

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

September 16, 2021

**Belleville – N/A
Canton -Strassner & Hayes
Dearborn – Murray, Densmore
Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Martin, Badalow
Detroit Metro Airport – O’Such, Dunlap
Farmington Hills – Unruh, Olszewski
Garden City – N/A
Inkster - Hubbard
Livonia – Heavener, Unsworth, Jennison
Melvindale – Murray, Densmore
Northville City – Samhat
Northville Twp – Siegel, Marcotte
Novi - Johnson**

**Plymouth City – Samhat
Plymouth Twp – Phillips, Bono
Redford Twp - Demoff
Romulus – N/A
Taylor – N/A
Van Buren – Lenaghan
Wayne – N/A
Westland – Stamper & Morris**

**Guest(s): Ahonen, Hughes (Belfor), Richards (USDOT),
CWW (Haynes , Sellek)**

Hosting Agency: Livonia Fire Department (held at VistaTech)

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 – Chief Dave Heavener thanked everyone for attending.
- D. Approval of June Minutes – Motion by Demoff, second by O’Such. Motion carried.

Public Comments - None

Report of Officers

- A. President Murray reported on the following
 1. Return to in person meetings – grateful to be in-person
 2. COVID Vaccination and Testing Updates – State is looking for help with administering the boosters for the vulnerable population. Discussion followed on sites to receive the vaccine booster. Will Hayes provided details on the current COVID stats, and vaccination issues. Mentioned the impact of students going back to school and issues w/contact tracing. Booster shots available throughout the county.
 3. Nomination Committee and Nomination of Officers – October is election of officers. Chief Demoff agreed to chair the nominations committee. If anyone is interested in joining the board, let Demoff know. The current board has all secured their interest for staying on the board. Jeff Johnson & Steve Densmore will help on this elections committee.
 4. October Election of Officers – already mentioned
 5. Taylor Radio Permissions- What is still needed? Linda will work with Phillips to post those on the website, as we should keep them on file. Or, we will look at drafting a letter to the State on behalf of all WW communities. We will discuss more at next meeting.
 6. Flat Rock Leak and Haz Mat Response – Unruh will provide details during his report
 7. Railroad Emergency Contact Numbers Distributed
 8. Cyno Kits distributed to Dearborn, Inkster and Westland
- B. Vice President Stoecklein – No report. Excused absence
- C. Secretary Phillips provided brief report
 1. Secretary Report – N/A
 2. CLEMIS updates had nothing to report, as they did not meet over the summer.

- D. Treasurer Brogan reported on the following
1. Financial Report
 - a. Checking: \$123,545.12
 - b. Savings: \$ 326,398.50
 2. Overdue-Open Invoice Status Updates
Unpaid Membership Invoices: Dearborn Heights \$12,243.84, Garden City \$7,430.72, Novi \$11,835.84 and Westland \$16,455.04
Today's finance report accepted and filed
 3. DTE Communications – Brogan reported on the benefits of adding the number to contact their supervisor has really been helpful. Brogan provided details of their storm statistics and power outages in the recent months. Heavener asked about cost recovery due back to us b/c of downed wires and DTE internal staffing issues. Discussion followed on the billing issues between townships vs. cities. Issues related to entering info into the DTE portal. Use extreme caution when pulling meters & cutting drops. Upcoming projects is hoping to collaborate with the fire service. Will Hayes mentioned that WW has a new DTE rep.

Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Conference of Western Wayne (Chief Harman, Jordyn Sellek, Laura Haynes)
1. Sellek provided detailed update on the 9-1-1 legislation (HB5026) – surcharge increase explanation and issues surrounding the budget. She explained possible scenarios related to the legislation.
 2. Haynes provided details surrounding HB5094 (trauma legislation renewal). She explained the status of this bill, as it needs to stay on our radar.
 3. Sellek reported that a couple of the backup centers were overrun with calls due to the recent floods. CWW is getting their own dispatch channel through the State for better communications during events like that again.
 4. Murray mentioned that FEMA is still accepting claims for floods through mid-Oct.
- B. Emergency Management (Chief Densmore, EM Hayes)
1. COVID-19 Updates – Disaster recovery center still open in Dearborn. Renewal process for PEM.
 2. EM Updates – Hayes mentioned that the State has gone to Code Red for mass notification, which is a little more user-friendly.
- C. EMS and HEMS (Chief Siegel, Chief Phillips, Chief Brogan)
1. Board of Trustees – Siegel had nothing to report as the Exec Board has not met.
 2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Phillips was unable to attend the last meeting, but mentioned that there's an email that comes out twice weekly re: crews not wearing masks.
 3. Operations – Brogan reported on the quality review of a recent psych patient transport, and the protocol surrounding abandonment. Another issue mentioned was PD transporting a child in the back of a squad car instead of waiting for an EMS unit, which was on the way.
- D. Training Report (Chief Stoecklein, Chief Badalow, Chief Portis)
1. CTC Updates – Badalow reported
 - a. Thanks to everyone who submitted a survey, as that feedback has been compiled. News to come on the funds for next FY. Hoping to receive same amount as last year. If you have any requests, please let him know via email. They'll be reviewed by the committee.
 - b. Brogan Paratech hydro fusion – struts able to lift trucks are currently in-service. Sept 21-22 presentation / HOT opportunities at North-end station on Beech Daly.
 - c. Marcotte announced Oct 20th training opp, in participation with ISFSI, Livonia FD & Schoolcraft College – HOT re: basement fires. Free training. Limited to 2 people per dept. Flyer was distributed.
 - d. Dan Richards introduced himself. US DOT's office Hazmat Safety is available to come to your dept for training. He mentioned grant funding available for training.
 2. Act 291 Updates
- E. Special Operations Reports
1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported that the purchase of a new platform for the USAR team is close to the purchase phase. More to come next month.
 2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported on the following recent incidents:
 - a. July 22 in Plymouth Twp – F-150 entered lake
 - b. Aug 30 - Sept 3rd – Flat Rock Benzene incident – provided details related to the issues surrounding the incident, and results of spill. Finalizing cost recovery as we were assured reimbursement as this was out

of our area. Murray mentioned that if they're relying on Marathon and Class B Foam, you must work directly with Marathon under a formal agreement.

- c. Sept 13 – Wayne with a vehicle into a waterway.
3. MUSAR Report - Chief Badalow reported
 - a. PPE continue to be delivered, specifically helmets.
 - b. Last month -Steep Angle Rescue training, along with GPS & navigation scenario training
 - c. This month - Structural Collapse

- F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report (Chief Johnson, Chief Unruh)
 1. State Updates – Johnson reported that they met on July 13th via Zoom. If you need swag, go to their website to purchase via online store. Regional response coordinator training was postponed to December. Washtenaw County team was validated, and provided details of other teams that are working towards validation. Unruh provided further details to the validation, as our team is awaiting date. Detroit FD reached out and is considering becoming a MABAS division. September meeting highlights included regional response coordinator training postponed, audits, team validation, looking to do training exercises in 2022. Importance of MISIMS & after-actions from deployments.
 2. Box Card Updates
 3. Louisiana Request - Provided report of the MI-TF1 deployment to Louisiana b/c of Hurricane Ida.

- G. Other Chief Association Reports
 1. Downriver - Doug LaFond has retired as Chief of Allen Park. Ed Cann is his replacement.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None

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1. County regional grant – Siegel provided an update on this grant for bullet proof vests. Anticipated end of September, though may not arrive by then. Siegel will notify when the equipment arrives.
2. Denny Hughes – annual PPE delivery to UP – Denny reminded everyone of the upcoming trip to the UP / Escanaba Twp. Please drop off any equipment to NOMADS tomorrow, or next Friday. Thanks to everyone who has participated.
3. ERG's – 2020 guidebooks are scarce, but Dan Richards has access to a few.
4. Morris reported that Westland ER is now open. It's an extension of Garden City hospital. 35700 Warren Road, though Martin reminded that the facility is not approved by the State yet so you can not transport & bill for that.
5. Novi FD has open position for EM

Next Meeting - October 21, 2021 at 11:30AM in Plymouth Township Park (46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth)

December 16th Joint Holiday Luncheon with downriver. Location TBD

Adjournment – 12:55PM