WASHTENAW AREA MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION

United to Protect Life and Property from Fire

WAMAA Membership Meeting - Minutes

March 4, 2025 - 9:00AM

Hosted by Supeior Twp Fire Dept

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

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Rock), MCA (Henderson), Washtenaw County (N/A), Emergency Management (Pinette)

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. Servpro – provided coffee for today's meeting. Brief introduction.
   b. Michigan Propane Gas flyer was distributed.
3. Adoption/Changes of Agenda – none
4. Treasurer Report (Houde) –
   a. Chase Bank account balances, as of February 28, 2025:
      Checking $96,215.01
      Savings $37,303.52
   b. Houde provided an overview of FY24 financial activity (P&L)
      Motion to accept today's financial report by Hobbs, seconded by V. Chevrette. Carried.
5. Medical Control Report (Henderson) –
   a. Dr. Smith has a consistent scheduling conflict during our monthly meetings, though he's available via phone anytime.
   b. Webpage is ready to go.
   c. Medical Control Board – needs reps for a CPR workgroup.
   d. Protocols Update – mentioned the MCI issue that was brought up last month, to be voted on by next month.
6. Training Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically for reference. Nicholai reviewed the recent training courses, he also mentioned upcoming trainings that are available for signup. Flyers were also distributed.
7. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically for reference. Rachwal provided brief report, as Girbach was not in attendance. PPT available of recent EV incidents.
8. TRT Report (Chevrette)- report sent electronically for reference. M. Chevrette provided some information on last week's trench collapse in Wyandotte. He summarized last month's training sessions, and reminded everyone of the upcoming trainings. UASI funding. Henderson mentioned that Western Wayne is working on protocols for their TRT. More to come. Kennedy stated that the vehicle that is being housed by AA must find a new home by Memorial Day. Rachwal & M. Chevrette assured Kennedy that the vehicle will be moved.

9. MABAS Report (Rachwal) – Briefly summarized some issues related to last week's Wyandotte trench rescue, as calls were overwhelming the RED Center. Rachwal reminded everyone of the correct procedures that are set in place to streamline. More to come as we ensure the notifications occur smoothly. Anticipate a drill using Everbridge in the near future.
10. Emergency Management (Pinette) – Ben provided an update & overview of the EOC. Looking for more collaboration between all the groups. He provided details of what the EM can offer to our organization. Due to some funding cuts, they are low on staffing. He emphasized that grants are expected to be impacted.
11. HVA Dispatch Report (Torres) – Kevin provided brief report. Discussion followed on allowing other departments seeing their call information, including confidential information within notes using Snapshot.
12. HVA Operations (Rock) – Recently took ownership of an electric stair chair, which is available to you. Protocols being reviewed. Available to walk you through resources available, such as ambulance child restraint system.
13. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Rachwal suggested to reach out to Sgt. Ford if you have any needs.
14. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report sent electronically. Nothing more to report, as their last meeting was cancelled.
15. Blue Card (Nicholai) – report to be sent electronically for reference. Currently six departments are complete. Nicholai provided highlights. Flyers were distributed.
16. HART Report (Simpson) – Roger reported that there was only one callout in February. Reminder that the second box alarm would automatically generate a HART response.
17. WAMAC (Kennedy) – Nothing to report, as documents are submitted. Linda will work with webmaster to secure new site (prefer WAMAC.org)
18. DNR (Crawford, Beachnau) – N/A
19. Food Truck Inspections (Densmore) – provided update, and mentioned upcoming trainings expected. Much discussion followed as this progresses.
20. Old Business – N/A
21. New Business –
    a. State Fire Marshal Sehlmeyer announced his retirement, last day being March 10th.
    b. Chief Loranger announced his retirement in the next month, as this may be his last meeting.
    c. Chief Stevens announced his retirement and introduced Chief Carpus as his replacement.
    d. Densmore provided details of a large fire that occurred in Ypsilanti Twp last week. He thanked everyone for their support. Auto-aid and blue card training has paid off.
    e. Rachwal / Salem Twp received request from out-of-state company (First Energy), asking to setup battery storage systems. Sperle/Saline Area offered insight, as they have systems already installed by Jupiter Energy. He suggested that it will be beneficial if you work with the company. Discussion followed.
22. Good of the Order –
    a. Nicholai said the training committee is considering hosting an EMS IC program. Email was sent out yesterday. Please reach out if you're interested.
    b. April 29th training class (1:00PM) offered by Ann Arbor EM in cooperation with Medical Examiner, held at Ann Arbor Public Schools.
    c. Chief Vic Chevrette thanked everyone for their support last week.
23. Next Meeting – April 1 hosted by Northfield Twp

Remaining 2025 Meeting Schedule (1st Tues, 9:00AM
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

24. Adjournment – 10:09AM