WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 - 9:00AM
Hosted by Salem Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor – N/A
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Musid, Witt
Belleville – N/A
Chelsea – Arbini
Clinton –Scully
Dexter Area – Armstrong
Green Oak Twp – N/A
Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – Scully
Milan Area – N/A
Northfield Twp – Bishop
Pittsfield Twp – Dorian, M. Chevrette
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
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

Associates: Belfor (Hughes), HART (Simpson), HVA (Torres), MCA (Henderson), Washtenaw County (Swenson)
Guest(s): Jared Wadley (Therapy Dog program)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:10AM. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment
    a. First Responders Therapy Dogs – brief presentation by Jared Wadley. JWadley@umich.edu/(734)834-7719
    b. Washtenaw County Veteran's Agency – offering $150 food voucher Kroger for single / $300 married to any veteran that lives in Washtenaw County. Visit Washtenaw County Veterans Affairs building on Hogback.
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved.
4. Treasurer Report - Houde provided the financial report -
    a. Chase Bank account balances, as of November 30, 2023:
    Checking $13,627.22
    Savings $18,300.69
    b. Membership invoices – emailed November 15
    Motion to accept today's financial report by V. Chevrette, seconded by M. Nicholai. Motion carried.
5. Medical Control Report - Henderson reported –
    a. This Thursday is the Medical Control Corporation meeting – invitation was sent out. Everyone is welcome to attend.
    b. Brighton has started BLS transport
    c. PSRO committee – new rep approved (Gaken)
    d. State requirement – email was sent out recently from the State. MCA is evaluating.
    e. Lift Assist – discussion followed on recent incident in Augusta Twp, and related obligations to non-emergency calls and ability to charge for the call. Torres provided further details of HVA's position when a call comes in to move someone from Point A to Point B. Discussion followed, as this is becoming a frequent issue in several communities.
6. Training Report (Nicholai) – report to was sent electronically for reference. Nicholai highlighted the following:
    a. Continuing to streamline 2024 training plan
    b. We will not host a Fire/EMS Academy – not enough interested communities to justify running a class in 2024.

c. Tanker training class was very well attended. Thank you to Augusta for hosting.

7. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically for reference. Rachwal highlighted the report today, as Girbach was not available.
    a. Inputting calls into D4H
    b. Multi-Agency Train exercise was an excellent event. Looking to do that again, as it was very beneficial to have several agencies involved.
8. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report was sent electronically for reference. Mike Chevrette highlighted the following:
    a. Grain bin rescue workshop – last month's training
    b. Work day this month on Dec 13th
    c. January is a practice swim test
    d. Uploaded 2024 training calendar into D4H
    e. Training will Western Wayne's team
    f. Swiftwater update – training and validation, along with rescue boat purchase
9. MABAS Report (Rachwal) –
    a. Reps needed on committees
10. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Torres reported
    a. New trainees update
    b. Staffing positions are switching around, gaining one more in dispatch.
    c. Kudos to Swenson on setting up the backup dispatch center.
11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report - Swenson reported –
    a. Provided update on backup center
    b. Working with Oakland County to get MOU's
    c. Discussion followed on Belleville having their own talk group, and communication process.
    d. Lost equipment – Discussion followed on replacement of lost equipment (i.e. radios and pagers) and related funding.
    e. Oakland County is getting 800MHz radios. Rachwal provided update. MOU is in process.
12. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report to be sent electronically for reference
    a. Structure & Hazard Zone Abandon & Exit Policy – Adoption of this policy was tabled at last month's meeting.
    Rachwal made a motion to approve, seconded by V. Chevrette. Discussion followed. Carried.
13. HART Report - Simpson reported –
    a. One callout in Nov
    b. Basket deliveries to happen on December 24th. He explained the timing and process of returning the baskets.
    c. Discussion followed on the therapy dog presentation earlier in today's meeting.
14. Old Business -
    a. Grant Activity Update (Wiggins) - N/A
    b. WAMAC Update - Rachwal reported that this final document needs to be approved by your community's leadership. Please return by March 1st. Draft resolution was distributed.
15. New Business –
    a. Approved Board Up Companies – Retired Chief Copeland would maintain a master list for WAMAA. Rachwal asked if someone would like to help him and manage this list.

b. MSP Brighton Post Commander – Rachwal mentioned that the post is not manned after hours. Rachwal has a list of contact information that he receives monthly. Let him know if you want to receive the list via email, as it's come in useful.

16. Good of the Order –
    a. Belfor's Gently Used PPE program - Hughes provided update as the equipment program and the recent delivery to the UP department. A building has been rented to accept drop-offs throughout the year. Hughes explained the steps taken to streamline the process.
    b. Belfor / 1800BoardUp co-branding – Hughes provided update, and email with information has been distributed.
17. Next Meeting – January 2nd – Van Buren Twp

2024 Meeting Schedule (9:00AM)
Jan 9 – Van Buren Twp
Feb 6 – Northfield Twp Stn 1
Mar 5 – Ypsilanti / Firehouse Museum
Apr 2 – Sumpter Twp
May 7 – Pittsfield / Belfor
Jun 4 – Ann Arbor Twp

No meetings July /Aug
Sep 3 – Ann Arbor / Cobblestone Farm
Oct 1 – Ypsilanti Twp
Nov 5 – Superior Twp
Dec 3 – Salem Twp

18. Adjournment – 10:20AM