) now the special ops liaison. McIntyre said they're still awaiting Hurricane Dorian reimbursement. MiSIMS working with MSP to ensure completion of typing & cataloging. State EM mentioned COVID vaccine & protests in Lansing. SFM

Sehlmeyer continues to do a virtual Wrap Up session, and reviewed 2020 Fire Fatalities. MiPrevention.org has valuable statistical info. Check out MABASMI.org for further info.

- b. Out-of-Division box cards were sent out for your review. He reviewed some of the revisions received by WW communities. Johnson will make the necessary updates & adjustments.

G. Other Chief Association Reports

1. Downriver Fire Chiefs -
 - a. Chief Doug Lafond, Allen Park has submitted retirement papers.
2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs: Brogan reported
 - a. March Expo Cancelled due to COVID
 - b. Moving towards a golf outing in June at Coyote Golf Club
 - c. February 11th general membership meeting to be held via Zoom
 - d. Sergeant at Arms position – accepting nominations.
3. MAFC – nothing more to report
4. International Association of Fire Chiefs
 - a. FRI scheduled for July 28-31 in Charlotte, NC

H. Michigan Fire Service Coalition Updates (from 11/16/2020) – nothing new to report.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

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- a. McNally provided further info & resources available on MiPrevention.org – request smoke alarms
- b. Metro Detroit Fire Inspectors is a good local venue for CE's & networking.
- c. Johnson provided an update on Novi's Station #4 (Wixom Road) as a vaccination site. This is working out very well. Also looking at Suburban Collection as a vaccination site (walk-in clinic opens this Saturday).
- d. Phillips provided information on the NFIRS system and CLEMIS compatibility. He advised everyone to confirm compliance reporting process as there continues to be upload issues.
- e. Krause reported that Romulus has started process of upgrading to ALS transporting.

Next Meeting - February 18, 2021 via Zoom

Adjournment – 12:08PM