

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA Minutes

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

9:00AM Held at Salem Twp Fire Dept

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

Hamburg Twp - N/A
Manchester Twp - N/A
Milan Area - Stevens
Northfield Twp - Wagner
Pittsfield Twp - Gleason, Girbach
Putnam Twp - N/A
Salem Twp - Rachwal
Saline Area - Sperle

Scio Twp - Houde
South Lyon - Conrad
Sumpter Twp - Brown
Superior Twp - N/A
Van Buren Twp - McInally
Ypsilanti - Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp - Copeland

Associates: HART (Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), Emergent Health (Kasten), Washtenaw County (Swenson), Belfor (Hughes)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today’s meeting to order at 9:00AM.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – Nothing to report
3. Adoption of Agenda – Motion to adopt today’s agenda. Moved by McInally, second by Kennedy. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer Report – Kennedy & Stone provided a brief report.
Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against July 2021 bank statement:
Checking \$64,596.51
Savings \$33,593.45
Motion by Wagner, support by Smith. Motion carried. 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. County training survey was due by August 1st, Nicholai will forward to the State.
 - b. HAYO training – Aug 26th, register via SMOKE
 - c. Fire Academy completion
 - d. Ag rescue class
6. HazMat Report – Russ Girbach reported on the following:
 - a. A few drone callouts, but not a lot of activity.
 - b. Drone Team is now Type 1 due to increase in members
 - c. Annual golf outing is Sept 27th. Wagner made a motion to support the golf outing with a \$1500 donation, support by Gleason. Motion carried. Stone will mail out this week.
 - d. Rachwal thanked Pinnacle for use of their tanker.
7. TRT Report – Mike Chevrette was not able to attend today’s meeting. Rachwal highlighted Chevrette’s report which was distributed electronically.
 - a. WAMAA’s Team is TRT certified.
 - b. Gleason mentioned they’re getting ready to do the Tower portion
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported on the following:

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- a. Review of flow chart (draft format). Rachwal provided details of the process re: how to rollout a MABAS request. Please provide any feedback to Rachwal &/or Kristin Kasten.
9. Dispatch Report – Kristin Kasten provided an update
 - a. Pro Q Live update – September 14th & 15th is the “Go Live”
 - b. Responder orientation – ppt presentation. Rollout is up to individual departments.
 - c. Field Feedback form – Google Form allows responders to report back. Up to individual departments to regulate.
 - d. Hosting a live Q&A session
 - e. Demo went very well.
 - f. Rachwal thanked the group for their help with definitions. Discussion followed on the Fire Dispatch Review Committee (DRC). This will be a learning experience for all involved. Rachwal asked for your patience. Much discussion followed, and more to come.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Craig Swenson reported on the following:
 - a. Major projects in the process –
 - i. 911 system – hoping to implement by the end of this year. UM is the last PSAP. Moving server to Zeeb Road location
 - ii. Zeeb Road move has been pushed to late-October
 - iii. UM is about to transition to new radio system on campus. Hoping to implement by the end of August.
 - iv. Livingston County has given us authorization for additional talk groups.
 - v. AA structure fire at a pizza restaurant – Swenson listened to the radio traffic of this incident and he thought it went very well.
11. Medical Control Report – Henderson provided an update:
 - a. Two new fellows from the University (Nate M. & Dimitri D.)
 - b. Quality improvement form process is slow. He mentioned a protocol (826 & 848) issues that he discovered regarding patient contact & PCR report requirements. More to come.
 - c. Thanks to those departments who have already participated.
 - d. Tomorrow is the third day of Instructor Development workshop being held at Green Oak Twp.
 - e. EMS consortium update
 - f. Grant update
12. Officers Committee Report – Nicholai reported on the following, and also distributed report electronically.
 - a. Meeting minutes were distributed via email
 - b. Accountability policy – continue to work on this process. Good progress being made. More to come. Discussion on importance of colors vs. text
 - c. RTF policy update – review of the final draft document. Rachwal made a motion to adopt the draft EMS Rescue Task Force. Second by Nicholai. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
 - d. Next meeting Aug 17th at Ann Arbor Station 6
 - e. Continue to work on ICS

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13. HART Report – Roger Simpson provided a brief report.
 - a. June & July callouts
 - b. 2-day events with FBI
 - c. Recruiting volunteers
 - d. If you have an event and the media shows up, please mention HART in an effort to get their name out there.
14. Old Business –
 - a. Mutual Aid Agreement – Rachwal reviewed the challenges that we've faced to finalize this process, and possibilities on how to resolve. Rachwal detailed findings and some of the recommendations moving forward. After much discussion, it was agreed that Rachwal will continue to gather information and schedule informative presentations in the future.
15. New Business –
 - a. Rachwal reported that AA hosting Joint Information Center (JIC) Meeting held this Thursday. Kennedy provided further details on the process & system.
16. Good of the Order
 - a. Gleason welcomed the two new chiefs – Rick Brown (Sumpter Twp) and Jason Sperle (Saline)
 - b. Wagner mentioned the Washtenaw 100 Club – FF of the Year nominations are due Sept 13th. Annual dinner is Oct 21st, held at Travis Pointe in Saline.
 - c. Wagner attended the Quarterly EMS commission meeting was last Friday. Response times will be forwarded.
 - d. Smith – reminded everyone of the MIOSHA Part 74 survey.
 - e. Smith – grants program update & FEMA Go website issues.
 - f. Hughes (Belfor Property Restoration) – “Our Firehouse to Yours” reallocation program. They continue to accept donations which are delivered annually to UP department(s). He also provided background and the substantial impact of your donations. Next trip north is Sept 29th. Reach out to Denny directly.
 - g. FDIC is this week in Indianapolis – Rachwal mentioned this conference
 - h. Copeland – US-12 construction project and county-wide plan re: pre-emption traffic light control. Copeland did some research and explained the service. Encouraged everyone to reach out to county commissioners, as it may be covered by a county grant. More to come.
17. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 9:00AM.
18. Adjournment – 11:00AM