

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

9:00AM Held at Salem Twp Fire Dept

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

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

Scio Twp - Houde
South Lyon - Weir
Sumpter Twp - Brown
Superior Twp - V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp - McInally, Lenaghan
Ypsilanti - N/A
Ypsilanti Twp - Copeland

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

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today’s meeting at 9:00AM. Pledge of allegiance.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – several emails were sent out prior to today’s meeting for reference. No public comment.
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved.
4. Treasurer Report – Mike Kennedy reported on the following:
 - a. Chase Bank account balances, as reconciled against November 2021 bank statement:
Checking \$73,185.06
Savings \$33,594.56
Motion to accept today’s treasurer’s report by Gleason, second by V. Chevrette.
 - b. Membership renewal were invoices sent via email on Nov 15, 2021.
 - c. TRT 2022 Budget – to be discussed during TRT report.
5. Training Report – electronic version was distributed via email to members. Nicholai highlighted the upcoming training opportunities and Fire & EMT academies. Discussion followed on required minimum attendance to be covered by fireworks funds.
6. HazMat Report – Girbach provided a brief report. He mentioned that they need to move & house a vehicle (box truck), so please let him know if you have interior space. Rachwal mentioned that Western Wayne Hazmat Team completed their validation, though there were a lot of lessons learned. MABAS appears to be gaining traction and moving these validations across the state. Henderson provided further insight, as Magda has announced his retirement. Reach out to Rachwal for their team’s contact info.
7. TRT Report – This report was distributed via email to members prior to today’s meeting. Mike Chevrette provided details of the proposed FY22 budget. After some discussion and Q&A, Rachwal stated that the Executive Board has reviewed the budget in detail and recommends that we adopt as proposed. Motion by Rachwal, seconded by Nicholai. Motion carried unanimously.
8. MABAS Report – Rachwal reported on the following.
 - a. Liaison officer – training was held last week. If you’re interested in this training, let Rachwal know.
 - b. Mobilization exercise planned for 2022, details provided.

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- c. Rachwal will be working on fine tuning Washtenaw County's deployment plan. We continue to develop these plans. Gleason reviewed the staffing changes with EMD. Kasten stated that participation is highly encouraged. Everything is on the national level, standardizing to the FEMA model.
9. Dispatch Report – Rachwal introduced Karl Rock (VP of Ops, HVA). Kristin continued with her report:
 - a. Pro QA update – continually strive to improve with review of data. Rachwal asked about filtering information that is pushed out. Kasten said the process is being reviewed, as this has been a topic of the DRC's. Discussion followed on the ISO reporting process.
 - b. Second post go-live meeting to be held on Dec 14-15 (on-site). She provided details of the anticipated agenda.
 - c. Seeing increase of Priority 1 calls, looking into reasons.
 - d. New position – Fire Dispatch Only position. Posted on indeed.com. They are looking for FF to fill position(s).
10. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report – Mark Agnott reported on the current issues they are having with the Zeeb Road facility & related move, as things didn't go as smoothly as anticipated. Rachwal asked about the data phone issues, which Mark confirmed have been resolved.
11. Medical Control Report – Henderson reported on the following:
 - a. Narcan change & usage was explained in detail. If you need a trainer to borrow for your department, let Henderson know. You'll start seeing this update soon, if not already.
 - b. Dead on Scene & Determination of Death protocols – going to state for approval, should be out by the end of the month. Note: Dead on Scene is not an ALS protocol. Discussion followed.
 - c. Cyano Kits – Smoke inhalation patients do benefit. Make sure these are available.
 - d. Naloxylone Leave Behind Kits
 - e. QAQC – Rachwal asked How will it look in 2022. Discussion. Some reports are still lacking with pertinent information. Remember, that you can amend reports.
 - f. Rachwal stated that this Executive Board is meeting tomorrow with Medical Control re: transport crisis. Hoping to find solutions. Henderson provided details on Safety Net Ambulance. Gleason provided further insight of the CAAS accreditation, and the recent conversation with Domeier / HVA. Rachwal made a motion to offer a closed session to anyone interested in details after today's meeting, second by Arbini. Motion carried. Rachwal assured that he will keep everyone updated.
12. Officers Committee Report – Nicholai provided reports electronically, prior to today's meeting. He highlighted the info. Remember to provide your information re: accountability boards. Next meeting is Dec 14th. Rachwal thanked this committee for their hard work.
13. HART Report - Rogers reported that there were two callouts in November. Baskets will be done for Christmas, and they will be delivered on Dec 23rd. Please return the baskets to HART so they can be reused.
14. Old Business

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- a. Grant Activity Update - Wiggins provided the following update on the seven grants to be applied for, which are due Dec 17th.
- b. WAMAA Charter Update – Kennedy reported that the executive board has been provided a draft document for their initial review. More to come, as there is another meeting with the law firm this Friday. WAMAA is moving away from the 501(c)(3) status and going to setup as a governmental agency, which offers more protection.

15. New Business

- a. Nominations & Election of Officers – Rachwal provided update.
- b. New MFFTC Rules – SFM attended this association last month. Rachwal reviewed some of the issues that the SFM mentioned during his presentation.
- c. Stone Contract Renewal – Kennedy provided details, and proposed that we renew the contract for the next two years. Motion by Gleason, second by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Good of the Order

- a. Kennedy – DTE is pushing the online reporting of incidents through their portal. If you need a 6-digit PIN (each jurisdiction has their own PIN), please reach out to Kennedy. Miller provided insight, as this is a very user-friendly application. By the end of 2022, they are hoping to go to a county-based (GIS layer) portal. Very helpful, especially during Storm Days.
- b. Kennedy - DTE - bringing back Arcs & Sparks trailer / educational.
- c. Kennedy provided DTE's High Priority Call-In Line – 313.235.3473.
- d. Kennedy & Smith provided further details on the County Training Committee appointments – April 1st of every year. Nicholai provided further details on the process, and feels that we are in compliance. More to come, as Nicholai will revise and bring back to this group for review.

17. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 9:00AM – Northfield Twp FD will host.

18. Adjournment – 10:10AM