Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council (WAMAC)
Membership Meeting - Minutes
January 6, 2026 - 9:00AM
Hosted by Salem Twp Fire Dept

Ann Arbor – Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Music, Witt
Belleville – N/A
Chelsea – N/A
Clinton – N/A
Dexter Area – N/A
Green Oak Twp – N/A
Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – N/A
Milan Area – Carpus, Jr.
Northfield Twp –Bishop
Pittsfield Twp – M. Chevrette, Olson, Girbach
Putnam Twp – N/A
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle
Scio Twp – Houde
Sumpter Twp – Goode
Superior Twp – Kimball, V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – McInally
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Densmore, Wallgren

Associates: HVA (Torres, Rock), MCA (Henderson), MJ White (Neal), Washtenaw County 800 (Swenson)

1. Meeting Called to Order (Rachwal) – President Rachwal called today's meeting to order at 9:04AM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (WAMAA/WAMAC)
4. Approval of the agenda – Moving up agenda item 18.a Electing Officers immediately after approving this agenda. Motion by Kennedy to approve agenda as amended. Seconded by Sperle. Carried.
5. WAMAC Board nominations & Elections
    a. Call for final nominations for WAMAC Board. Rachwal accepted nomination for President. Hobbs accepted nomination for Vice President. Mike Chevrette accepted nomination for Secretary. Houde accepted nomination for Treasurer position. Rachwal made a motion to accept the current slate of officers as discussed. Seconded by V. Chevrette. Discussion. Carried.
    b. Official 2026 WAMAC Board - President Rachwal, Vice President Hobbs, Secretary M. Chevrette, and Treasurer Houde
6. Approval of Past Proposed Minutes – Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Densmore. Carried.
7. Public comment – None
8. Call to the Public
    a. Medical Control Report (Henderson)
        i. Reminder that reports are due
        ii. Dr. Brent stepping down. Dr. Davis most likely taking on that position.
        iii. ByLaws - changes approved
        iv. EMS CE Consortium
    b. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically for reference. Girbach reviewed the Year End Report. Annual dues invoices were sent.
    c. HVA Dispatch Report (Torres) – Staffing update, as only three positions need to be filled at this time. Rachwal confirmed the Year End Review meeting scheduled at HVA this Friday 10AM.
    d. HVA Operations (Rock) – Staffing change announcement Marty Overhauser retired. Resources being distributed. Training courses continue and staffing is almost complete.
    e. HART Report (Simpson) – sent his report electronically as he was unable to attend. Four callouts (one was cancelled enroute) and please return baskets.
    f. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (Pinette) – N/A
    g. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Witt had nothing to report.
    h. DNR (Crawford, Beachnau) – N/A
9. Correspondence (V. Chevrette) – Nothing to report.
10. Treasurer Report (Houde) –

a. Bank Account balances reconciled as of December 31, 2025
    i. WAMAA Checking $11,203.25
    ii. WAMAA Savings – Closed & moved all funds to new WAMAC savings
    iii. WAMAC Checking - $100,000
    iv. WAMAC Savings - $37,306.73
b. MES invoice received for TRT supplies - $13,931.54

Motion by V. Chevrette to accept today's report, seconded by McInally. Carried.

11. Training Report (Nicholai) – report sent electronically for reference. Nicholai summarized. Flyers for trainings will be distributed. McInally stated that Nicholai was presented with Instructor of the Year award at last month's conference.
12. Officers Report (Nicholai) – report sent electronically. Nicholai summarized. Next meeting is Jan 20th.
13. TRT Report (M. Chevrette)- report sent electronically prior to today's meeting. Mike summarized his report, as this will be his last one as the Team Leader position will be moving to Dan Olson. Rachwal welcomed Dan as director of the Tech Rescue Team. Motion by Rachwal to appoint Olson as TRT Director, seconded by Sperle. Carried.
14. MABAS Report (Rachwal) –
    a. MABAS Agreements – please forward a copy of old, approved agreements (post-2016).
    b. "Go Bag" process being reviewed
15. Blue Card (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically. Nicholai summarized. Working on 2026 plan.
16. WAMAC (Kennedy) – Hobbs has confirmed a consistent location to host these monthly meetings - Michigan Works Southeast (1201 Ellsworth Rd in Ann Arbor). Kennedy suggested that we remove this agenda item in the future. Reminder that budget process is different now that we're an intergovernmental agency. Budget timeline requirements were discussed.
17. Food Truck Inspections (Densmore) – Wallgren provided report. Working with webmaster to post info on new site. No movement yet at the State level. Committee continues to meet.
18. Old Business - None
19. New Business –
    a. Call for final nominations for WAMAC – moved to top of this agenda, bullet point #5.
    b. Voting in new WAMAC Officers – moved to top of today's agenda, bullet point #5.
    c. Location / payment for meetings – Already discussed during bullet point #16. Hobbs confirmed meeting facility at Michigan Works Southeast located at 1201 Ellsworth Road Ann Arbor.
    d. Discussion on new budget process and schedule – Kennedy already discussed bullet point #16.
    e. Selection of Team Leader for Technical Rescue Team – discussed during bullet point #13.
    f. Discussion on the Swift Water Rescue Team – Rachwal provided an update and led conversation, as we look towards possibly maintaining the team. Much discussion followed. More to come.
20. Good of the Order – SE Mich Fire Chiefs hosting meeting in Troy on Jan 29th with retirement-focused sessions in the morning, with SFM presenting immediately after lunch - www.MiChiefs.org to RSVP. Further discussion followed on swift water deployments. Rachwal will schedule meeting.
21. Adjournment & Next Meeting – 10:25AM.

2026 Meeting Schedule (9:00AM)

Jan 6 – Salem Township
Feb 3 – TBA
Mar 3 - Michigan Works Southeast (1201 Ellsworth Rd Ann Arbor)
Apr 7
May 5
June 2

Tentatively - No Meetings July & Aug
Sept 1
Oct 6
Nov 3
Dec