

Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2020 - 11:00AM
CONFERENCE CALL ONLY

Present:

Belleville – Loranger	Northville Twp – Siegel
Canton – Meier, Stoecklein	Novi – Johnson
Dearborn – Murray	Plymouth – Ott
Dearborn Heights – Brogan	Plymouth Twp – Phillips
Detroit Metro Airport – Evans	Redford – Demoff
Farmington Hills – Unruh	Romulus – Krause
Garden City – Harman	Taylor – Pochron
Inkster – Hubbard	Van Buren – McInally
Livonia – Unsworth	Wayne – Schneider
Melvindale – Murray	Westland – Stradtner
Northville – Ott	

Guests: None

Regular Business Meeting

President Murray called today's meeting to order at 11:02AM.

- A. Introductions / Attendance – Murray handled roll call.
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – N/A
- C. Approval of February Minutes. Motion by Meier, support by McInally. Motion carried.

Public Comments

- A. None – Today's meeting is restricted to only WW Member fire chiefs due to COVID-19 outbreak

Regular agenda to be suspended to discuss current COVID-19 response and information sharing.

Report of Officers

- A. Letter to R2S on behalf of WWCFDMAA, requesting release of vital PPE – Murray provided details on the concerns behind sending this letter. Dr. Atas responded to Chief Murray the next day, and equipment was available for pickup this morning.
- B. Delivery of national stockpile PPE supplies to R2S and distribution - Evans reported that the lists were revised from the original document. Ott just left the R2S PPE distribution center and provided details as to the process. More to come.
- C. Special Team Report: re: COVID-19 assistance – Meier has remained in constant contact with the team leaders. We are asking teams to update D4H on a daily basis, as we must know who is available. USAR team is prepared to respond to any tech rescue call that comes up. Hazmat team responds to a COVID-19 call in a similar way to your FD. Team still lacks PPE. De-con procedures are also the same format as your FD.
- D. Mutual Aid and assistance contingencies – Discussion on how each of our departments can assist each other if a department is forced to quarantine a significant number of firefighters. Evans provided insight as to possibly implementing to a 2-platoon system. Stoecklein agreed that we must continue supporting our own, and that we remain flexible with our personnel. Meier requested that you keep us informed if you have several firefighters in your department who are quarantined due to the virus. Sharing of the info is very important. Evans stated that his personnel are being forced to wait 4-7 days for test results. Murray offered that in-house testing results are available quicker, usually within 1-2 days, yet that same test is being shipped out to the state for official results. Makeshift testing tents are alleviating the FD calls. Continue to send your updates to Linda, and she'll send out to membership.
- E. Updates from the County and/or State – Murray highlighted that a COVID-19 exposure will be covered by workers comp. Discussion followed on the possible slippery slope situation this may cause. County is

looking for large areas to use for quarantine sites. Contact their Department of Emergency Management, if you have a site to offer.

- F. Medical control questions. Telemedicine abilities. Phillips has a copy of the draft protocol (3pg doc), and it contains a lot of moving pieces. He highlighted major points in the document, and the issues surrounding the protocol. He will share the draft document after this call.
- G. Significant challenges of any community – Open discussion.
 - a. Garden City / Harman provided details to a recent call and direct exposure to patient pending COVID results. Currently GCFD has 3 personnel in quarantine. Murray will follow-up with Harman after this call.
 - b. Romulus / Krause expounded on the executive order. He provided information on how Romulus is managing their personnel at the start of each shift. As the call comes in through dispatch, keep in mind that people say whatever they have to. He shared details on their high-risk documentation protocol and daily log.
 - c. Novi / Johnson said they have discussed cancelling vacation leave time due to the local declaration of an emergency. They are looking at contracts and laws as far as leave time. Discussion followed.
 - d. Inkster / Hubbard asked if this is a federal emergency, why does it need to be declared at the local level. Discuss followed. Krause provided insight.
 - e. Dearborn Heights / Brogan said they are not accepting outside donations of food, due to all the cancelled events. Signs could be placed on your department doors not allowing public access or donations.
 - f. Hubbard asked what personnel are wearing when going into a call (mask, gloves & gown). Discussion followed. Demoff stated his crews bring a mask for the patient, as well. Dearborn has a dedicated rescue for COVID response and staffing that squad and possible union issues.
 - g. N95 Fit Tester – McNally reported that it's going to Novi this tomorrow (Fri). Discussion followed. Contact Jeff Johnson if you want to use it.

Old Business

Continuing to meet with board and special operations teams regarding budget.

New Business – N/A

Good of the Order – Continue to share information.

Adjournment – 11:46AM

Next Meeting - TBA