

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

**June 16, 2021**

**Belleville – N/A  
Canton -Stoecklein, Strassner & Hayes  
Dearborn - Murray  
Dearborn Heights – Brogan & Badalow  
Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such  
Farmington Hills - Unruh  
Garden City - Harman  
Inkster - Hubbard  
Livonia – Heavener, Unsworth & Jennison  
Melvindale - Murray  
Northville City – Ott & Samhat  
Northville Twp - Siegel  
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**Plymouth City – Ott & Samhat  
Plymouth Twp - Phillips  
Redford Twp - Demoff  
Romulus - Krause  
Taylor - Pochron  
Van Buren – McInally & Lenahan  
Wayne – Stradtner & Schneider  
Westland – Stamper & Lachowicz**

**Guest(s): Hughes (Belfor), Dole & Phillips (Jarvis), Kell  
(AccuMed), Robertson (DTE), Knibbs (MJ White)**

**Hosting Agency: Inkster Fire Department as well as ZOOM Meeting (COVID-19)**

**Regular Business Meeting – President Murray called today’s meeting to order at Noon.**

- 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 – thanks to Chief Hubbard for hosting today’s meeting, and special thanks to Jarvis Property Restoration for providing today’s lunch.
- D. Approval of May Minutes – Motion by Demoff, second Johnson. Motion carried.

**Public Comments - None**

**Report of Officers**

- A. President Murray reported on the following
  - 1. Return to in-person meetings – very nice to get back to normalcy.
  - 2. COVID Vaccination and Testing Updates – nothing new to report, though a few departments are handling homebound vaccines. Murray is sitting on the Protect Michigan Committee. Rapid Testing available in Dearborn stations.
  - 3. No meeting July or August (Unless needed) - Next in-person meeting will be in September
  - 4. Recognition Plaque purchased and delivered to J&M Towing. Thank you to Chief Krause for handling the presentation.
  - 5. Appointment of Chief Siegel to fill HEMS vacancy due to Chief Ott’s retirement. Motion to approve will be handled during New Business portion of today’s meeting.
  - 6. Appointment of Chief Krause to Spec Ops Oversight Committee vacancy due to Chief Ott’s retirement. Motion to approve will be handled during New Business portion of today’s meeting.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein had nothing to report.
- C. Secretary Phillips reported CLEMIS updates – enhancements were sent electronically after last meeting. Reach out if you have questions. Nothing else to mention at this time.
- D. Treasurer Brogan reported on the following:
  - 1. Treasurers Report
    - Checking: \$26,207.82
    - Savings: \$ 319,552.01Motion by Krause, second by Demoff to accept today’s financial report as presented. Motion carried.

2. FY22 Budget Presentation – Brogan reviewed the proposed budget document, with detailed explanations of specific line items. Chief Siegel provided further details related to the teams and their operating expenses and anticipated purchasing procedures. Chief Badalow presented details of the budgeted line items related to the vehicle(s) purchase. Much appreciation goes to those individuals who prepared today's presentations, and proposed budget. Chief Siegel requested a motion to accept the budget as presented today. Motion by Chief Ott, seconded by Krause. Motion carried unanimously.  
It was agreed that the purchase of any vehicles mentioned within the FY2021/22 proposed budget today are now considered budgeted items, so they may be purchased without further motions.

E. Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates

1. No unpaid invoices.
2. Annual membership invoices were sent electronically early-June.

**Report of Committees and Task Groups**

- A. Conference of Western Wayne - Jordyn was unable to attend today's meeting. She shared the following report prior to the meeting:
  - Chief Krause, Supervisor Glaab and Police Chief Robbins testified in committee on the rail road crossing grade separation bills. These bills would create a fund to pay for grade separations. Western Wayne has at least 3 (2 Romulus/Huron, 1 Plymouth) crossings on the 10 most needed for a grade separation. The bills would not fund the separations, but rather create the ability to fund. First step is first.
  - 911 Act rewrite bill should drop soon, as soon as it does, I will forward the bill number. The summer will be spent on negotiating with the other stakeholders, namely the providers and retailers.
  - The next CWW meeting is September 10 at 930am in person at the Romulus Athletic Center.
- B. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hayes)
  1. COVID-19 Updates – nothing new at this point during today's meeting.
  2. EM Updates – Hayes reported
    - a. COVID numbers are down. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, all broad restrictions are being removed.
    - b. June 10<sup>th</sup>, the FDA met. They are considering Pfizer & Moderna being used for younger kids. More to come.
    - c. Wayne County Health is asking if any communities are having large gatherings, they'd like to setup a table at the event for vaccines.
    - d. Excess of PPE available. Submit requests via MiSIMS
    - e. Wayne County has decided to continue the declaration of emergency, allowing electronic platforms to be utilized through the end of this year.
    - f. August 11<sup>th</sup> FEMA will be doing an emergency alert system test.
    - g. Construction alerts – lengthy time may affect your routes
- C. EMS and HEMS (Chief Ott, Chief Phillips, Chief Brogan)
  1. Board of Trustees – Ott reported on the following:
    - a. Last meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>
    - b. This Association needs to name Ott's successor (to be Siegel)
    - c. SAM IO has been approved
    - d. TXA is supposed to be in drug boxes June 1<sup>st</sup>
    - e. PSRO report – concerns surrounding patient signoffs. They are taking a closer look.
    - f. Region 2 south healthcare coalition – update
    - g. First Response EMS company saga continues – failed state inspection, vehicles non-compliant licenses have been revoked. HEMS sent letter revoking their abilities.
    - h. Exec Committee meets next week.
    - i. Next meeting of Board will be held in Sept.
  2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Phillips was contacted by Miljan a few weeks ago. Cyano kits have been distributed. These are three-year kits. More to come. Henry Ford Hospital concerned with medics wanting to call patients too early.
  3. Operations – MCAB met back on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Congratulated Romulus for becoming ALS. Reviewed recent refusals. If you give any medications, you must call medical control to get sign-off. Remind your staff of this. Please send pictures of rig or crew for their calendar. St. Mary's experienced issues with receiving run reports.
- D. Training Report (Chief Stoecklein, Chief Badalow, Chief Portis)
  1. CTC Updates – Badalow provided brief report. FFTC allocated \$5500 to each CTC towards specific mental health courses. We were able to schedule four courses utilizing \$4400 of those funds. Much of these funds were unused

as the timeframe to use them was challenging. Badalow provided further insight as to the process. He reminded everyone, if you have any course requests for next year, let him know.

2. Act 291 Updates – Stoecklein provided a status update. SFM sent announcement this past week re: reciprocity process.
3. MMRMA is offering training classes. Flyers distributed. These training classes are currently free to MMRMA members.

E. Special Operations Reports

1. General Updates - Chief Siegel thanked everyone for their help putting together the budget
2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported:
  - a. No incidents
  - b. Next training to be held focuses on Chemical & Physical Properties of Hazmat Incidents
3. MUSAR Report - Chief Badalow reported
  - a. Last month's training was Rope Rescue
  - b. No training in July
  - c. Meeting in August – he explained how this month's training schedule will be only one day (Aug 10<sup>th</sup>). Low & steep angle ropes.
  - d. Two consecutive days of training (indoor) will be held in December

F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report – Chief Johnson reported:

1. Recent State Testing Update – tests continue to go very well.
2. Box Card Updates – Chief Johnson reported on the mapping spreadsheet, that is very close to completion. The State MABAS group will use this information. Next meeting will be held July 14<sup>th</sup>. Recent Planning Coordinator meeting was cancelled.

G. Other Chief Association Reports

1. Downriver Fire Chiefs - Discussing a consolidated dispatch for Downriver. Chief Rodney Branham has retired from Gibraltar FD.
2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs: Golf Outing tomorrow (Friday, June 18) at Coyote Golf Club in Milford. Congrats to Chief Murray, sworn in as treasurer on the SE board. Expo will be held April 11-13, 2022. Summer Symposium postponed until July 28-29, 2022 at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.
3. MAFC- has partnered with MAAS to help fund MI State Medicaid. Asking for 20 million dollars. Continuing to await PA 291 rewrite, has been referred back to MOARE, to determine if another public hearing is necessary. MAFC will continue to stay on top of this issue.
4. International Association of Fire Chiefs - FRI scheduled for July 28-31 in Charlotte, NC, will be in person event.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

Motion to confirm the appointments of Chief Krause to Special Operations Oversight Committee position, and Chief Siegel to replace Ott on HEMS. Motion by McInally, seconded by Demoff. Motion carried unanimously.

**Good of the Order-**

- A. Congratulations Chief Ott on your well-deserved retirement on June 30th.
- B. Stoecklein stated the governor is supposed to announce the lifting of all restrictions today at 1:30PM.

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 9, 2021 in Livonia. 11:30AM

Adjournment