

**Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Zoom Conference Call**  
**October 15, 2020 11:00AM**

Belleville – Loranger  
Canton – Stoecklein, Hayes  
Dearborn – Murray  
Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Badalow  
Detroit Metro Airport – Evans, O’Such  
Farmington Hills – Unruh  
Garden City – Harman  
Inkster – Hubbard  
Livonia – N/A  
Melvindale – Densmore  
Northville – Ott, Samhat

Northville Twp – Siegel  
Novi – N/A  
Plymouth – Ott, Samhat  
Plymouth Twp – Phillips  
Redford – Demoff  
Romulus – N/A  
Taylor – N/A  
Van Buren –McInally  
Wayne – Schneider  
Westland – Stradtner

**Hosting Agency: Conference Call**

President Murray called today’s meeting to order at 11:03AM.

**Regular Business Meeting**

- A. Round table introductions – Linda confirmed with each community as to who should get the link to vote (only one person from each FD).
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – N/A
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host.
- D. Approval of September Minutes – Motion by Brogan, seconded by Ott. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

- A. Brady Lavin with Zoll – brief presentation.

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray reported on the following
  - 1. Special Ops Board Appointment: Siegel was appointed as Special Ops Chief several months ago, which opened up a vacancy on the board. Returning members are Chief Brogan and Chief Ott, with new Appointment being Chief Stradtner. Needs confirmation.
  - 2. Special Operations Team Administrator. Chief O’Such has retired from team so the SOC committee has recommended Chief Badalow as replacement. Needs confirmation.
  - 3. Northville Downs intent to pay response bill in full – Thanks for Chief Ott for your assistance. Expect this bill to be paid in full by the end of the year.
  - 4. Joint WW/DR Christmas Party –Decision made to Cancel. Due to current COVID restrictions and overall perception, the Board decided to cancel the Dec 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein
  - 1. Asked the members to discuss November & December possible cancelation. Discussion followed. The board will discuss and let everyone know. Murray suggested that we reserve the dates for the next couple of months.
  - 2. MIOSHA came out with emergency order last night, which affects all of us. Stoecklein encouraged everyone to keep up on these orders.
- C. Secretary Phillips had nothing to report.
  - 1. Received and filed letter from Special Operations appointing Chief Badalow to Team Administrator
- D. Treasurer Evans provided the following update:
  - Treasurer’s Report
    - 1. Checking: \$41,168.38
    - 2. Savings: \$339,530
  - Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates
    - 1. Van Buren Twp-Belleville Lake-\$13,198.43 – McInally provided an update, stating that the check will be mailed out this week.
    - 2. Metro Airport (Dues)-\$10,084 (per Chief Evans, original check lost in mail. Will reissue replacement ASAP)
    - 3. Northville City River Contamination (6/02/14) \$21,655.55 – Ott provided an update, stating that they are moving forward with resolving this by the end of the year.

4. Dearborn Heights (Dues) \$12,243.84 – Brogan reported that this check will be mailed out ASAP.
5. Farmington Hills (Dues) \$7879.20 – Unruh will follow up with his finance department, as this is the remaining 50% balance of dues.

Today's finance report was unanimously accepted and will be filed.

### Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Nominations and Elections Committee (Chief Demoff, Chief Harman, Chief Johnson). Chief Demoff reported on the nominations and overall process as documented in our bylaws.  
NOMINATIONS as of 10/15/2020
  1. President: Joseph Murray
  2. Vice President: Chris Stoecklein
  3. Secretary: Dan Phillips
  4. Treasurer: Dave Brogan, Brent Seigel (election to be held via electronic ballot through Survey Monkey). Each candidate was given a few moments to speak to the members.
- B. Conference of Western Wayne (Chief Harman, Jordyn Sellek, Laura Haynes) – no report. Harman was listening in to the EM meeting (discussing HB4148) during today's WW call.
- C. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hayes) –
  1. COVID-19 Updates – Densmore reported.
  2. EM Updates – Hayes provided detailed report, which will be distributed to the members along with these minutes. Discussion followed on COVID uptick & related issues.
- D. EMS and HEMS (Chief Ott, Chief Phillips, Chief Brogan)
  1. Board of Trustees – Ott reported that their annual meeting was held back on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. He provided the highlights. Ambulance crews are reminded to wear masks, and agencies need COVID plans. There was another revision to the COVID-19 emergency protocols.
  2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Phillips reported that they had discussion on the same protocols mentioned by Ott. All patients entering a hospital shall wear a mask. Aerosolized treatments & related warnings. Counter-intuitive study from Henry Ford Hospital.
  3. Operations – Brogan had nothing new to report, as all topics have been mentioned.
- E. Training Report (Chief Stoecklein, Chief Badalow, Chief Portis)
  1. CTC Updates- Stoecklein mentioned breakout in his community which will open up a few slots in the EVT class in Dearborn. Reciprocity is still a hot topic with MAFC. Badalow provided the detailed CTC report. Continue to send us your department's requests. He provided information on closing this year's funding, and moving on to next year's. Deadline Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Chief Mike Evans reported that the Staff & Command applications are out for next year. May continue to be held at NOMADS.
  2. RAFT Questionnaire: Gordon Graham class to be held Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> in Clinton Twp. Info announced soon.
  3. Dearborn EVT Course is filled.
  4. Act 291 Updates
  5. Training to be set up with Evans and Badalow for WW radio channels and command officers.
- F. Special Operations Reports
  1. General Updates (Chief Siegel) – Recognized Chief O'Such for all of his work done for the team. Very much appreciated. Chief Badalow has managed to take over the position without missing a beat. Very well done to both during this transition period. Both teams are in their strategic planning processes.
  2. HazMat Report (Chief Unruh) – Unruh reported that Sept 29<sup>th</sup> was their monthly team training at WCCC, which went very well. He reported on upcoming training classes, as well as drone classes.
  3. MUSAR Report (Chief O'Such/Badalow) – Badalow thanked O'Such for his dedication to the team, and he will be missed. This month's training was conducted in Garden City. He provided details of the mechanical failure of USAR 1, as there's something wrong with rear axle. USAR 1 is currently at the repair shop, as they are determining the damage. Badalow said that USAR 2 is being utilized during this time. Washtenaw County TRT is on notice that we may reach out to them for equipment, in the event we need mutual aid. Continuing to get our team members trained for certain necessary disciplines. Next month's training will be held in Farmington Hills at a water tower.
- G. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report (Chief Johnson, Chief Evans, Chief Unruh)
  1. Recent State Testing Update – Evans reported that the dispatch center tests continue to be well attended.

## 2. Updates

### H. Other Chief Association Reports

1. Downriver Fire Mutual Aid Group:
  - a. Next meeting October 21, 2020. O'Such said there was nothing major to report from their last meeting.
2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs: Murray provided the following report:
  - a. Chief Brogan has become President, Chief Stoecklein has become Secretary/Treasurer and Chief Murray has become Sgt at Arms due to the resignation of Chief Meniffee for his MAFC VP seat. Chief Flynn (West Bloomfield) will move to VP.
  - b. Christmas Party tentatively planned for December 10, subject to change due to COVID.
3. MAFC - Expo and Conference March 29-April 1 in Novi. Statewide event.
4. International Association of Fire Chiefs.
  - a. FRI scheduled for July 28-31 in Charlotte, NC
  - b. IAFC Homeland Security and Terrorism Committee working on joint statement with Police Chiefs on best practices for cooperative response to civil unrest.

### **Old Business - None**

### **New Business**

1. Motion to Confirm Chief Stradtner to the Special Operations Oversight Committee- Evans/Demoff
2. Motion to confirm Chief Badalow as Special Operations Team Administrator Brogan/Harman
3. Motion to confirm Chief Murray as WW President by acclimation. Stoecklein/Demoff
4. Motion to confirm Chief Stoecklein as WW VP by acclimation. McNally/Evans
5. Motion to confirm Chief Phillips as WW Secretary by acclimation Ott/Harman
6. ELECTION Roll Call and Voting – via SurveyMonkey. Closes by 3PM today.

### **Good of the Order-**

- 4 COVID Positive cases in Canton Township and precautions put in place.
- Chief Harman inquired if there were any updates or protocol changes from HEMS regarding blood draw requests from the police. Chief Murray responded that no, there has been no change and the WWFDMAA would continue to oppose such protocols.

Next Meeting - November 19, 2020 via Zoom

Adjournment – 12:10PM