

WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION



WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Hosted by Superior Twp Fire Dept

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

Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – Scully
Milan Area – Stevens
Northfield Twp – N/A
Pittsfield Twp – Dorian, M. Chevette
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle

Scio Twp – Houde
South Lyon – Thorington
Sumpter Twp – Brown
Superior Twp – V. Chevette
Van Buren Twp – McInally
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Copeland

Associates: HART (Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), HVA (Rock), DNR (Beaudouin), BMS CAT/Jarvis (Spreyer)

1. Meeting Called to Order - Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM. Pledge of allegiance.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment – V. Chevette had nothing to report.
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved. Will move
4. Medical Control Report - Henderson reported:
 - a. Trauma kits – update. Funding
 - b. Opening for advisory seat – Rachwal said that Joe Valentine (Chelsea) expressed interest. He asked this group if anyone was interested – Chief Mike Kennedy raised his hand. A description of the responsibilities will be sent to the full WAMAA membership, along with request for interest.
 - c. Typically sends emails to EMS reps. If communication from your dept's rep is slow, then you will receive an email.
 - d. Air Q3 – not a lot of interest so far.
 - e. Naloxone Leave-Behind program – if you are not involved yet, reach out to Kevin if you're interested.
 - f. St. Joe's ED Ambulance Entrance – Rachwal reminded everyone that the ambulance entrance is closed until further notice. Use alternative entry point.
5. Treasurer Report - Houde reported:
 - a. Chase Bank account balances, as of March 6, 2023:
Checking \$16,001.95
Savings \$33,598.66
 - b. Proposed budget – information distributed last month. Further discussion. Will move forward with refining the proposed team fees. More to come.
Motion to adopt by Rachwal, support by Stevens. Motion carried,
6. Training Report - Nicholai reported was sent electronically for reference. Mark provided details on the upcoming training schedule and locations. All classes still have seats available.
7. HazMat Report – report was sent electronically for reference. Rachwal reported on the recent training feat. retired DEA agent presenter. He highlighted the dangers of fentanyl / carfentanil that were taught during the class. Much discussion on the lessons learned from this class.

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8. TRT Report - Chevrette sent detailed report electronically for reference Mike highlighted upcoming training schedule and locations. Upcoming training exercise to involve 20-25 team members. Mike explained the anticipated process of the event. Swiftwater Rescue conducted annual test. Looking to purchase three tablets.
9. MABAS Report - Rachwal reported:
 - a. MSU incident – lessons learned and insight
 - b. MABAS exercises in the future
10. Dispatch Report - Rock / HVA reported:
 - a. Director of Comms interviews happening this afternoon
 - b. Thanks for everyone’s patience during all the weather-related events. Karl provided statistics on dispatches during those bad weather days.
 - c. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week – running second week of April
 - d. Contracts for dispatching are expiring.
 - e. Received a couple requests re: licensures. If you need a letter, reach out to Karl.
11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Rachwal provided a report, as Swenson wasn’t here. If anyone is interested in Everbridge paging service, please let him know. Kennedy provided further insight, as he had conversations as our fire rep with the Project Oversight Committee (POC). Much discussion followed on the issues and anticipated problems and funding.
12. Officers Committee Report Nicholai sent his report electronically for reference prior to today’s meeting. Mark provided an update on Accountability project, as it’s complete. All engraving should go through American Engraving. Continue to work on policies. Will bring Evacuation policy back for approval. Meeting minutes and agendas were provided in the packet. Copeland expressed his gratitude to Nicholai for his work on these policies.
 - a. Incident Communications Policy – Rachwal made a motion to adopt the policy, second by Nicholai. Motion carried unanimously. Houde will reach out to Nicholai with his suggestions/changes.
 - b. Working Fire Assignments Policy – Rachwal made a motion to adopt, second by V. Chevrette. Discussion followed. Rachwal asked that this motion be tabled for now.
 - c. Box Cards – committee is looking to coordinate info found on box cards.
13. HART Report – Simpson provided an update, as February was a busy month with eight callouts. He requested if anyone has an LP Tank storage cage they are not using, they need one as they are trying to upgrade their heating capabilities. They still need volunteers.
14. DNR - Beaudoin reported:
 - a. Wildland 2023 fire grants are open – closing in June.
 - b. Federal Excess property – new rep (Jeff Corser)
 - c. Burn season opening in a few weeks.
 - d. If you have state property in your community, they need to be mapped.
 - e. DNR has a mutual aid agreement.
15. Old Business -

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- a. Grant Activity Update – Rachwal reported that Wiggins sent invoices out. Dorian recognized Mike Chevrette for his working in getting that Aerial.
- b. WAMAA Charter Update – Rachwal provided report. Draft document was shared with all members. Please use this next month to review and provide feedback. Kennedy provided insight as to the anticipated process.

16. New Business – N/A

17. Good of the Order –

- a. McInally announced Train Derailment training: Aug 15-17
- b. Washtenaw Hundred Club – Kennedy provided details.
- c. April 11th – Kennedy reported that Ann Arbor is hosting Emergency Management training session and the lessons learned responding to an active shooter incident. See flyer/email which was distributed.
- d. MiChiefs are running Midwest Fire Rescue Expo April 11-12, 2023. www.michiefs.org for details.

18. Next Meeting – April 4th hosted by Augusta Twp

Future 2023 Meeting Schedule / Locations

May 2 Sumpter Twp

Jun 6 Ypsilanti

Sept 5 Ann Arbor

Oct 3 Pittsfield Twp

Nov 7 Ypsilanti Twp

Dec 5 Salem Twp

19. Adjournment – 10:10AM