

# WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



## WAMAA Minutes

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

9:00AM

Ann Arbor - Kennedy  
Ann Arbor Twp - Nicholai  
Augusta Twp - Music  
Belleville - Loranger  
Chelsea - Arbini  
Clinton - N/A  
Dexter Area - Smith  
Green Oak Twp - Gentry

Hamburg Twp - N/A  
Manchester Twp - Scully  
Milan Area - Stevens  
Northfield Twp - Wagner  
Pittsfield Twp - M. Chevrette, Gleason, Girbach  
Putnam Twp - Ruf  
Salem Twp - Rachwal  
Saline Area - Heiss

Scio Twp - N/A  
South Lyon - Vogel  
Sumpter Twp - N/A  
Superior Twp - V. Chevrette  
Van Buren Twp - McNally  
Ypsilanti - Hobbs  
Ypsilanti Twp - Copeland

Associates: HART (Armstrong, Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), Emergent Health (VanDaele), Washtenaw County (Swenson)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – N/A
3. Adoption of Agenda – Motion to adopt today's agenda. Moved by Kennedy, second by Smith. Carried.
4. Treasurer Report – Kennedy provided a brief report.  
Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against March 2021 bank statement:  
Checking \$62,370.09  
Savings \$33,592.36  
Motion to accept today's financial report was made by McNally, support by Loranger. Motion carried. Finance report accepted and will be filed.
5. Training Report – Nicholai reported on the following. His report was also distributed prior to today's meeting.:
  - a. Continue to work with Jackson County re: mental health training and appropriate venues to hold 40-50 attendees. May need to look at breaking this down to smaller groups.
  - b. EMT basic class is done
  - c. Fire Academy started yesterday, and runs thru July
  - d. Instructor 1 is up & running, and it's a full class.
  - e. Ag Rescue class will run Sept 8-9.
6. HazMat Report – Russ Girbach reported on the following:
  - a. Two incidents last month (both Drone activations) – barricaded gunman & missing person
  - b. Highlighted training from last month.
  - c. This next month will hold round-robin style training & spring cleaning
  - d. Discussion followed on creation of future drone teams. Rachwal shared a photo from the recent incident in Superior Twp with the Barricaded Gunman. He also shared details on the recent Search & Rescue incident in Pittsfield Twp and shared the map of the situation. Much discussion followed on the capabilities of drones, and lessons learned.
7. TRT Report – Mike Chevrette reported on the following:
  - a. No incidents to report
  - b. Today's report was distributed via email to members.

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- c. Last month's training was held in Ypsilanti Twp, and involved a full-scale collapse awareness course.
- d. This month's training will be held April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wheeler Center, preparing for MABAS operational validation evaluation.
- e. Swiftwater team went over equipment familiarization & put equipment in service.
- f. TRT Operational Readiness – evaluation scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> at Wheeler Center. All Chiefs are encouraged to attend. State MABAS is looking to feature WAMAA. If you are interested in attending, you must notify Mike Chevrette prior to showing up. Gleason complimented this team and their work.

8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported on the following:

- a. Callout Flowchart – Rachwal shared screen and reviewed this document in detail. Much discussion followed on the process. The importance of clarity of the callout is extremely important. Continue to provide your feedback to Rachwal as we work through this process.

9. Dispatch Report – VanDaele continues to work on the Pro QB. He provided update on the process, as they are hoping to go live in the next month. Tested medical yesterday, with final fire testing this Friday. Hoping to have better idea of timeline next week. Superior, Ypsilanti City & Ypsilanti Twp offered a training last week to dispatchers, who found it very valuable. If you have anything happening in your community, please let him know as this type of training is an excellent opportunity.

10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Craig Swenson reported:

- a. Listened to the Ingham brush fire situation, and was pleased with the inter-operability.
- b. Working with Ingham County to get their new talk groups setup

11. Medical Control Report – Henderson provided an update.

- a. Thanked all the chiefs & reps who have met with him, as they have provided helpful information of their county's processes.
- b. Grant update – Cyanokits. Henderson needs to know where you would like these kits setup strategically in the county.
- c. Naloxone update

12. Officers Committee Report – Nicholai provided a brief report, as well as previous minutes were distributed.

- a. ICS & Accountability policies for the county – update provided. Challenges surrounding Blue Card and Traditional ICS, as people are strong in their choice.
- b. Salamander Cards & Passports – standardization is a challenge.
- c. The committee will continue to move forward with the process. Next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

13. HART Report – Roger Simpson reported on the following:

- a. Five callouts this past month
- b. Certificate of Appreciation from HART to the WAMAA was received. Roger thanked us for our support.
- c. Barricaded gunman was a major event, which HART handled very well. Rachwal provided more details on the Superior Twp Fire Department's support (floor plans, lights, etc.) to the Sheriff's

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office during this event. Vic Chevrette said there needs to be a better liaison from the Sheriff's office, as they should have a liaison on WAMAA.

- d. For callouts, he requested that some sort of standardization be created in an effort to notify HART. Discussion followed on second box alarm and HART's availability. More to come.

### **14. Old Business**

- a. MABAS Agreements - Kevin Gentry has offered to reach out to any WAMAA community's attorneys, to explain the agreement and any issues or questions they may have. Dexter & Saline asked Gentry to reach out to their lawyers.

### **15. New Business - None**

### **16. Good of the Order**

- a. Invitation from the Washtenaw 100 - April 22<sup>nd</sup> Chiefs Reception.
- b. Smith provided an update on the recent Public Hearing on PA291. The zoom call had over 200+ attendees on the call. He provided details to some of the comments that occurred. We have not heard yet if the rules have passed. The biggest issue seemed to be reciprocity & CEU hours.
- c. Kennedy mentioned historically we've had a summer break. It was discussed that there will be no meetings in June and July. We will confirm at our next meeting.

### **17. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 9:00AM via Zoom**

### **18. Adjournment – 9:56AM**