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

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2023**

**Belleville – Loranger**

**Canton -Stoecklein, Hayes**

**Dearborn – Murray**

**Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Badalow**

**Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such**

**Farmington Hills – Baloga**

**Garden City – Keen**

**Inkster – Hubbard**

**Livonia – Jennison, Clay**

**Melvindale – Murray**

**Northville City – Samhat**

**Northville Twp - Siegel**

**Novi - Duczmyminski**

**Plymouth City – Samhat**

**Plymouth Twp – Conely**

**Redford Twp – N/A**

**Romulus – N/A**

**Taylor – Pochron, Dudek**

**Van Buren – McInally**

**Wayne – Stradtner**

**Westland – N/A**

**Guest(s): Staelens (DTE), Lynn (AccuMed), Jordyn   
Sellek (CWW), Hughes (Belfor)**

**Host Agency: Van Buren Twp Fire Dept**

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

1. Round table introductions
2. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – None at this time.
3. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host. Thanks to Chief McInally for hosting today’s meeting.
4. Approval of June Meeting Minutes – Motion by Jennison, support by McInally. Motion carried.

**Public Comments –** None

**Report of Officers**

1. President Murray reported on the following:
2. Apology – Murray tarted today’s meeting off by taking responsibility and apologizing for the recent incident in Dearborn Heights, in which he made an error in judgement. He thanked everyone for their support during this difficult time.
3. Election of Officers – Nominations to be accepted near the end of today’s meeting under New Business. Stoecklein will be stepping down as Vice President, all other board members are interested in staying in their position.
4. FRI – attended by contingent of SE and WW Members
5. Chief Menifee was awarded Great Lakes Fire Chief of the Year
6. GMET Medical funding discussion – Murray provided further details, to be run concurrently with QAAP. More to come.
7. Chief Rick Lasky “Organizing the Fire Ground, S&T Training” to be held in Dearborn. Nov 13, 14, 15 morning or afternoon classes. All Departments are welcome, $100pp. Flyer distributed.
8. Gordon Graham in Canton tomorrow – Oct 20th. RAFT911.org
9. Vice President Stoecklein –
   * Legislative update provided
   * DTE – Explained the issues that Canton experienced immediately following the recent tornado touchdowns. Several meetings with DTE reps have occurred, in an effort to improve communications related to future shutdowns. Kirstie Staelens introduced herself as our area representative. She provided information on how her liaison position should benefit everyone in the organization. Mentioned the Arcs and Sparks program and future schedule.
   * As Murray mentioned earlier, Stoecklein explained why he’s decided to step down as Vice President of this organization.
10. Secretary Siegel reported:
    * Met with MMRMA in preparation of our annual renewal.
    * Reminder that Western Wayne is eligible for grant funding (RAP and CAP). Special teams will look into the process.
    * WWMutualAid.com website – board approved a pay increase to our current webmaster. Went from $599/year to $1200/year. It was agreed that this was still a discounted rate.
    * Emergency Management / LEPC – Approved for another round of UASI funding for body armor PPE. Will work towards streamlining the process and hoping to avoid future headaches. Much discussion followed.
11. Treasurer Brogan provided report:
12. Account balances (as of 10.16.23)
    1. Checking $311,404.55
    2. Savings $355,164.74

Motion to accept by O’Such, second by McInally. Motion carried.

* + Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates

Van Buren plane crash $6274

Van Buren Hazmat $7126 – McInally reported that a check will be cut/sent soon for both these incidents.

Inkster FD – Non-participation re: Team Dues $5000

**Report of Committees and Task Groups**

1. Conference of Western Wayne - Jordyn Sellek reported:
   1. Thanks for supporting the recent banquet
   2. Legislative Update provided on the following bills:
      1. Minimum staffing bill looks like it’s stalled
      2. Paramedic training just passed from the Senate
      3. HB 4613 & 14 – BiPartisan sponsorships – extends licensures. Committee hearing only.
      4. EMS billing legislation has been stopped.
      5. Yaroch bill allowing 16 year old has been revised to 17yo. More to come.
      6. Installation of responder’s radio coverage inside of schools. Currently under revision.
      7. National Registry
2. Emergency Management - EM Hayes reported:
   1. Continue to monitor situation between Israel and Hamas
   2. Week of Nov 5th – Winter Weather Awareness Week
   3. Looking at better options to provide communities with electricity when the power is out in a community,
3. EMS and HEMS
   1. Board of Trustees – Siegel reported:
      1. All their financial reports have been reviewed and approved
      2. Budget approved at last meeting
      3. Hannah Evans is the new medical director
      4. Naloxylone Leave Behind program – six departments are currently participating in this program.
      5. E-Bridge update
   2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Conely reported:
      1. Power failures and how they affect people on oxygen. Further insight to this topic, as mentioned earlier by Hayes.
   3. Operations – Brogan reported:
      1. E-Bridge
      2. Narcan
      3. Naloxylone
      4. Mentioned some anticipate drug shortages
      5. Protocols under revision
4. Training Report
   1. CTC Updates – Badalow provided report:
      1. Funding update and explained anticipated allocated funds for FY24.
      2. Next meeting to be held Oct 30th held in Southgate at Noon.
5. Special Operations Reports
   1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported
      1. Hoping to schedule a zoom meeting in the near future to discuss attendance and compliance.
   2. HazMat Report - Chief Siegel reported:
6. No incidents to report
7. Livonia hosted recent training on Hazmat Command
8. Next month’s training is on Radiological Emergencies
9. Area Rae’s have been purchased
   1. MUSAR Report - Chief Badalow reported on the following
      1. Reviewed recent and future training schedule.
      2. Recent night training was extremely beneficial.
      3. Squad Officer course in VA – four team members are attending this week
      4. MI-MABAS offered reimbursement for training, which was approximately $17,000 of training funds that were approved.
      5. New members (Westland and Inkster)
10. Mutual Aid Box Alarm – N/A
    1. State Updates –
    2. Box Card Updates –
    3. Stamper will be our new representative.
11. Other Chief Association Reports
    1. MAFC –
       1. Expo – held in Grand Rapids. May 21-22, 2024 at DeVos. Golf outing & awards banquet to happen on Monday, May 20th to kickoff the event.
       2. Membership form was distributed. Hoping to increase attendance to the MiChiefs
    2. SE –Annual Holiday Party – Dec 14, 2023 at the Fowling Warehouse in Hamtramck.
    3. Downriver – Asst. Chief Densmore retired from Dearborn. He’s the new fire chief at Ypsilanti Twp FD.
12. CLEMIS – Begeman reported
    1. Updated enhancement list is available for you to review
    2. Dearborn now CAD

Old Business – N/A

New Business –

1. Elections Committee – Demoff will chair. O’Such & Conely offered to help.
   1. President – Murray is the only candidate
   2. Vice President – Chief Siegel was nominated and accepted the vacancy due to Stoecklein stepping down
   3. Secretary position – Chief Jennison and Chief McInally both received nominations from the floor, and will be the two candidates. Vote to occur at the January 2024 meeting.
   4. Treasurer – Chief Brogan is the only candidate.

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* Opioid Lawsuit – Portis asked if any other communities received funding. Discussion.
* Mutual Aid Agreements – Stoecklein reminded that these need to be reviewed. Suggested the Bylaws be reviewed, as well. Look to schedule in January.
* Conely asked about MobilEyes and the Fire Inspectors. McInally provided insight.
* Thanks to Chief O’Such for his help with recent tire blowout
* New location at DTW seems to be working out fine. Vaskin provided some insight and related logistics.
* Chief Hubbard asked the Association to consider Countywide Fire response. He explained his thought-process and reason for thinking outside of the box. The Board agreed to look into it and get back to Hubbard. Discussion followed.

2024 Meeting Schedule (11:30AM, third Thursday)

* January 18 – Romulus
* February 15 – Redford
* March 21 – Inkster
* April 18 – Livonia
* May 16 – Plymouth Twp

November meeting – CANCELLED.

December 21st Joint Holiday Luncheon – Ford’s Garage. Register via WWMutualAid.com

Adjournment – 1:13PM