WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - 9:00AM
Hosted by Salem Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor - Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – N/A
Augusta Twp – Music
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 – M. Chevrette, Girbach
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal, Yurkunas
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 – Densmore, Wallgren

Associates: HART (Simpson), Med Control (Henderson), HVA (Rock), Belfor (Hughes), Washtenaw County 800MHz (Swenson)
Guest(s): Federal Engineering (Stephen Verbil)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
    a. MIOSHA – V. Chevretted provided details, as a grant is available for training
3. Adoption of Agenda – Adopted unanimously but with additional comments to be presented by Stephen Verbil at the end of this meeting.
4. Treasurer Report - Houde reported -
    a. Chase Bank account balances, as of September 30, 2023:
    Checking $5,823.06
    Savings $18,600.43
    b. Membership invoices to be sent via email by November 1st.
    Motion to accept today's financial report by V. Chevrette, second by Hobbs. Motion carried.
5. Medical Control Report - Henderson reported –
    a. CyanoKits – returns are coming in
    b. Cancellation of an ambulance from a medical – the fire agency must initiate
    c. State protocols – update provided and update on the adoption of them. Aiming for February 2024 for adoption of all.
    d. Incident discussed at PSRO – reminder that protocols have the "weight of the law" behind them
    e. Q&A followed on handling an on-scene refusal, and HVA's requirement of reporting the same refusal. This particular instance seemed redundant. Rock will followup with M. Chevrette.
6. Training Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Rachwal reported on Nicholai's behalf:
    a. Nozzle Forward class is the last training in 2023. Very well attended.
    b. FY24 Training Schedule – committee is working on this
7. HazMat Report – Girbach sent his report electronically for reference. He highlighted the following:
    a. No incidents
    b. Covering football games – four total
    c. Everything is in service, and waiting for a couple DOT inspections
    d. MABAS Skills station
    e. Postponing validation into next year
    f. Golf outing went very well. Sold out.

g. Funding Update – Sheriff's Office has earmarked $150,000 out of the Mental Health millage. Official agreement to be signed soon. More to come as we work through the details. Kennedy reminded that Hazmat and TRT are two completely separate entities.

8. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report was sent electronically for reference. M. Chevrette summarized the report:
    a. Sept training focused trench scenario
    b. Re-evaluated by MABAS during that Sept training
    c. Oct training – held on the 11th, large truck extrication
    d. GPS course – sending two members for this training
    e. Swift Water validation – looking to occur next year
    f. UASI equipment starting to come in
    g. FY24 Budget being submitted soon
    h. AAFD maintaining the 16-ft semi-rigid boat w/trailer as a city asset, which is available for this group to use locally
9. MABAS Report - Rachwal reported:
    a. Updated website
    b. Reviewing all typing
    c. Received request for engines during the summer
10. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Karl Rock reported:
    a. Hired a couple full time dispatchers, still in training
    b. Recruiting is a priority

Rachwal asked Steve Verbil to introduce himself. Federal Engineering was hired to review Washtenaw County's Dispatch system. Available afterwards to discuss further.

11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report - Swenson reported:
    a. Mentioned the recent significant system failure, which cause loss of portable coverage in the county.
    b. Two backup systems in the county (UM System and Washtenaw analog)
    c. Box Cards being reviewed and updated
    d. Putting together a proposal to replace the system, hopefully in the next two years.
    e. Possible property available in Scio Twp. More to come.
12. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Rachwal covered
    a. Rescue Task Force Draft was sent out for review. Make sure your reps make their comments. Yurkunas provided some details on the policy, as the committee is still reviewing.
13. HART Report – Simpson reported on the following:
    a. One callout in Sept.
    b. Three days working with the FBI in September
    c. Close to 40 callouts during 2023.
    d. If you have any training burns scheduled, please let them know.
    e. Still in need of a cage to secure LP tanks.
14. Old Business -
    a. Grant Activity Update (Wiggins) – Nothing to report at this time.
    b. WAMAA Charter Update – Kennedy provided an update as this process of transitioning to WAMAC continues to move forward. Rachwal reminded everyone of the importance of once

this document is approved by the attorneys in November, you will have 90 days to get it to your Board for approval.

15. New Business –
    a. Welcome to new chief of Ypsilanti Twp - Steve Densmore
16. Good of the Order –
    a. Washtenaw 100 (www.Washtenaw100.org)
        i. Annual Dinner – Oct 19th at WCC, featuring guest speaker Gordon Graham
        ii. Scholarship, Grants and Awards – Kennedy provided update on FY23 recipients
    b. Landfill now has a hazardous waste collection
    c. Family Day sponsored by the MPFFU at the Firehouse Museum had over 300+ attendees.
    d. Gently used PPE – Denny Hughes reported on the program. He stated that the trailer is heading up North (Gulliver, Michigan) tomorrow. He mentioned about two weeks ago, Lansing Twp donated a fire engine. Bob Stevens also noted that Milan Area donated a rescue truck.
17. Next Meeting – November 7th hosted by Ypsilanti Twp Fire Dept

    Future 2023 Meeting Schedule / Location

    Dec 5 Salem Twp

18. Adjournment – 10:00AM