

**Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2023**

**Belleville – N/A
Canton - Stoecklein
Dearborn – Murray, Begeman, Densmore
Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Martin
Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such, Dunlap
Farmington Hills – Unruh, Olszewski
Garden City – Harman
Inkster – Hubbard
Livonia – Jennison, Clay
Melvindale – Murray, Begeman, Densmore
Northville City – Samhat ?
Northville Twp - Siegel**

**Novi – Gearns-Hazlett
Plymouth City – Samhat ?
Plymouth Twp – Conely ?
Redford Twp – Demoff
Romulus – Chapman ?
Taylor – N/A ?
Van Buren – McNally, Lenaghan
Wayne – Stradtner, Schneider
Westland – Tokarski, Stamper**

Guest(s): Ray Ahonen & Denny Hughes (Belfor)

Host Agency: Farmington Hills Fire Dept

Regular Business Meeting – President Murray called today’s meeting to order at 11:55AM.

- A. Round table introductions
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – None at this time.
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host. Thanks for Chief Unruh for hosting today’s meeting.
- D. Approval of March Meeting Minutes – Motion by Harman, support by Tokarski. Motion carried.

Public Comments – N/A

Report of Officers

- A. President Murray reported on the following:
 - 1. MAFC’s Midwest Fire Rescue Expo in Novi last week was a success. Save the Date: May 21-22, 2024 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.
 - 2. Fire Station Grant bi-partisan bill introduced – Murray provided background. More to come.
 - 3. Free Leadership Training Course feat. Col. Royal Mortenson. Hosted by Dearborn Fire Dept. Flyer distributed.
 - 4. Attending CFSI with MAFC leadership symposium May 22-23 in DC. Appointments with various House Reps.
 - 5. Discussion at the State Level about the potential of incorporating Courage To Be Safe (CTBS) into FF1 & FF2 curriculum. More to come.
 - 6. Bass Fishing Tournament – July 15th, hosted by Dearborn Burn Drive. Flyer distributed.
 - B. Vice President Stoecklein –
 - MiChiefs pushing to get command officers more involved with the Association, re: succession plan.
 - C. Secretary Siegel had nothing to report at this time.
 - D. Treasurer Brogan provided report:
 - Account balances (as of 4.16.23)
 - a. Checking \$269,085.15
 - b. Savings \$326,449.34
- Motion to accept by Unruh, second by Begeman. Motion carried.
- Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates
- Dearborn Heights truck stabilization \$5765 – check received today, during the meeting. Will deposit and distribute L/R checks back to the responding communities ASAP.

Romulus Acid Spill \$6461.71
Van Buren Hazmat \$7126.68
Inkster FD – Non-participation re: Team Dues \$5000

Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Conference of Western Wayne (Chief Harman, Jordyn Sellek) –
 - 1. Railroad legislation – SB100, SB139, SB 124-125
 - 2. Locals encouraged to participate in opioid settlements.
 - 3. Federal revenue
 - 4. SAFER grants – bills to extend
 - 5. EV Infrastructure grants
 - 6. Legislation to keep an eye on was mentioned
- B. Legislation – Stoecklein provided brief report on MAFC's lobbyist's activities
- C. MAFC's Legislative Day/Breakfast – Wed, May 10th. RSVP to nicole@kjlteam.com
- D. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hayes) –
 - 1. Densmore mentioned a few retirements, which caused some staffing changes.
 - 2. Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference May 9-11
 - 3. May 11th – cutoff date for COVID materials
 - 4. COVID funeral funds – Jan 2025
 - 5. Murray mentioned that Downriver assigned Jim Katona as the Fire Service Liaison with Wayne County EM.
- E. EMS and HEMS
 - 1. Board of Trustees – Siegel reported
 - a. St. Mary's EM Council Meeting
 - b. Masking requirement reduced
 - c. Explained if PT is discharged from the floor, and transported back to the hospital, they must be taken to the ER.
 - d. HEMS Golf Outing July 25th at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton
 - e. Naloxone Leave Behind Program – Six hundred doses received. Only eight EMS agencies have picked up.
 - f. Strategic Direction – Adoption of E-Bridge Comms System Wide – Reminder to use Ebridge as your primary communication with ED, and radio as backup. Martin asked for suggestions on streamlining the forms.
 - 2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Siegel reported on behalf of Conely:
 - a. There was a lengthy discussion re: petitioning patients, which was decided better left to PD.
 - 3. Operations – Brogan did not attend the last meeting, but the main topic was facemasks, as mentioned earlier.
- F. Training Report
 - 1. CTC Updates – Stoecklein said the group met back on March 30th. He provided brief report, and provided breakdown of funds that were distributed and allocated. Badalow was nominated for another one-year term on the Board. ByLaws changes were distributed. Please provide feedback. Next meeting May 16th at Schoolcraft College
 - 2. Jennison said there were only 3 reps from Wayne County at that recent CTC meeting. The next meeting is an important one, so please encourage your personnel to attend. We need more representation.
- G. Special Operations Reports
 - 1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported
 - a. Both teams are working on their budgets, presented to this group by June's meeting
 - b. Contacts have been updated with HEMS for Western Wayne's HMRT & TRT.
 - 2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported
 - a. No incidents to report
 - b. Training schedule
 - c. Attendance roster is distributed each month. Be sure to monitor.
 - 3. MUSAR Report – Chief Seigel reported on behalf of Badalow:
 - a. April training in Novi went very well.
 - b. May 9-10 training – schedule and curriculum reviewed
 - c. Storage issues still a problem.
 - d. Confined Space Technician training to be held at Dearborn FD May 1-5. Both USAR and Hazmat, funded by Fireworks Funds.

- e. Fermi drill – no new date, as the March event was cancelled.
- H. Mutual Aid Box Alarm - Chief Unruh had nothing to report at this time.
 - a. State Updates
 - b. Box Card updates
- I. Other Chief Association Reports
 - 1. MAFC – May 10th Legislative Day in Lansing
 - 2. SE –
 - a. Th, May 11th Installation of Officers – Dearborn Country Club
 - b. Fri, June 16th Golf Outing
- J. CLEMIS – Begeman had nothing new to report.

Old Business – N/A

New Business –

- 1. Stamper offered to start attending the CWW meetings, due to Chief Harman's upcoming retirement
- 2. Ask Rail app -Stamper shared Jordyn's concerns related to this app. More to come as they work through this.

Good of the Order -

- McInally mentioned the upcoming CN Rail training, which is turning into a disaster drill. More details to come.
- Throat cancer screening April 22nd, 9AM-1PM.
- Denny Hughes (Belfor) provided an update on the company's newest franchises, and some misleading info that is out there. He also confirmed that Belfor bought 1-800BoardUp nationally (78 businesses), and explained the procedures for the transition.
- Jennison provided info on the Fire Service Exec Development Institute. He highly recommends that you have your assistants/deputies apply to this program.

Next Meeting – May 18th – Novi

2023 Meeting Schedule (11:30AM, third Thursday)

- May 18 – Novi
- June 15 – Wayne
- Sept 21 – Romulus
- Oct 19 – Van Buren
- Dec 21 – Holiday Luncheon – Location TBA

Adjournment – 12:38PM