

**Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023**

Belleville – Loranger
Canton - Stoecklein, Hayes
Dearborn – Murray, Begeman, Densmore
Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Badalow
Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such, Dunlap
Farmington Hills – Unruh, Olszewski
Garden City – Harman
Inkster – N/A
Livonia – Clay
Melvindale – Murray, Begeman, Densmore
Northville City – Samhat
Northville Twp - Siegel
Novi - Theisen

Plymouth City – Samhat
Plymouth Twp – Conely
Redford Twp – N/A
Romulus – Chapman
Taylor – N/A
Van Buren – McInally, Lenaghan
Wayne – Stradtner, Schneider
Westland – Tokarski, Wojo...

Guest(s): Jack Spryer (BMS/Jarvis), Lynn Kell (AccuMed),
Ray Ahonen (Belfor)

Host Agency: Belleville Fire Dept

Regular Business Meeting – President Murray called today’s meeting to order at 11:59AM.

- 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 Loranger for hosting today’s meeting. He thanked Belfor for providing lunch, and Chief McInally for allowing us to use the VBTfD.
- D. Approval of February Meeting Minutes – Motion by O’Such, support by Harman. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Congresswoman Debbie Dingell addressed the group and provided many updates (train derailments, hazardous waste, town halls, accessing resources, funding & grants, etc.) Discussion followed, as well as questions & answers.

Report of Officers

- A. President Murray reported on the following:
 - 1. April 11-12, 2023 – MAFC’s Midwest Fire Rescue Expo in Novi. Register www.MiChiefs.org. We have signed contract for May 21-22, 2024, trying a new location. 2024 Expo will be at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.
 - 2. NOMADS – summarized the recent resolution. O’Such provided details of the plans moving forward. Located in hangar 407. Airport FF’s must be escorted to this new hangar, as it is in a secured area.
 - 3. State legislative day with MAFC was cancelled back in February due to weather. New date TBA.
 - 4. FEMA Fire Safety & Prevention grants are still open. Reach out to your legislators for letters of support.
 - 5. Discussion at State level about the potential of incorporating Courage To Be Safe “Save your Own” into FF1 & FF2.
 - 6. Provided statements to Sen. Peters in support of Assistance to Firefighter Grants/SAFER
 - 7. MABAS MSU incident – update
 - 8. Received thank you letter and council resolution for assistance at Menominee Paper Mill fire.
 - 9. Congratulations to Stoecklein as incoming MAFC Vice President.
 - 10. Congratulations to Bob Jennison for being accepted into the IAFC’s Fire Service Executive Development Program.
- B. Vice President Stoecklein –
 - Legislative updates- supposed to meet with Coalition today, but the meeting has been rescheduled. New date TBA.
 - Pension & Collective Bargaining – on its way through
 - Radio coverage thru schools
 - Establishing standardized response terminology
 - Requiring schools to have Emergency & Safety Managers on site.
 - Modify days of fireworks regulation. More to come.

- May 22-23, 2023 – Congressional Fire Service Institute

C. Secretary Siegel reported:

- Deputy Chief Schneider (Wayne FD) notified Siegel of a possible vacant building to store team assets for a permanent inside storage. Will research.
- Spoke with Chief Johnson for Out of Division Box Cards – moving towards confirming resources

D. Treasurer Brogan provided report:

- Account balances (as of 2.16.23)
 - a. Checking \$247,180.07
 - b. Savings \$326,446.61

Motion to accept by McNally, second by Harman. Motion carried.

- Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates
Dearborn Heights truck stabilization \$5765
Romulus Acid Spill \$6461
Van Buren Hazmat \$7126
Inkster FD – Non-participation re: Team Dues \$5000

Report of Committees and Task Groups

A. Conference of Western Wayne (Chief Harman, Jordyn Sellek) –

1. Chief Harman highlighted the active legislation (i.e. RR, Law Enforcement, SOS fees)
2. Sellek sent report electronically, as she was unable to attend today's meeting. Murray summarized her report.

B. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hayes) –

1. Densmore reported on the recent staff promotions within the office. FEMA now has three staffers working in cooperation with MSP. Tabletops & field exercises being scheduled later this year.
2. Hayes mentioned the virtual Teams Townhall on March 21st addressing DTE's issues during the recent ice storms. Mentioned some issues related to Red Cross & setup of overnight shelters in your community during those recent storms.
3. Siegel attended the LEPC meeting back on March 1st. Review of their ByLaws, voting, and discussed train derailment. Siegel recommended that our hazmat team leaders get more involved with this committee, as they may be a valuable resource. Discussion followed.

C. EMS and HEMS

1. Board of Trustees – Siegel reported:
 - a. No board of trustees meeting since last one.
 - b. Naloxone Leave Behind program – eight agencies currently signed up, need more
 - c. MedStar Safety Summit started today.
 - d. Case Study re: data Lights & Sirens affecting response times.
 - e. E-Bridge should be the primary communication, HEMS is backup.
 - f. Wear masks when entering hospital
2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Conely had no report, as their last meeting was canceled.
3. Operations – Brogan had nothing more to report, as Siegel touched base on their main topics.

D. Training Report

1. CTC Updates – Badalow provided report:
 - a. Annual Meeting will be held at Schoolcraft College on March 30th 10AM-Noon.
 - b. Reimbursement for classes get distributed within two weeks
 - c. In the event a class has to be canceled (i.e. ice rescue class cancelled due to weather), they are allowing the funding to be rolled over to another training opportunity.
2. Van Buren Twp – McNally hosting a training classes Aug 14-16. Norfolk Southern hosting Train derailment courses. Flyer coming soon.

E. Special Operations Reports

1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported
 - a. FERMI drill that was scheduled for next week has been cancelled.
2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported
 - a. Next month's training to be held March 28th at WCCC

- b. No incidents last month
- 3. MUSAR Report – Chief Badalow reported
 - a. Discussion followed on indoor storage of team vehicles. Badalow provided details of the materials (i.e. lumber & loose materials) that need to be stored.
 - b. Training schedule
- F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm - Chief Unruh reported on the following:
 - a. Menominee reimbursements
 - b. State website should be up & running
 - c. Positions filled – Mike Evans (BAFA) & Tracey McGee
- G. Other Chief Association Reports
 - 1. MAFC – looking to reschedule Legislative Day, Expo event planning, elections.
 - 2. SE –
 - a. “Personnel Issues & Litigation” Traveling Roadshow feat. Atty. Mike McCall. Monday, March 13 – held in Southfield. Great feedback. 55 attendees.
 - b. Register for the April 11-12 Expo.
- H. CLEMIS – Begeman reported
 - 1. Property room & evidence enhancement survey – please respond

Old Business – N/A

New Business – N/A

Good of the Order -

- Chief Harman new truck. June 30th retirement date confirmed.
- Romulus in process of updating box cards

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

- April 20 – Farmington Hills
- May 18 – Novi
- June 15 – Wayne
- Sept 21 – Romulus
- Oct 19 – Van Buren
- Dec 21 – Holiday Luncheon – Location TBA

Adjournment – 1:10PM