

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

**November 21, 2019**

**Hosting Agency: Romulus Fire Department**

**Present:**

Belleville – Loranger  
Canton – Meijer, Stoecklein, Strassner, Hays  
Dearborn – Murray  
Dearborn Heights -Badalow, Martin  
Detroit Metro Airport – Evans, O’Such  
Farmington Hills – Unruh  
Garden City – N/A  
Inkster – N/A  
Livonia – Heavener, Unsworth  
Melvindale – Densmore

Northville City – Westfall  
Northville Twp – Siegel  
Novi – Martin  
Plymouth City – Westfall  
Plymouth Twp – Phillips  
Redford – Demoff  
Romulus – Krause  
Taylor – Portis  
Van Buren – McInally  
Wayne – Schneider  
Westland – Stradtner

Guests: Dole (Jarvis), Hughes (Belfor), Smilnak (Mi Fire Training Cons), Rykwalder (DTE), Kell (AccuMed), Knibbs (MJ White)

President Murray called today’s meeting to order at 12:02PM. He thanked Chief Krause for hosting today’s meeting.

**Regular Business Meeting**

- 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.
- D. Approval of October Minute - Motion by Demoff. Support by Krause. Motion carried.

**Public Comments – None**

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray reported on the following:
  - 1. Budget meetings will continue this month with recommendations to be presented at the Jan 2020 meeting.
  - 2. Christmas Party with Downriver Chiefs will be December 19, 2019. Please RSVP via [WWMutualAid.com](http://WWMutualAid.com). Everyone is encouraged to attend.
  - 3. HEMS membership - Discussion on the topic of our annual membership to HEMS (approx. \$40K/year). We will have more discussions as to the benefit of this membership. More to come. If you have any input, please contact Murray.
  - 4. Special Ops vehicle (currently stored at Livonia) has been out of service for a long time. Looking for a motion to scrap this vehicle at the end of today’s meeting. Heavener provided some details surrounding the expenses required to repair.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein – No report.
- C. Secretary Phillips – No report.
- D. Treasurer Evans provided the following info:
  - 1. Treasurers Report
    - a. Checking: \$42,476.53
    - b. Savings: \$204,739.77
  - 2. Safeware to send refund check for \$22,000 – Linda has the check and will deposit immediately.
  - 3. Romulus dues recently received, not included in above numbers.
- E. Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates

1. Canton Carbon Monoxide (8/03/18) \$2,323.51 – Stoecklein reported that they have sent the bill directly to the homeowner last month. More to come.
2. Farmington Hills M5 Tanker Rollover (10/08/18) \$24,053.23 – Unruh provided an update, as they're looking at filing a suit.
3. Northville City River Contamination (6/02/14) \$21,655.55 – Nothing new to report.  
Motion to approve this report. Made by Demoff. Supported by Heavener. Motion carried. Report accepted and filed.

#### **Report of Committees and Task Groups**

- A. Conference of Western Wayne – No report.
- B. Emergency Management – EM Hays reported that Tad Sturdivant is recovering from surgery. His deputy chief of staff is covering his job duties for the time being. Federal budget update.
- C. EMS and HEMS
  1. Board of Trustees – Murray reported that Ott is attending that meeting today, so he'll provide update at our next meeting.
  2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Nothing to report as no one attended.
  3. Operations – No report.
- D. Training Report
  1. CTC Updates – Badalow reported that they met yesterday to review the list of courses that have been requested. \$244,000 in requests, so we'll need to pare these funding requests down to \$215,000. If you have any request for courses that you want to run in 2020, please forward that info to Vaskin immediately.
  2. Stoecklein reported that they are continuing to run the Town Hall Meetings featuring the State Fire Marshal around the State. He encouraged everyone to attend on of these.
  3. Meier has attended some of the training council meetings. The decisions made will impact our members so he suggested that we continue to have a presence at these meetings.
- E. Special Operations Reports
  1. General Updates - Director Meier reported:
    - a. Continues to look at alternative sources of funding.
    - b. UASI funding – still waiting for details before moving forward with capital items.
    - c. Budget Discussions – wrapping up. Should have proposal at next meeting.
    - d. Special thanks to O'Such & Unruh for their work with the teams.
  2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported on recent trainings, and next week's class at NOMADS.
    - a. Routine maintenance on the air packs. \$3,785 requested.
  3. MUSAR Report - Chief O'Such reported on this month's training (Wayne's Stamping facility). Attendance numbers were distributed.
  4. Stoecklein & Badalow confirmed they have secured funds for May 2-3, 2020 class.
- F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report
  1. Testing – Evans reported that testing continues, with no issues. Badalow provided details on the provided communications templates and that all issues have been rectified.
  2. Dispatcher training was hosted last month. Very well attended. Very beneficial to bring in the dispatchers.
- G. Other Chief Association Reports
  1. Downriver Fire Mutual Aid Group – Murray reported that they met yesterday. Nothing new to report.
  2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs: Next Meeting December 12, which is the annual Christmas Party \*\*moved to Southfield this year.
  3. International Association of Fire Chiefs – Nothing to report.

#### **Old Business**

Additional Budget Meeting to be conducted next week, reporting at next month's meeting.

**New Business**

1. Motion – \$3,785 Maintenance of the Hazmat CPA's, as requested by Unruh. Made by Heavener, supported by McNally. Motion carried.
2. General Motion requested to scrap the 2006 ambulance held at LFD. Heavener made motion. Krause supported. Motion carried.

**Good of the Order**

1. Presented Lisa Martin with a small token of this association's gratitude with her help with securing grant funding.
2. Enhanced Escape Plan – flyers handed out, from State Fire Marshal's office.
3. CLEMIS – Evans attended a meeting and provided an update. They are looking for pilot departments. Cost associated with mobile terminals in trucks. The CLEMIS board is looking at this again, as they'll be launching an app in the near future. Next meeting will be held in January.
4. Smilnak announced that TJ Richards is moving on.
5. Murray provided update on recent award re: arbitration at Dearborn related to FLSA & OT.
6. Murray reported that Dearborn FD is looking to hire interns, so if you know someone who may be interested, submit application ASAP.
7. Draft list for Staff & Command – available for your review. See Mike Evans.

**Next Meeting(s)**

- December 19, Christmas Party at Andiamo.
- January 16, 2020 held in Van Buren.

**Adjournment – 12:33PM**