WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes

February 4, 2025 - 9:00AM

Hosted by Pittsfield Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor – Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Music, Witt
Belleville – Loranger
Chelsea – Arbini
Clinton –N/A
Dexter Area – Armstrong
Green Oak Twp – N/A
Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – Kouba
Milan Area – N/A
Northfield Twp – Bishop
Pittsfield Twp–Heavener, M. Chevrette, Girbach
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle
Scio Twp – Houde
Sumpter Twp – Brown
Superior Twp – N/A
Van Buren Twp – McInally
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Densmore

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Torres), MCA (Henderson), Washtenaw County (Swenson)

1. Meeting Called to Order (Rachwal) – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:00AM. Pledge of Allegiance followed.
2. Correspondence / Public Comment –
    a. Food Truck Inspection Program – Steve Wallgren provided an update on this program, on behalf of the inspectors who attended today's meeting. He summarized the plan on moving forward with food truck inspections. Everyone recognizes the benefits of streamlining this process. Wallgren also mentioned some legislation that is being drafted.
    b. 1099 received from WSO – will give to CPA for tax preparation
3. Adoption/Changes of Agenda – N/A
4. Treasurer Report (Houde) –
    a. Chase Bank account balances, as of January 31, 2025:
    Checking $96,785.26
    Savings $37,303.52
    Motion by Arbini, seconded by Nicholai. Carried.
5. Medical Control Report (Henderson) –
    a. Reports now due quarterly, instead of monthly.
    b. MFR BLS reports – cost of copies may decrease in the near future
    c. Naloxolone Leave Behind – provided update
    d. Protocol update - SALT Triage System v. START
    e. Dr. Graham Smith is the medical director
6. Training Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Nicholai reviewed the upcoming schedule of classes.
7. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically prior to today's meeting. Girbach provided some of the highlights. Discussion followed on lithium batteries and their prevalence in the communities. Torres will provide more information as there may be a code to use during dispatch.
8. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report was sent electronically for reference. Chevrette reviewed last month's training. This month they'll be focusing on search workshops. Swiftwater testing this week. Re-validation by MABAS coming up in March.
9. MABAS Report (Rachwal) – Adam Carroll was elected as president. Anticipating a countywide exercise this year. More to come as plans move forward. Looking to streamline PD and MABAS.

10. HVA Dispatch Report (Torres) – Hoping to go live with version 8 beginning of March. Dispatch review committee reps needed. Only a few MCI Box Cards are on file. Brief discussion followed on iPhone crash notifications. Discussion followed on "unknowns", and the risks involved.
11. HVA Operations (Rock) – N/A
    Chief Music provided some details on the recent bus accident that occurred in his community last month, and the issues involved.
12. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Craig provided an update. He reminded everyone that this group works part-time. He introduced two of the Law Enforcement reps (Jeff Lewis & Mark Bush). Swenson explained bi-directional amplifiers, and their importance. He reminded everyone of possible bad batteries within your radios.
13. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Still working on policies.
14. Blue Card (Nicholai) - report was sent electronically for reference. Mark reminded everyone of the Blue Card Lite program. He reviewed the upcoming training schedule. Flyers will be distributed.
15. HART Report (Simpson) – Roger had nothing to report, as there were no callouts.
16. WAMAC (Kennedy) – All docs are at the State. Rachwal requested a closed session immediately following this meeting for those involved.
17. DNR (Crawford, Beachnau) – N/A
18. Old Business – N/A
19. New Business –
    a. Densmore asked if we could place the Food Truck Inspection Program as a permanent agenda item on future agendas.
20. Good of the Order –
    a. Homeland Security Task Force Meeting – Houde provided an update, as funding mechanism may dry up. State is requiring a rewrite of each county's EOP.
    b. AAFD – funeral is this Saturday in Adrian, so coverage during the funeral is being covered thru mutual aid.
21. Next Meeting – March 4th hosted by Superior Twp (held at Township Hall, 3040 N. Prospect Rd)

    Remaining 2025 Meeting Schedule (1st Tues, 9:00AM)
    Apr 1 – Northfield
    May 6 – Ypsilanti City/Firehouse Museum
    June 3 – Ypsilanti City/Firehouse Museum
    No Meetings July & August
    Sept 2 - Ann Arbor FD
    Oct 7 - TBA
    Nov 4 – Ypsilanti Twp
    Dec 2 – Salem
22. Adjournment – 9:52AM