

**Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association  
MINUTES**

**October 17, 2019**

**Hosting Agency: Wayne Fire Department**

Belleville – N/A

Canton - Stoecklein

Dearborn - Murray

Dearborn Heights – Badalow, Brogan, Martin

Detroit Metro Airport – Evans, O'Such

Farmington Hills - Unruh

Garden City - Marinovich

Inkster – N/A

Livonia – Jennison, Unsworth

Melvindale - Murray

Northville City - Ott

Guests – Belfor (Hughes & Darga), DNR (Brian Carroll), DTE (Rykwaldler), Interstate (Chelsea Strudgeon), CWW (Laura Haynes)

Northville Twp -Seigel

Novi - Martin

Plymouth City - Ott

Plymouth Twp - Phillips

Redford Twp - Demoff

Romulus – N/A

Taylor – N/A

Van Buren – N/A

Wayne - Schneider

Westland – Stradtner, Harder

**Regular Business Meeting** – President Joe Murray called today's meeting to order at 12:06PM.

- A. Round table introductions.
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named.
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host, Wayne Fire Dept. Lunch sponsored by Belfor.
- D. Approval of September Minutes. Motion to approve by Demoff, support by Unruh. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

- A. Brian Carroll, Department of Natural Resources - introduced himself, and provided detailed information on his available resources. Reminded individual departments to renew their mutual aid agreement with DNR. Smokey is 75 yrs old this year.
- B. Denny Hughes (Belfor) provided an update on their recent donation of equipment and supplies to Northern Michigan. Value was over \$1Mil. Thanks to everyone who assisted.

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray reported on the following:
  1. DTE Emergency Line Usage and Roll out – Brogan reported on the recent call, and reminded encouraged everyone to make the call, and err on the side of caution. Barbara Rykwaldler provided further insight on this program, which is now out to all communities. They want you to call and ask for assistance.
  2. Annual Board Elections – More to come later during today's meeting.
  3. Budget Meeting will take place on Monday – this Exec Board will be meeting on Mon, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. More to come.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein reported on the following:
  1. Fire Fighter Training Council – continue to work through the rules, and interpretation of PA 291. Lengthy process. He will continue to keep an eye on these pertinent issues and keep everyone informed. You can access the most updated version of the rules via their website.
  2. SEMTOC – Unable to attend the next meeting, so looking for representation.
- C. Secretary Phillips had nothing to report at this time.
- D. Treasurer Evans reported on the following:
  1. Treasurers Report
    - a. Checking: \$40,132.09
    - b. Savings: \$204,725.93
  - o Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates

1. Canton Carbon Monoxide (8/03/18) \$2,323.51
2. Farmington Hills M5 Tanker Rollover (10/08/18) \$24,053.23
3. Northville City River Contamination (6/02/14) \$21,655.55
4. Washtenaw UAV---\$455.00
5. City of Romulus Membership Dues -\$4,638.79
6. City of Taylor Membership Dues - \$13, 868.22

Report will be accepted and filed. Motion by Demoff, supported by O'Such. Motion carried.

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

- A. Nomination/Election Committee Report - Chief Brogan reported:
  1. Election – No other nominations were received, so the current slate of board members is renewed. President Murray, VP Stoecklein, Treasurer Evans & Secretary Phillips unanimously accepted these positions, and will continue on as before.
- B. Conference of Western Wayne Laura Haynes provided the following report:
  1. Legislative update – issues, state budget, funding. More to come.
  2. WW Leadership Banquet
- C. Emergency Management – Nothing to report.
  1. County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- D. EMS and HEMS - Chief Ott reported
  1. Board of Trustees – annual meeting review, as well as subcommittee meeting related to HEMS communications occurred a couple weeks ago. The committee reviewed several options, and affiliated costs. Discussion on the future role of the current HEMS radio operation and ET3 pilot program (Triage, Treat, Transport). More to come.
  2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Nothing to report.
  3. Operations – No report.
- E. Training Report - Chief Stoecklein reported:
  1. CTC Updates – applications in hand, and funding to be reviewed and approved in the near future. Badalow sent an email out earlier this morning, requesting TO contact info. Reminded everyone of NFIRS compliance requirement. Check your department's compliance on the FFTC website.
  2. MABAS dispatch classes
  3. Dearborn hosting confined space, rope rescue and other specialized rescue courses.
  4. Northville City hosting free training FF 1 & 2 and Hazmat Ops Class
  5. Unruh provided information on the recent SFM Town Hall meeting and provided details on the State's concern related to acceptance of Pro Board certification. Stoecklein provided insight and encouraged everyone to attend these meetings.
- F. Special Operations Reports
  1. General Updates – No report.
    - a. Budget Discussion
  2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported
    - a. This month's training held at NOMADS Sept 29-30.
    - b. Hazmat uniforms starting to arrive, and will be distributed.
  3. MUSAR Report - Chief O'Such reported that this month's USAR training was held in Canton. USAR 5 is now "in-service" and housed at Canton's Station 3. Attendance spreadsheet was emailed out to members.
- G. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report –
  1. Testing – Evans provided update
  2. Updates - Murray will forward information on upcoming statewide drill.
  3. Radios - Discussion followed on topics such as available channels, talk groups, fireground channels, zones, dispatch, and encryption. Look at rolling out by January if templates can be

cleaned up. Vaskin Badalow provided details. Lisa Martin provided pricing information on the radios and accessories. Unruh will continue to monitor and offer suggestions on how to make this a smooth transition. He will look at scheduling a meeting with those in charge of programming the radios. More to come.

H. Other Chief Association Reports

1. Downriver Fire Mutual Aid Group – Murray reported that they met yesterday.
2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs: Next Meeting Nov 14 at Cabela's. Annual Christmas Party is December 12<sup>th</sup>, held at Regency Manor in Southfield this year.
3. International Association of Fire Chiefs – Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

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

**New Business**

**Good of the Order-**

- Mark your calendars for the Christmas Party December 19, 2019 Andiamo Dearborn.
- Over the Air Programming – Evans asked if we should look at purchasing this. Unruh provided insight. It was decided that we probably do not need to move forward with purchase.
- Fires occurring in homes with Solar &/or Wind power – Brogan provided information as this is something to be aware of.
- CLEMIS Reporting – Phillips attended class yesterday re: creating your own reports. Very beneficial. Demoff mentioned that Redford is moving to CLEMIS next month.
- Unruh made special mention that Lisa Martin's work towards the Radio Grant was very much appreciated.

**Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: November 21, 2019, Hosted by Romulus.

Annual holiday party with Downriver – December 19, 2019 at Andiamo's Dearborn.

Adjournment – 1:02PM.