

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

9:00AM Held at Augusta Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp - Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Music
Belleville – Loranger
Chelsea – Arbini
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
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle

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

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

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
3. Adoption of Agenda - unanimous
4. Treasurer Report –
 - a. Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against Aug 2021 bank statement:
Checking \$44,809.34
Savings \$33,593.74
Motion to accept by V. Chevrette, second by Loranger. Motion carried.
5. Training Report –Nicholai distributed his report prior to today's meeting, as well as provided hardcopies. He reviewed major highlights from his report. Kennedy reported that AA is hosting an Instructor 1 class, and they are hosting Fire Officer 1 in January 2022. McInally mentioned VBTFD is hosting a weekend Fire Instructor 1 course starting in Oct. Rachwal mentioned Cargo Tanker Truck training, which is a certifying course from the state police
6. HazMat Report – Russ Girbach was unable to attend today's meeting, so Rachwal reported on the following:
 - a. UM game
 - b. Flat Rock incident – Ford Motor Company accepted responsibility for the fuel spill. Update on the response. Expectation that there will be reimbursement for this incident. Discussion followed on the benefits of an IMAT team. Rachwal explained MISIMS.
 - c. Hazmat Golf Outing Sept 27th – Wagner provided info.
7. TRT Report – Mike Chevrette provided a copy of his report to the membership. He reviewed the report during today's meeting. Rachwal provided further insight on the Milan incident that involved diesel spill of 50+ gallons. More to come.
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal provided the following report:
 - a. TF1 was sent to Louisiana
 - b. Explained the process of rostering and accepting the resources
 - c. Developing division coordinator positions
9. Dispatch Report – Kasten reported on the following:

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- a. Go Live date is Sept 14th 10AM
 - b. Responder orientation & field feedback forms have been sent. Reminder: The field feedback form is for you to decide how you want to use it.
 - c. Two Q&A sessions on Wed & Fri (1000 & 1900 both days / same Zoom link for every session)
 - d. Kennedy mentioned storms back on Aug 9th. DTE has an online portal that you can enter wire downs, which is very beneficial. Discussion followed on the benefits of utilizing this portal. EHP staff was great that day.
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Swenson reported on the following:
- a. DTE & Consumers are joining the MPSCS, and bringing one frequency each to our system within the next year. Discussion followed on communications process.
 - b. Almost complete with adding two additional frequencies that Washtenaw County funded.
 - c. UM system is the backup system for many of WAMAA depts. Swenson explained how the backup systems work. Swenson reported that UM upgraded to digital. Discussion followed on the valid reasons behind texting 9-1-1.
11. Medical Control Report – Kevin Henderson reported on the following:
- a. Quality Improvement follow up (virtual meetings via Zoom) - tomorrow (9/08) at 9AM, Thurs (9/09) at 1PM & Thurs (9/16) at 1PM. Much discussion followed on expectations of documentation and related / required medical reports. More to come.
 - b. Ultrasounds – you may see these on incidents as they are with the new Fellows.
 - c. Grants – we’ve been paid for Cyanokits.
 - d. CE Consortium – update on site: added lesson plans, CHIT sheets, rosters. Submitting for more lesson plans. There is a training calendar on the MCA website. Please submit any training you have happening. Discussion followed.
12. Officers Committee Report – Nicholai reported on the following:
- a. Continue to work on accountability process
 - b. Continue to work on policies
 - c. Next meeting Sept 21st at 9AM
13. HART Report – Simpson reported
- a. One callout in August
 - b. Cemetery detail last month and again next week
 - c. Discussion on the box card system and activating HART.
14. Old Business
- a. WAMAA Charter – Rachwal provided an update, and findings after meetings with attorney. Moving forward with a proposal to rewrite the charter. Hoping to bring to the membership at the next meeting. More to come.
15. New Business
- a. MSP / WCSO Responses – Rachwal provided background of recent arson incident in his community. MSP is short-staffed, which is affecting urgent support calls. Discussion followed on the problems. Rachwal has asked for a meeting. More to come.

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16. Good of the Order

- a. Chief Rob Vogel retirement from South Lyon FD.
- b. Introduction of new DNR representative (Robert Beaudoin). Discussion followed on their available resources.
- c. Belfor – Denny Hughes introduced new rep Walt Radu (formerly from Dearborn FD). He also provided an update on the Detroit Tigers game this Saturday and the request for 500 first responders to be invited on the field prior to the game.
- d. Grants – Rachwal asked if anyone had any updates. FY22 grants are coming quick. Rachwal talked about air pack washer that he saw at FDIC. We might want to consider for a regional grant.

17. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 9:00AM – to be held at Dexter FD.

18. Adjournment – Motion by Gleason, second by McInally. Motion carried.