

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

9:00AM Held at Northfield Twp Fire Dept

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

Hamburg Twp - Miller
Manchester Twp - N/A
Milan Area - N/A
Northfield Twp - Wagner
Pittsfield Twp - M. Chevrette, Gleason
Putnam Twp - N/A
Salem Twp - Rachwal
Saline Area - Sperle

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

Associates: BFS (SFM Sehlmeier) HART (Simpson), Med Control (Domeier, Henderson), Emergent Health (Kasten), Belfor (Hughes), DNR (Beaudoin), Washtenaw County (Swenson)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today’s meeting at 9:00AM. Pledge of allegiance.
2. Bureau of Fire Services Update – State Fire Marshal Kevin Sehlmeier introduced himself, and provided a detailed report. He highlighted the FireTrainingMI website, GovDelivery, Training Council and training opportunities. He reported that the Rules are complete and awaiting a seal. He explained Fire Instructor 1 & 2 exam and evaluator processes. He reported on the fireworks funds and related distribution process. Further questions or concerns, reach out to SFM’s assistant Hollie Metts: MettsH@michigan.gov. Kevin Sehlmeier’s personal cell phone (517)388-1761.
3. Correspondence / Public Comment
 - a. HEAR radio waiver – Henderson & Domeier provided insight, and reported that this was approved a while ago. HEAR waiver will be forwarded to the membership after today’s meeting.
 - b. SMAFC – Holiday Luncheon held December 9th in Southfield. Register via www.MiChiefs.org
4. Adoption of Agenda - approved
5. Treasurer Report –
 - a. Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against October 2021 bank statement:
Checking \$67,211.92
Savings \$33,594.01
 - b. Membership renewal invoices will be sent via email on Nov 15, 2021.Motion to approve today’s financial report by V. Chevrette, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.
6. Training Report – Nicholai reviewed this report, which was also distributed via email to members prior to today’s meeting.
7. HazMat Report – Rachwal reported they continue to diligently train, as there are still a couple UM football games left in the season. Will be meeting with WW and other colleagues to discuss After-Action & Lessons-Learned from the Flat Rock incident. Need a host location for Hazmat Truck. Discussion followed.

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8. TRT Report – Chevrette reviewed this report, which was also distributed via email to members prior to today’s meeting. Hobbs requested clarification of the standing schedule and status of the training calendar & notifications. Chevrette & Rachwal provided details.
9. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported they are looking to do a full-scale exercise in 2022. Drone team update. Sgt Dowell (MSP) is holding a class Nov 9th for Drones & crime scene investigations. If you’re interested in attending a pilot’s class, let Rachwal know. Looking at expanding MABAS into brush response trucks. Rachwal continues to fill box cards. MABAS and MSP Hazmat are looking at trying to type teams with equipment listings. More to come. Washtenaw & Oakland County are the only two validated teams right now. Chevrette confirmed that Tower & Swiftwater validations to occur Spring 2022.
10. Dispatch Report – Kristin reported on the following:
 - a. Upgrades: Firewall upgrade on Nov 9th (6:30AM). Nov 11th CAD upgrade (6:30AM). Fixing bugs in an effort to reduce errors.
 - b. Reviewed numbers and times, and the process of launching ProQA. Echo & Delta structure fires & related times.
 - c. Top ten chief complaints – reviewed report
 - d. Rescue Task Force – dispatching script being developed. Discussion followed on the anticipated process.
 - e. Rachwal said they want to meet with sheriff’s dispatch. Smith mentioned the recent incident in Dexter (Hadley Road fire).
 - f. Wires down incident in Dexter. Discussion followed on how to fix issues.
 - g. Post Go-Live visits from Priority Dispatch (Nov 9-10 / virtual). DRC meeting on Nov 9th. DSC meeting on the 10th.
11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Rachwal reported that the Dixboro Tower went down yesterday. Requested from Kasten that this info gets dispatched as an alert. Swenson provided further details on why the tower went down and how the issue was rectified. Work is being performed on nearby towers, including WEMU & Bemis Road over the next week. Swenson emphasized the portable-to-portable capabilities, as this tower work might cause degradation in your area. Dave Halteman announced at the consortium meeting that he’s retiring March 2022. Dispatch Move Date is Dec 8th. Dispatch Center Open house is Nov 18th. Texting to 911 capability. Kasten mentioned the new countywide software Texty, went live yesterday. Swenson & Kasten provided further details on this technology.
12. Medical Control Report - Rachwal prefaced this report with issues surrounding ALS response times, as these have been discussed amongst the executive board and Ron & Paul from Emergent Health. Gleason & Rachwal mentioned SafetyNet (BLS) ambulance and summarized the process. Reviewed transport & response crisis. Domeier provided insight, as he agreed the healthcare system is “broken” across the board. Discussion followed on taxpayer expectations and related challenges to recruitment & retention. Rachwal requested that we explore options to offer transport options, as we need to plan for the future. Much discussion followed. Henderson provided information as they are looking at

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making some changes at their November meeting. Rachwal agreed that there is no simple solution, and requests input from members. Domeier agreed to look at how to help & review protocol, and stated that CAAS accreditation shouldn't be a hurdle. Sperle & Smith brought up staffing the Echo Unit and related issues.

Kevin Henderson reported on the following:

- a. The MCA office is not moving.
 - b. Reminded that WAMAA name a replacement for Capt. Barnabo's vacancy on the Med Control Advisory Board. After brief discussion, Chief Hobbs nominated Capt. Lauria, support by Wagner. Motion carried.
 - c. Cyano Kit reminder that these are available
 - d. Dead On Scene protocol reviewed. Domeier reminded that a call to Med Control is not required if patient is deceased.
 - e. Reminder - Document appropriately, and call Med Control
 - f. Narcan – change in BLS kits (2mg prefilled doses)
 - g. Fire Service Quality Improvement Initiative – status and how it's moving forward. Shared the importance of detailed report writing.
13. Officers Committee Report – Nicholai reviewed his report, which was also distributed via email to the membership prior to today's meeting. He will send a survey to each community, asking for information in an effort to purchase passports.
14. HART Report – Simpson reported that they had three callouts in October. Wagner mentioned that Roger Simpson was recognized at the Washtenaw 100 Banquet. Round of applause for his efforts.
15. Old Business
- a. Grant Activity Update – Rachwal requested that we get these done sooner than later. Mike Chevrette provided insight, specifically NFIRS reporting and how it affects grant approval. Sehlmeyer stressed the importance of uploading information to the system, and double-checking that the data was uploaded.
 - b. WAMAA Charter Update – Attorney has been hired to move forward.
16. New Business
17. Good of the Order
- a. Vic Chevrette reminded everyone to use Caution "Candy Cane" tape as cold weather approaches.
 - b. Keep everyone updated on Out of service Apparatus maintenance and repair
18. Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 9:00AM – Salem Twp Fire Dept
19. Adjournment – 11:02AM