WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, January 4, 2024 - 9:00AM
Hosted by Van Buren Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor – N/A
Ann Arbor Twp – N/A
Augusta Twp – Witt
Belleville – Loranger
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 – Heavener, Dorian, M. Chevrette, Girbach
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – N/A
Scio Twp – Houde
South Lyon – N/A
Sumpter Twp – Brown
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – McInally, Lenaghan
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Densmore

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Torres), MCA (Henderson)

1. Meeting Called to Order – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:06AM. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment - None
3. Adoption of Agenda – approved.
4. Treasurer Report (Houde) –
    a. Chase Bank account balances, as of December 31, 2023:
    Checking $34,540.70
    Savings $22,800.85
    b. Membership invoices – emailed November 15th
    Motion by V. Chevrette, second by McInally. Carried unanimously.
5. Medical Control Report (Henderson) –
    a. Update on the new State medical protocols
    b. MCA will be discussing having a physician from the MCA overseeing Special Response Team EMS.
    c. Reviewing sexual assault protocol and refusal to go to hospital. Keep in mind, this is a political issue.
    d. Henderson is catching up with emails and paperwork.
    e. Medic in Livingston County had privileges revoked. Appeal is in process. Henderson stressed the importance of following protocols and precise documentation.
6. Training Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically. Rachwal reviewed the training classes on the schedule. McInally is hosting an Aerial Training class in the next few months. More to come. Rachwal put together a PPT on the recent C&G truck rollover in Dexter available to anyone who needs.
7. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically for reference. Russ provided highlights from that report. Membership Dues were sent out. Reminder that team members must attend 50% (6) approved training sessions. Authority board meeting is this afternoon. There is one WAMAA position that is vacant. More to come at next meeting.
8. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report was sent electronically for reference. Mike provided updated on the training sessions and workshops. They are hosting a SMOKE Ropes Operations program June 24-28 at Ypsilanti Twp (limited to 18 members). Contract from the County on millage money. More to come. 17-6 (Swiftwater Rescue Truck) is out of service permanently due to blown transmission. Rachwal provided update on the $150K earmarked from WSO.

9. MABAS Report (Rachwal) – Nicholai & Rachwal currently represent WAMAA. Always looking for help. Reviewing policies and protocols to streamline deployments. Expect a county-wide exercise this year. More to come.
10. Dispatch Report (HVA) – Becky reported that MABAS is working w/HVA on having a backup center. With the recent large-scale events, she will be reviewing everyone's box cards in the near future. Continue to increase staffing. Dispatch university starts next month with 3-4 new people. Rachwal suggested inviting dispatchers to an incident, as it's helpful when calling for resources. Ann Arbor station coverage – Vic Chevrette asked Becky questions about what channel to use. Discussion followed on using Fire 1.
11. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Witt reported they are hosting 60 min training on Mobile/portables. Next meeting is Feb 20th. Continue to work on updating codes, plugs for departments. Continue working on backup comms & setup systems. Rachwal provided insight on communications with Oakland County.
12. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Rachwal urged your officers to get engaged.
13. HART Report (Simpson) – Roger said there were four callouts in December. He provided list of agencies requesting service. He provided 2023 statistics, as well as staffing updates. Reminder to return baskets. Rachwal expressed WAMAA's gratitude. Motion by Rachwal to support HART with a $2,000 donation. Support by V. Chevrette. Carried unanimously.
14. Old Business -
    a. Grant Activity Update (Wiggins) – Vic Chevrette provided update, and docs were emailed. He asked if there was any interest to doing a regional grant amongst WAMAA members. Items discussed were hose, gear, LUCAS, extrication, equipment. Discussion followed.
    b. WAMAA Charter Update (Rachwal) – Jim provided update. When your agreement is approved, please send a copy of your signature page of the agreement to Linda for our records. She'll send a reminder, as well.
15. New Business – n/A
16. Good of the Order – Dorian introduced Heavener as Pittsfield's new Chief.
17. Next Meeting – February 6th – Northfield Twp Station #1

Remaining 2024 Meeting Schedule (9:00AM)
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 – 9:47AM