

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

**May 20, 2021  
11:00AM via Zoom**

Belleville – N/A

Canton – Stoecklein, Strassner, Hayes

Dearborn – Densmore, Murray

Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Badalow

Detroit Metro Airport – O’such

Farmington Hills – Unruh

Garden City – Harman

Inkster – N/A

Livonia – Heavener, Jennison, Unsworth

Melvindale – Densmore, Murray

Northville – Ott, Samhat

Northville Twp – Siegel

Novi – Martin

Plymouth – Ott, Samhat

Plymouth Twp – Phillips

Redford – Demoff

Romulus – Krause

Taylor – Pochron

Van Buren – McNally

Wayne – Stradtner, Schneider

Westland – Stamper, Morris

Guest(s): Haynes (CWW), Ahonen (Belfor), Robertson (DTE)

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

**Regular Business Meeting – Murray called today’s meeting to order at 11:02AM**

- A. Round table introductions.
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – none.
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host – N/A
- D. Approval of April Minutes – Moved by Brogan, support by Chief Ott. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

- Zach Griwicki Detroit Metro Airport Dispatch discussed MABAS Testing

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray reported on the following:
  1. COVID Testing – continues at Station 1 here in Dearborn.
  2. COVID Vaccination Updates – widespread at this point. He provided an update on the vaccination numbers, as they are decreasing significantly. Vaccine site will be closing soon.
  3. Summer Meetings – historically we’ve taken the summer off. Discussion followed on continuing this pattern. After brief discussion, we will have a meeting in June and then take off July & Aug.
  4. Return to in person meetings – Roundtable discussion. We will offer a hybrid meeting (in-person & Zoom). Linda will reach out to Chief Hubbard, as Inkster is the next hosting agency.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein had nothing to report at this time.
- C. Secretary Phillips
  1. received letter re: Michigan Auto fee schedule insurance. Provided info. Reminded everyone that they’ll receive the same letter. Be prepared.
  2. CLEMIS updates – Received a list of top ten C-FIRS re: enhancements.
- D. Treasurer Brogan reported on the following
  1. Account balances:
    - a. Checking: \$20,901.87
    - b. Savings: \$ 319,546.94
  2. Membership Invoices to be sent out early-June
  3. Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates – No open invoices.Motion to accept today’s finance report by Demoff, second by Ott. Motion carried.

## Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Conference of Western Wayne - Laura Haynes/CWW said that all items are listed below. Nothing more to mention. She will continue to keep us posted on legislation.
- B. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hays)
  - 1. COVID-19 Updates – Densmore reported that the Homeland Security Conference cancelled due to COVID.
  - 2. EM Updates – Hayes reported
    - a. Wayne County Health order extended open meetings via zoom – Ott asked Hayes if anyone has asked if the County can do an order. Hayes said they can as long as they aren't under that authority.
    - b. FERMI Drill & various exercises
- C. EMS and HEMS (Chief Ott, Chief Phillips, Chief Brogan)
  - 1. Board of Trustees – Ott said the next Board meeting isn't until next Thursday. He'll have more to report at our next meeting.
  - 2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Phillips did not attend the recent meeting, and the minutes didn't mention anything of importance.
  - 3. Operations – Brogan had nothing significant to report.
- D. Training Report (Chief Stoecklein, Chief Badalow, Chief Portis)
  - 1. CTC Updates – Stoecklein said that Badalow continues to push funding through. Badalow provided a brief update as things are running smoothly.
  - 2. Act 291 Updates - As of right now, PA291 is continuing to move forward. MAFC continues to monitor closely.
- E. Special Operations Reports
  - 1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported
    - a. Finalizing special ops budget. Should be presented to this membership at the June meeting.
  - 2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported:
    - a. No significant incidents this past month.
    - b. May 8<sup>th</sup> diesel fuel spill, though didn't require team response
    - c. Next training to be held this Tuesday at NOMADS
  - 3. MUSAR Report - Chief Badalow reported:
    - a. Last month's training held in Plymouth at ERSI.
    - b. June's training to be held at NOMADS for rope rescue training
    - c. Principles of large truck (2-day course) back on May 15-16.
    - d. USAR team is looking to resurrect the First Due series, which was paused due to COVID. Badalow provided details on the training.
- F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report (Chief Johnson, Chief Evans, Chief Unruh)
  - 1. Recent State Testing Update – John Martin reported on behalf of Johnson. Spring webinar was very successful. Brush strike team activation drill went very well.
  - 2. Box Card Updates - Continue to work on box cards. A few new MABAS divisions added. Murray mentioned - Ann Arbor is hosting a high-rise training class.
- G. Other Chief Association Reports
  - 1. Downriver Fire Chiefs-Meeting cancelled for April. Nothing to report. Doug LaFond (Allen Park) to retire this June.
  - 2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs: New officers sworn in: President Greg Flynn (WBTFD), Vice President Chris Stoecklein (Canton), Treasurer Joseph Murray and Sgt at Arms Paul Wells (Birmingham). Thank you to Chief Brogan (Past President)- June 18<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing is confirmed, held at Coyote Golf Club in New Hudson.
  - 3. MAFC - Midwest Fire Rescue Expo will be held in Novi April 11-13, 2022.
  - 4. International Association of Fire Chiefs.
    - a. FRI scheduled for July 28-31 in Charlotte, NC, will be in person event.
- H. Michigan Fire Service Coalition Updates – Murray provided an update on their recent meeting (via Zoom)
  - State Fire Marshal -

1. Review of MIOSHA Part 74 is in the home stretch.
2. Training rules continue to move forward
3. Working on Fire Officer III new curriculum.
4. Liam Carroll hired as some type of training/curriculum/educational supervisor.
5. PFAS 3-year blood study has begun and will continue. Would like to implement something similar for Cancer screening.
6. State officials still working from home until July. May affect service levels of inspectors etc.

#### Legislative Updates-

1. Cancer Presumption- Melissa and Stephanie met with Senator Stise (Spelling). Senator Stise continues to be in opposition. Has concerns about including volunteer firefighters. Chief O'Brien and Chief Carrol are planning on meeting with her as she represents their district.
2. Peer Support/PTSD- 2.5 Million earmarked for programs, an additional 7.5 million is also being worked on in the form of grant funds. Melissa and Stephanie continue to work on that with appropriate parties.
3. Melissa and Stephanie believe a budget will be presented to the Governor's office by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Awaiting the current draft to go to conference committees for review. Awaiting revenue projections.
4. Construction Codes- Another push from the Home Builders Association to form committees to impact codes without Fire Service representation. Working on either adding a Fire Official or working to block the bills (SB 363 and a HB didn't catch #).
5. 4822- Work Comp- Bill proposed to cover only first responders for Work Comp Covid cases. May receive push back from DEMs who want all frontline workers covered. Also challenges with not being reimbursable until after 7 days.

#### Old Business - None.

#### New Business –

- A. Chief Krause (Romulus FD) requested that this organization recognize & express our appreciation to the wrecker company that helped at the recent training. Murray agreed, and will work with Krause to finalize the appropriate gift.

#### Good of the Order-

- A. Congratulations Chief Ott on your well-deserved retirement on July 2<sup>nd</sup> (official last day). This association presented him with a small gift as a token of our appreciation during today's meeting.
- B. Hayes stated that the county does have PPE (ten pallets of gowns & gloves) available.
- C. Jennison (Livonia FD) stated that their vaccine clinic has been shut down.
- D. Homebound patients – the county is willing to work with local fire departments to help out with vaccinations.

Next Meeting – June 17<sup>th</sup> – 11AM via Zoom & in-person (location TBA)

Adjournment – 11:45AM.