WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - 9:00AM
Hosted by City of Ann Arbor Fire Dept

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Witt
Belleville – N/A
Chelsea – Arbini
Clinton –N/A
Dexter Area – Armstrong
Green Oak Twp – N/A
Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – N/A
Milan Area – Stevens
Northfield Twp – Bishop
Pittsfield Twp – Dorian, Chevrette, Girbach
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle
Scio Twp – Houde
South Lyon – Thorington
Sumpter Twp – Brown
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – N/A
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Wallgren

Associates: HART (Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), HVA (Rock), Belfor (Hughes), Washtenaw County 800MHz (Swenson)
Guest(s): Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Washtenaw 100 (Maly & Crispin)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
   a. The Washtenaw 100 – brief presentation (Scott Maly & Bill Crispin)
      i. Annual Dinner Oct 19th 6PM at Washtenaw Community College feat. Gordon Graham. Register at Washtenaw100.org
      ii. Brief review of organization's mission – grants, scholarships, etc.
   b. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell – Rachwal welcomed, who is just here to listen and visit today
3. Adoption of Agenda - approved
4. Treasurer Report (Houde) –
   a. Chase Bank account balances, as of August 31, 2023:
      Checking $13,363.87
      Savings $23,600.25
      Motion to adopt by Kennedy, Support by V. Chevrette. Motion carried.
   b. Membership Invoices to be sent out Nov 1st. New dues structure was adopted at June meeting.
5. Medical Control Report - Henderson reported:
   a. New Protocols - All EMS contacts should have received a hyperlink re: protocols. Prepare your personnel for possible changes.
   b. Naloxalone Leave Behind program – check your stock for expiration dates & replacement.
   c. Cyano kit program – no longer supported by the MCA
6. Training Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Nicholai highlighted bullet points of the report.
7. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically for reference. Girbach provided details. Reminded the golf outing is coming up. Rachwal said the recent joint exercise was very valuable.
8. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report sent this report electronically for reference. Chevrette reviewed, and provided info re: upcoming trainings and related schedules.
9. MABAS Report - Rachwal reported
   a. Proposal was sent to FL but the request was not accepted by FL
   b. MI-TF1 did get deployed to Vermont due to flooding
10. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Rock reported
   a. Promoted two new supervisors, now back to 24/7
   b. Promoted two CTO's

c. New generator has been ordered for the "big white school bus"

11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Rachwal / Swenson)
    a. Study to improve communications – Rachwal provided details of the recent survey that was sent out for your feedback. Online interviews to be conducted in October. Rachwal could schedule a group interview for those who are interested. Kennedy provided further insight.
    b. Communications w/Road commission – Swenson requested this group's feedback, to see if this is worth the effort. Rachwal provided details of a recent incident that occurred during a recent car wreck on M-14, where the road commission caused issue(s). Discussion followed on possible training of their supervisors on how to work in unison with emergency responders & public safety (road shutdowns, tree removals, icy roads, etc.). More to come.
    c. Requested feedback from this group re: moving to a new CAD interface (moving away Active 911). A few departments are already looking into First Due. Rachwal explained the issues that are faced by everyone's departments, which are all unique in their usage of such a platform. More to come. Swenson reminded everyone that Emergency Communications is his goal.
12. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – This group did not meet during the summer, so there was nothing to report at this time. Will move forward with reviewing policies, such as requirement(s) related to IMCI (Intentional Mass Casualty Incident), i.e. ballistic protection and active shooter situations.
13. HART Report - Simpson provided brief update:
    a. 3 fire-related callouts in June
    b. 2 callouts in July
    c. Aug – four fire-related callouts and the hazmat training event.
14. Old Business -
    a. Grant Activity Update (Wiggins) – Nothing to report, though Arbini mentioned that some grants were awarded back on Sept 1st. No awards for our area, though.
    b. WAMAA Charter Update - Rachwal deferred report to Kennedy, who provided update on this project. Attorneys are very close to moving towards individual adoption of WAMAC (501c6).
15. New Business – N/A
16. Good of the Order –
    a. Dexter picnic – Armstrong said the recent event was very well attended
    b. Belfor PPE Program – Hughes reminded everyone to donate their gently used equipment. Heading up north in 30 days.
    c. Firehouse Museum – Sept 23rd MPFFU Family Day
    d. Strengthening the Fire Service Outreach & Retention Program – Sept 14th at EMU
    e. City of AA – Kennedy stated they've officially joined Oakland County's IMT. Kennedy explained the process, which was very well organized.
    f. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell - compiling data affiliated with DTE issues. She is our ambassador, as recent tornados, train derailments, plane crashes have inundated our resources.
17. Next Meeting – October 3rd hosted by Pittsfield Twp Fire Dept

    Future 2023 Meeting Schedule / Location

    Nov 7 Ypsilanti Twp

    Dec 5 Salem Twp

18. Adjournment – 10:10AM