

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

**January 20, 2022**

**Belleville – N/A**  
**Canton -Stoecklein, Strassner & Hayes**  
**Dearborn – Murray, Densmore**  
**Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Martin**  
**Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such, Dunlap**  
**Farmington Hills – Unruh, Baloga**  
**Garden City – Harman**  
**Inkster – Hubbard**  
**Livonia – N/A**  
**Melvindale – Murray, Desmore**  
**Northville City – Samhat**  
**Northville Twp – Siegel**

**Novi – Martin**  
**Plymouth City – Samhat**  
**Plymouth Twp – Phillips**  
**Redford Twp – Demoff**  
**Romulus – Krause**  
**Taylor – Pochron**  
**Van Buren – Lenaghan**  
**Wayne – Stradtner, Schneider**  
**Westland – Morris, Stamper & Griffen**

**Guest(s): Heath Smedley (MediCount) & Phil Kamm  
(MMRMA)**

**Hosting Agency: Garden City Fire Department / held at Westland City Hall.**

President Murray called today’s meeting to order at 12:12PM

Chief Harman thanked Westland for arranging the meeting room for today’s meeting, as well as Belfor for catering today’s lunch.

**Regular Business Meeting**

- A. Round table introductions followed.
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – none.
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host.
- D. Approval of October Minutes. Motion by Demoff, support by Krause. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

- Heath Smedley (MediCount Management) introduced himself.
- Phil Kamm (MMRMA) introduced himself, and mentioned upcoming reality-based training opportunities. Kamm explained MMRMA’s decision to charge nominal fees for these upcoming trainings. May 2-5 – need location to host trench rescue class.

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray provided the following report:
  1. Holiday Party was a great success. Thanks for all that attended.
  2. By Laws, Rules Governing Revisions – minimal changes will be proposed by Siegel later during today’s meeting.
  3. Tad Sturdivant has stepped down as Wayne County EM Director
  4. Sam Jafer is currently managing the Emergency Management Division at Wayne County. Murray reached out to him, in an effort to keep communications open.
  5. Plan to set meeting with County representatives to discuss potential funding for capital replacement. More to come. Chief Krause will provide further insight later during today’s meeting.
  6. Recruitment and Training Grant - State of Michigan. \$100,000/community.
  7. FEMA AFG (due tomorrow), SAFER (Feb 4<sup>th</sup>) due dates approaching. FS&P now open.
  8. COVID-19 Home Test Kits provided by County to each City. Federal program also offering 4 per household for free. If you haven’t received, reach out to your community’s Emergency Manager. Densmore has the allotment list per community, if anyone wants to reference.
  9. Art of Reading Smoke Course (taught by Phil Jose) Feb 15, 16,17 at Dearborn. If you want to send your staff, the cost is \$150pp. Send email to Joe Murray with your student’s name, and date choice.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein- no report.
  - 1.Vice President’s Report

C. Secretary Siegel

1. No communications to mention
2. Bylaws, Rules Governing Info – Siegel highlighted the proposed changes –
  - a. ByLaws - using gender neutral terms, updating membership dues / base rates, census data, remove mention of the training reimbursement
  - b. Rules Governing – dates of budget approvals, topic of discussion re: fees charged for out-of-area requests. Be sure to review your cost recovery ordinances within your own community for USAR & Hazmat. We will work together to formulate boilerplate language, and have legal counsel review.

Discussion followed.

Murray requested a motion to approve proposed changes to the ByLaws as presented. Motion by Phillips, second by Demoff. Motion carried.

3. LEPC meeting lasted five minutes – no funds going to fire. Seems like the County isn't putting any time into UASI funds, as the dollar amounts are low.

D. Treasurer Brogan

1. Bank Account balances
  - o Checking: \$169,339.53
  - o Savings: \$ 326,409.25

Motion by Phillips, support by Densmore. Motion carried.

2. Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates - None
3. DTE Updates – two line-worker fatalities in 2021, which is highly unusual. Very busy storm season. They've increased their response team by 300%. Remember that they prefer reporting your downed lines via your dashboard on your tablet using your assigned PIN. Arcs & Sparks should be fully up & running by March. Discussion followed on live wire "sitters" just leaving the scene without telling anyone.

**Report of Committees and Task Groups**

- A. Conference of Western Wayne (Chief Harman, Jordyn Sellek, Laura Haynes). Jordyn Sellek was unable to attend today's meeting. She sent the following report via email:
  - The Governor signed HB 4247, which will give children of first responders free college tuition if their first responder parent is killed in the line of duty.
  - She also signed the updated 911 Enabling Act. This will ensure funding for the Next Gen 911 infrastructure through 2027.
  - The legislature was supposed to be back this week, but the House is still out due to COVID. Priority through June will be the regular budget, deciding how to spend the ARPA funds, and also the additional \$3.5B in revenue the state collected in 2021.
  - CWW's next meeting is Feb. 11 at Huron Township.
- B. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hayes)
  1. COVID-19 Updates -Densmore provided the Homeland Security Conference dates
  2. EM Updates – Hayes had nothing more to report.
- C. EMS and HEMS (Chief Siegel, Chief Phillips, Chief Brogan)
  1. Board of Trustees – Siegel reported that Hospital Wait times were the main focus of their last meeting. Be sure to notify HEMS if you don't make headway with hospital administration.
  2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Phillips said that he received an email from Miljan re: Cyano Kits. Looking to have a discussion on how to replacing the supplies in these kits, as price is around \$800. Martin provided details, as WW has five of these kits. Discussion followed. Murray said he will talk with the rest of the Board, and also with Miljan to get more details. More to come.
  3. Operations – no report

- D. Training Report (Chief Stoecklein, Chief Badalow, Chief Portis)
  - 1. CTC Updates – Stoecklein reported that requests for classes have been received, completed and assigned. All funds have been allocated. You should be able to retrieve your funds as soon as you host the class. May have an add'l \$20K at the end of the year, due to returned funds.
  - 2. Act 291 Update – completed and is effective. State is working through classes and curriculum. More to come. Check out the State's website for details.
  - 3. MMRMA Upcoming Trainings – already discussed earlier in today's meeting.
  
- E. Special Operations Reports
  - 1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported
    - a. Met with MMRMA a couple weeks ago re: insurance renewal. Going through evaluation of vehicles and replacement costs. Anyone who uses MMRMA and gives vaccines, they are not providing coverage due to a bad reaction to the vaccine. They recommended that WW start writing for MMRMA grants. Staff & Command coverage is 75%, Siegel suggested that we cover the remaining 25%.
    - b. Evaluating replacement schedule for platforms which weren't included in our original replacement plan.
  - 2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh
    - a. No incidents to report
    - b. D4H has full schedule
    - c. Next training is this Tues
  - 3. MUSAR Report – Siegel reported, as Badalow was not at today's meeting
    - a. Organizational chart has been completely reviewed and updated. He highlighted the changes that were made.
    - b. Next Rope Rescue Training to be held in Canton.

Krause provided details to the Platform Replacement process. Committee is engaging the county commissioners and elected officials to streamline the funding process. Please remember to mention to your officials that these are regional assets and worth the investment.

- F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report (Chief Johnson, Chief Unruh)
  - 1. State Updates – Nothing to report.
  - 2. Box Card Updates – No report.
  
- G. Other Chief Association Reports
  - 1. Southeastern Michigan Chiefs had January meeting in Madison Heights. Southfield Chief Johnny Menifee running to retain position as MAFC Vice President.
  - 2. March 10<sup>th</sup> SE Meeting to be held at the Ford House in Grosse Pointe.
  - 3. Planning for May 6<sup>th</sup> evening event to swear in new officers. To be held at Bookies in Detroit.
  - 4. Teresa Robinson (Ferndale) to be new Sgt at Arms.
  - 5. Midwest Fire Rescue Expo – April 11-13, 2022 in Novi.

**Old Business** - None.

**New Business**

- A. *Motions to accept bylaws revisions as presented. Motion approved earlier in today's meeting.***
- B. *Motion to accept rules governing revisions as presented. Motion approved earlier in today's meeting.***

**Good of the Order-**

- Westland has an Arson dog (Bella). If you need her services, please reach out to Stamper.

**Next Meeting** Next Meeting: 11:30 on February 17, 2022. Held in Canton.

**Adjournment – 1:14PM**