

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

9:00AM Held at Salem Twp Fire Dept & via Zoom

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

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

Scio Twp – Houde
South Lyon – Vogel
Sumpter Twp – N/A
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – McInally
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Copeland

Associates: HART (Armstrong, Simpson), Med Control (Domeier, Henderson), Emergent Health (Kasten, VanDaele), Washtenaw County (Swenson), Belfor (Hughes), MJ White & Son (Knibbs, Neal), First OnSite (Strudgeon)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today’s meeting to order at 9:00AM. Welcome to everyone who attended today’s meeting “in-person” and via Zoom. Looking forward to getting back to some kind of normal.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – Vic Chevrette mentioned two correspondences – HVA for Towers & MPSCS, notification of downtime.
3. Adoption of Agenda – Motion to adopt today’s agenda. A few additions were approved. Moved by McInally, second by Ruf. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer Report – Kennedy provided a brief report.
Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against April 2021 bank statement:
Checking \$58,807.72
Savings \$33,592.36
Today’s finance report was accepted unanimously and will be filed.
5. Training Report – Nicholai reported on the following. His report was also distributed prior to today’s meeting:
 - a. Health & Wellness initiative provided funding opportunities and classes have been scheduled. Location TBA.
 - b. Rescue Task Force – exercise on May 26th in Manchester.
 - c. Email was sent out re: equipment / feedback needed.
 - d. Fire Academy Update – ten participants
 - e. Instructor 1 (run in conjunction with Livingston County) completed April 18th.
 - f. Ag Rescue program Sept 8-9
6. HazMat Report – Russ Girbach reported on the following:
 - a. One activation last month (M-14 at Barton Drive)
 - b. Training was held in Northfield Twp
 - c. Next month’s training will be held in Ann Arbor (at Wheeler Center) performing flaring operations.
7. TRT Report – Mike Chevrette reported on the following. His report was also distributed electronically.

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- a. Last month's training was held at the Wheeler Center, conducted scenarios for MABAS validation and swift water evaluation
 - b. This month's training will be held in Pittsfield Twp on May 12th.
 - c. Manchester Fire Dept asked for Standby personnel on May 16th Canoe Race. Need four members to participate. Loranger asked about the process for pricing on this request. Chevrette explained.
 - d. June 14th Operational Readiness Exam
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported on the following:
- a. Washtenaw County will be the first validation. Will try to record the process as it's a learning process. Nice job to the team.
 - b. Phone call test with Everbridge – Rachwal provided the details surrounding the anticipated process. More info to follow.
 - c. Eight trucks responded to the request to be added to the brush strike team. Concept of operation was explained.
 - d. Drone teams met at MOB Center in Holly. If you need 3-D mapping, accuracy can get within ½". Let Jim know if you need the contact info.
9. Dispatch Report – Kristin Kasten provided an update on the Pro QA project. Go Live dates will be published by the next meeting. Next hurdle will be responder orientation. Continues to work with VanDaele regarding training plan and receiving information. VanDaele mentioned they completed the CAD upgrade, and issues have been fixed.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Craig Swenson reported:
- a. Tower outage
 - b. Livingston County
 - c. Vogel provided an update on the status of Oakland County rollout.
 - d. Miller confirmed the resolution with talk groups.
11. Medical Control Report – Domeier & Henderson provided an update.
- a. Cyanokits are in Henderson's possession at this time. Tentative map was presented to this board for distribution. Ready by June 1st. Sealed in a bag, and should be kept in the vehicle that's most likely to be at the fire scene.
 - b. Naloxone (Narcan) kits available to ALS agencies June 1st
 - c. MCA is a program sponsorship for CE's. Henderson will continue to submit for more credits.
 - d. Review board update. Nothing significant that affected FD's.
 - e. TXA (medication for trauma & severe blood loss) MCA is adopting June 1st.
12. Officers Committee Report – Nicholai reported on the following
- a. Met back in April, continue working on ICS & Accountability policies.
 - b. Evacuation policy still needs more discussion, and continue to provide feedback.
 - c. Next meeting is May 18th.
13. HART Report – Roger Simpson provided a very brief report, as there were no callouts in April.
14. Old Business – N/A

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15. New Business –

- a. Update on WAMAA Agreement / Interlocal Authority Agreement –
 - i. Kennedy mentioned concerns surrounding the current wording in the agreement. He provided detailed information on the Interlocal Agreement & suggested the rewording of the section re: Hazmat Team Authority. Gentry provided feedback on this suggestion. Rachwal asked Gentry to provide feedback & quote on the process i.e. cost, time. More to come, as it was agreed that we stop moving forward with the WAMAA agreement until we do more research. Rachwal agreed with Kennedy that cleaning up this language, and possible starting from scratch, seems like the right move. Smith said this will protect our organization and is a solid investment.
- b. Chief Craig Hoeft (Saline FD) is retiring in June – Gleason will present his plaque soon.
- c. Due to Hoeft's retirement, there is a vacancy on the Hazmat Authority Board. This position needs to be filled. Gleason made a motion to nominate Chief Andy Houde (Scio Twp FD), seconded by Vic Chevrette. Motion carried.
- d. Homeland Security Taskforce vacancy due to Hoeft's retirement – Vogel nominated Nicholai, who declined. Gleason nominated Andy Houde for this position as well, and Vic Chevrette seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Rachwal mentioned new Tarp device which smothers the fire in less than 20 minutes – available for use. Great for electric vehicles, batteries.

16. Good of the Order

- a. Sidelinger Training Trailer Dedication – May 7th. Kennedy provided details on this ceremony, as it'll be held at the Wheeler Center (rain or shine). Everyone is welcome.
- b. Vogel has resigned from Washtenaw Hundred Club - Chief Wagner has taken over that position.
- c. Smith reported on the following:
 - i. Rules update – Public hearing was back in March. He provided details of the process, as they are moving to JCAR. More to come.
 - ii. Dexter FD experienced a recent Wire down incident (large fiber optic cable) – Smith is working with VanDaele, as there were some issues with dispatch & the overall notification process.
 - iii. New Dexter station opening update – staggered staffing explained. Hoping to host an upcoming WAMAA meeting in a few months.

17. Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 9:00AM. Location TBA.

****No meetings will be held in June & July****

18. Adjournment – 10:01AM