

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

**October 21, 2021**

**Belleville – N/A  
Canton -Stoecklein, Strassner & Hayes  
Dearborn – N/A  
Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Martin, Badalow  
Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such, Dunlap  
Farmington Hills – N/A  
Garden City – Harman  
Inkster – N/A  
Livonia – Jennison, Unsworth  
Melvindale – N/A  
Northville City – Samhat  
Northville Twp – Siegel, Marcotte**

**Novi – Johnson  
Plymouth City – Samhat  
Plymouth Twp – Phillips  
Redford Twp – Demoff  
Romulus – N/A  
Taylor – Portis  
Van Buren – McInally  
Wayne – N/A  
Westland – Stamper & Morris  
Guest(s): Hughes & Radu (Belfor)**

**Hosting Agency: Plymouth Twp Fire Dept**

**Regular Business Meeting – Vice President Stoecklein called today’s meeting to order at 11:59AM. Thank you to Chief Phillips for hosting.**

- 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 September Minutes – Motion by Demoff, second by O’Such. Motion carried.

**Public Comments – N/A**

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray – No report, as Murray is excused. He’s at the EM Conference in Grand Rapids.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein- provided brief report, as he recently received call from MDHHS. He reminded everyone to complete your PFAS surveys, as the process of phone calls, blood draws, testing is moving forward.
- C. Secretary Phillips
  - 1. Secretary Report – Nothing to report.
  - 2. CLEMIS updates – CLEMIS outages are appear short-term, and handled quickly.
- D. Treasurer Brogan provided the following report:
  - 1. Treasurers Report
  - 2. Checking: \$141,481.01
  - 3. Savings: \$326,401.14

**Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates**

- 1. Unpaid Membership Invoices: Dearborn Heights \$12,243.84
- 2. Flat Rock/Wayne County Haz Mat Response-\$77,084.02 – Stoecklein provided details as to this request for services from Wayne County, which is outside WW communities.

## Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Elections Committee (Chief Demoff, Chief Johnson, Chief Densmore)
  - 1. As of 10/19/21 the slate for nominations for WW Officers are as follows:
    - a. President: Chief Joseph Murray
    - b. Vice President- Chief Chris Stoecklein
    - c. Secretary-Chief Dan Phillips will be retiring in the next six months, so he will be stepping down. Stoecklein nominated Siegel for Secretary position. Siegel accepted the nomination.
    - d. Treasurer- Chief Dave BroganMotion by Phillips, second by Demoff to accept the list of nominees by acclamation. Motion carried.
- B. Conference of Western Wayne (Chief Harman, Jordyn Sellek, Laura Haynes) – Jordyn was unable to attend today’s meeting, so she sent the following report via email.
  - 1. CWW Dinner (WW Sponsored a Table) – Great event was held on Tues, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. 350+ attendees.
  - 2. HB 5026 (911 funding) was reported out of committee yesterday. Next step is full vote of the House, hoping to be next week. Legislature will break for two weeks starting November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3. Next CWW meeting is Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM Livonia City Hall.
  - 4. MAFC board members testified yesterday in Lansing on the cancer presumption bill. Expected to go for a vote next week. Appears to be no opposition.
- C. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hayes) – Hayes reported on the following:
  - 1. COVID-19 Updates-State and County actively looking for places to set up mobile booster clinics.
  - 2. EM Updates – Budget updates included that the State received \$38K decrease in EMPG funding. Emergency Operations is no longer funded from that EMPG grant, so the State is looking for another funding mechanism. Afghan arrivals coming in the state approx. 50-80/time. Hayes provided information as to the logistics of managing these refugees in the state. Reviewed updates on COVID vaccinations & booster recommendations. Tuscola County (gas refinery plant) had protesters enter the property. COVID numbers are increasing slightly. Hospital occupancy is up around 85%. Nothing new to report on the MIOSHA mandate requiring vaccinations.
  - 3. IAEM Conference currently underway in Grand Rapids
  - 4. FEMA denied PA Grant for June flooding in Wayne County. Initial damages 1.1 million under threshold. Governor Whitmer is appealing and all affected communities should submit more recent expenses to the State in order to get us over the threshold. Because of the change in policy during the review, we are now short 2.2 million dollars.
- D. EMS and HEMS (Chief Siegel, Chief Phillips, Chief Brogan)
  - 1. Board of Trustees – Siegel reported on last month’s meeting, where all positions for appointments were made. Budget was also approved during this meeting, as well.
  - 2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Phillips reported that they met recently. Issue mentioned re: transporting a patient home from St. Mary’s to their residence. Discussion followed on allowing outside agencies to handle. They will continue to investigate. Phillips brought up hospital wait times for the crews. No real solution was brought up, so expect long wait times.
  - 3. Operations – Martin discussed the transfer out of St. Mary’s, awaiting more info from Miljan. Wait times also discussed.
- E. Training Report (Chief Stoecklein, Chief Badalow, Chief Portis)
  - 1. CTC Updates – Badalow reported that the fireworks funds were released. Wayne County allocated \$210K (Split three ways between DR, Wayne & WW). He provided information, and rules re: encumbering the funds ASAP. Please complete the form and send back to Vaskin. Unallocated funds will be returned the Training Council and applied to emotional wellness training. Next Staff & Command class funding process explained. Siegel reminded everyone that MMRMA pays \$2500 towards S&C. Stoecklein stated the Capt. Pichan (Detroit FD) spoke with company O2X. Will be hosting a Tactical Athlete Human Performance workshop December 1-3. More to come. Marcotte took this class back in August and provided very positive feedback on this training.
  - 2. Act 291 Updates
- F. Special Operations Reports
  - 1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported that Unruh worked well with the State, and the recent Flat Rock incident.
  - 2. HazMat Report (Chief Unruh) – Siegel mentioned they a moving towards validation team members. Make sure that team members arrive to training on time.

3. MUSAR Report (Chief Badalow) – last month’s training was Trench focused in Canton. Most training in the future will be scenario-based, in an effort to evaluate our members. Prepare for MABAS validation. Next month will be confined space at Detroit Diesel.

G. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report (Chief Johnson, Chief Unruh)

1. State Updates – Johnson reported that there is a new video on the MABAS site, along with companion guide. Next Exec Board meeting is Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Box Card Updates – Nothing to report.

H. Other Chief Association Reports

1. Southeastern Michigan Chiefs had in person meeting on October 14. Dave McIntyre and Chris Martin were guest speakers and spoke about MTF-1 Deployment to Louisiana.
2. Coalition – Stoecklein will reach out to Docherty to ensure we attend these meetings.

**Old Business** - None.

**New Business**

- A. Motion to cancel November regularly scheduled WWFDMAA Meeting. Motion by Demoff, second by Harman. Motion carried.

**Good of the Order-**

1. Harman reported that one of her senior members was diagnosed with cancer, and has had successful experience with cancer presumption legislation.
2. Canton situation re: MDHHS / IV still in the patient’s arm. Strassner provided details to the call, and results of the investigation. Matter has been resolved.
3. Canton hosting 2-day ISO Academy November 2-3, 2021
4. Marcotte thanked Livonia FD for all the work they put into hosting yesterday’s training class.
5. Siegel -Wayne County EM said body armor pickup is Tues. Circled back to the out of area request for service from Flat Rock. Discussion followed on mutual aid request coming from another team versus a city or county.
6. Johnson looked at our MayDay policy recently, and asked if we ever officially adopted. He suggested that we put on the website.

Next Meeting - 11:30 December 16<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Party with DR Chiefs) Ford’s Garage in Dearborn.

Adjournment – 12:55PM