

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

**September 15, 2022  
11:30AM**

**Hosting Agency: Northville & Plymouth Cities Fire Department**

**Present:**

**Belleville – N/A**

**Canton – Stoecklein, Hayes**

**Dearborn – N/A**

**Dearborn Heights – Brogan**

**Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such**

**Farmington Hills – N/A**

**Garden City – Harman**

**Inkster – Hubbard**

**Livonia – N/A**

**Melvindale – N/A**

**Northville City – Samhat**

**Northville Twp – Siegel, Hughes**

**Novi – Johnson**

**Plymouth City – Samhat**

**Plymouth Twp – Conely**

**Redford Twp – Demoff**

**Romulus – Wojtyklo**

**Taylor – N/A**

**Van Buren Twp – McNally, Lenaghan**

**Wayne – N/A**

**Westland – Stamper**

**Guest(s): Kyle (West Shore)**

**Regular Business Meeting**

- A. Round table introductions – Vice President Chris Stoecklein called today’s meeting to order at Noon. Roundtable introductions followed.
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named - None
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host – Chief Samhat thanked Genetti’s for providing food today.
- D. Approval of June Meeting Minutes – Motion by Demoff, second by O’Such. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Kyle (West Shore Fire) introduced himself.

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray (excused) – Stoecklein reviewed the following items on Murray’s list:
  1. October will be elections for Western Wayne Board. All current board members have been re-nominated. Any other nominations to run for a position should be forwarded to the elections committee chair Chief Demoff.
  2. Elections ad hoc committee: Chief Demoff (Chair), Chief Harman, Chief Hubbard.
  3. Fit testing machine. Who has it? McNally provided details and the current procedures. We will move forward with purchasing an airtag / GPS device to track the machine(s). Please do not delegate this search, please look for yourself.
  4. Annual Joint Christmas Party with Downriver Mutual Aid is booked for December 15 at Ford’s Garage in Dearborn.
  5. MABAS MUSAR Team Activation discussion – concerned with the responses related to callouts. It was discussed if authority to deploy should be the responsibility of the team administrators (currently Unruh & Badalow). MABAS box alarm callouts are totally appropriate. Siegel pointed out some issues related to definitions.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein reported on the following:
  1. Tues, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – CWW Annual Business Banquet. Cost is \$1800/table. He will call for a motion under New Business.

2. EMS Grant – \$30 Million. Joined a meeting this morning with the State. They have asked for our feedback re: this funding, to ensure that it will be allocated appropriately & fairly. More to come. Emily Berquist will speak at the next SE Fire Chiefs meeting, for further clarification.
  3. Gear - \$11 Million grant – currently working with the State to setup the guidelines & possibly re-word the language to ensure fair allocation. More to come.
- C. Secretary Siegel had nothing more to report at this time.
- D. Treasurer Brogan
- Treasurers Report
1. Checking \$229,637.33
  2. Savings \$326,430.67
- Overdue-Open Invoices & updates
1. Dearborn Heights Truck Trailer Stabilization \$5,765
  2. Livonia Tractor Trailer Fire \$24,022.93
  3. Team dues: \$15,000 (3 departments each owe \$5,000)
- Dearborn Heights FF (testicular cancer) was able to submit under the Cancer presumption. Very grateful.

### Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Conference of Western Wayne (Chief Harman, Jordyn Sellek, Laura Haynes)
  1. With November elections & term limits, there will be a lot of new legislators in Lansing.
  2. HB6360 (Cancer Presumption) – Yaroch continues to work on this.
  3. Activity in Lansing is winding down.
- B. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hayes)
  1. COVID-19 Updates - N/A
  2. EM Updates – Hayes reported:
    - a. Train strike as a tentative agreement was reached this morning
    - b. FEMA drill update – final drill on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - c. LEPC – PFAS foam issue. Continue to identify resources. More to come. Next meeting to be held in December
    - d. Competitive school safety grants now fall under the Mich Dept of Education. He highlighted \$2,000/building funding for critical incident mapping for every school in your community.
    - e. \$25Mil competitive grant to begin SRO program in schools.
  3. County discussing purchase of additional foam trailers and totes.
- C. EMS and HEMS (Chief Siegel, Chief Conely, Chief Brogan)
  1. Board of Trustees – Siegel reported that the E-Bridge “Go Live” date is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure that you’re setup, as this will replace the EMS radio reports. All board appointments will be finalized Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Western Wayne will continue to maintain its auxiliary position.
  2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Conely reported on the focus of the meeting was E-Bridge system.
  3. Operations – nothing to report
- D. Training Report (Chief Stoecklein, Chief Badalow, Chief Portis)
  1. CTC Updates- Stoecklein reminded everyone that we are coming up on the end of the fiscal year. Any outstanding classes, please continue to communicate with Badalow &/or Stoecklein to fully allocate these funds. New classes will be inputted sometime in October, instead of waiting until the last minute (Deadline is Dec 31<sup>st</sup>). Submit your class requests ASAP.
  2. Community Risk Reduction training - Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> in Canton. Register via MiChiefs.org
  3. Disposal of PFAS – more funding has been approved.
  4. SFM needs you to submit your Designations – reminder to add these to your SMOKE profile, so you get your certification(s).
  5. MIOSHA Part 74 was revised and made effective at the end of June 2022.
  6. Fire Investigation class registration open on MiTrain. Sign up soon, as this class fills up quickly.
  7. EMU Staff & Command – accepting applications thru the end of this month.

E. Special Operations Reports

1. General Updates Chief Siegel reported:
  - a. June 21<sup>st</sup> – USAR team accomplished FEMA validation. Both teams are now validated.
  - b. USAR training was held yesterday in Northville City (donated house)
  - c. Van Buren Twp hazmat incident – provided details of this incident
  - d. Farmington Hills hazmat incident occurred this morning – oil spill containment.
  - e. Aug Hazmat training – tanker truck ops. Sept training is Homemade Hazardous Materials.
2. HazMat Report (Chief Unruh) – N/A
3. MUSAR Report (Chief Badalow) – N/A

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

1. State Updates – Johnson reported on the recent (July 13<sup>th</sup> & Sept 14<sup>th</sup>) MI-MABAS meetings.
  - a. Gaylord tornado & Flint building collapse
  - b. RED Center continues to training with regional dispatch centers. MABAS 101 available to all divisions & your dispatch centers, if interested.
  - c. New divisions are coming on board.
  - d. Special Ops and highlights of the training & activities of MI Task Force 1.
2. Box Card Updates
  - a. Johnson printed box cards for each community. He requested that each chief review their box card and update. Please reach out to Jeff Johnson with any questions.
  - b. MayDay Policy – Johnson will schedule a meeting with this group.

G. Other Chief Association Reports

1. Downriver has PFAS free foam in their trailer – Siegel provided insight.
2. Southeastern Fire Chiefs
  - a. October 13<sup>th</sup> at Farmington Hills Golf Course – Please RSVP at MiChiefs.org
  - b. December 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party to be held at Fowling Warehouse in Hamtramck.
3. Midwest Fire Rescue Expo – April 11-12, 2023.

**Old Business**

1. Food Truck Decals – distribution of stickers has started. Conely requested feedback. Discussion.
2. PFAS and wearing gear – Conely asked for clarification. Discussion followed.

**New Business**

1. CWW / Annual Business Banquet \$1800 table sponsorship - Motion by McNally, second by Conely. Motion carried. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at The Henry. Linda will send information to group.
2. Hose Testing – Discussion followed on the benefits of group purchasing. Downriver has a consortium to get better pricing (hose testing, SCBA's, PPE, etc.) Much discussion followed. Everyone agreed that it is definitely worth looking into this. More to come.
3. Gear Donation Program - Belfor is heading to the UP early-October. Please reach out to Denny Hughes to coordinate the pickup of any gently used gear & equipment.

**Good of the Order**

1. CPSE Consortium meeting on Accreditation – Ann Arbor is hosting the session Sept 28th.

**Next Meeting** - October 20<sup>th</sup> to be hosted by Dearborn. Exact location TBA.

**Adjournment – 1:03PM**