Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council (WAMAC)
Membership Meeting - Minutes
February 3, 2026 - 9:00AM

Ann Arbor – Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Witt
Belleville – N/A
Chelsea – Arbini
Clinton – N/A
Dexter Area – Armstrong
Green Oak Twp – N/A
Hamburg Twp – N/A
Manchester Twp – Kouba, Booth
Milan Area – N/A
Northfield Twp –Bishop
Pittsfield Twp – M. Chevrette, Olson, Girbach
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – N/A
Scio Twp – Houde
Sumpter Twp – Goode
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – N/A
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – N/A

Associates: HART (Simpson), 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 9:00AM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the agenda – Motion Kennedy requested one additional item under new business, EMS commission. Rachwal requested additional items: RTF Coordinator position & HART donation. Motion to accept agenda as modified approved unanimously.
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve by Arbini, seconded by Hobbs. Carried.
6. Public comment – None at this time.
7. Call to the Public
    a. Medical Control Report (Henderson) –
        i. Last month's advisory board meeting agreed to remove decompression protocol. Discussion followed on those details.
        ii. Physician directorship – Dr. Elizabeth Davis is taking over this position
        iii. Monitored and recording line at Chelsea hospital phone number, app has already been updated.
        iv. Contacts within the app have been updated.
        v. If you have any MCA business you need to add to an agenda, please let Kevin know ASAP.
        vi. Rachwal asked about funding status for 2-South
    b. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically for reference. Girbach summarized his report.
    c. HVA Dispatch Report (Torres) – quite a few structure fires, updating box cards, and double-checking response areas.
    d. HVA Operations (Rock) – finishing up power load training classes, starting annual mandatory training cycle, staffing increase so a couple more units are on the road.
    e. HART Report (Simpson) – January had three callouts, as well as supported recent ice rescue training.
    f. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (Pinette) – grant updates included homeland security wrapping up & funding, increasing radio consoles, mapping updates related to flooding incidents, resiliency, EAPs.
    g. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – design update, couple years away from moving to next gen radios so looking to recover XE radios. Discussion followed on the design and benefits of the next generation. More to come.
    h. DNR (Crawford, Beachnau) – N/A

8. Correspondence (M. Chevrette) – Rachwal provided update on the status of the tax exempt / governmental entity status. Awaiting approval letter from IRS.
9. Treasurer Report (Houde) – Motion to accept
    a. Bank Account balances reconciled as of January 30, 2026
        i. WAMAA Checking $85,743.90
        ii. WAMAC Checking - $91,262.14
        iii. WAMAC Savings - $37,307.03
    b. Tax returns in process & 1099's distributed via USPS
    c. $75,000 received county mental health grant

    Motion to approve by Nicholai, seconded by V. Chevrette. Carried.
10. Training Report (Nicholai) – report sent electronically. Nicholai highlighted the report, as well as distributed flyers for upcoming training classes. Rachwal mentioned the new MI-Train registration system.
11. TRT Report (Olson)- report sent electronically for reference. Olson highlighted his report, reviewed the training schedule, and provided equipment update. Rachwal presented Chief Mike Chevrette with a plaque, recognizing his dedication to the Tech Rescue team.
12. MABAS Report (Rachwal) –
    a. MABAS Agreements – Rachwal listed all communities who have submitted their agreement. The goal is to get these electronically and then posted on the site. Erik Youngblood provided further details, as there are several documents MABAS needs on file.
    b. Inventory of the Bug Out bags – suggested that the products are expired, so please throw the products away. More to come.
    c. Water Rescue – Rachwal provided details on the anticipated process of working with the sheriff's office. Proposed separate planning meeting to layout the steps with the stakeholders. More to come as we move forward.
    d. Strike Team Leadership training – Scheduled for April 1st. Youngblood will provide further details when available.
13. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report sent electronically for reference. Focus is dealing with MayDay and Comms plans, so they are Blue Card compliant.
14. Blue Card (Nicholai) – report sent electronically for reference. Finished with foundational training (first round). He provided statistics related to trained personnel. He reviewed the budget forecast for the next two years of training - $329,800 combined total for 2026 & 2027. Motion to request full funding from Washtenaw Emergency Consortium, seconded by M. Chevrette. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Food Truck Inspections (Densmore) – Rachwal provided update as this info will be posted to the wamac.us site
16. Old Business – N/A
17. New Business –
    a. Funding request to Washtenaw 100 (Kennedy) – provided insight on the Washtenaw 100 organization. He suggested that WAMAC submit a funding request to purchase a new vehicle. This would be an "all in" purchase, instead of individual department grant applications. Dan Olson will come back to this group appropriate research. More to come.
    b. Washtenaw County EMS Commission (Kennedy) – Hardcopies of Bylaws and membership documents were distributed. Kennedy provided background, as it was established back in 1983. He suggested that we establish a subcommittee to review participation & representation.

Arbini will take the lead and bring back recommendations to the March WAMAC meeting. Rachwal & Pinette mentioned the same issues related to the Emergency Telephone Commission, which hasn't met since 2008. More to come.

c. Rescue Task Force (RTF) Coordinator Position (Rachwal) – Nicholai distributed draft RTF position description prior to today's meeting. Much discussion followed. Rachwal requested that everyone review the document and come back to the next meeting on how to move forward.
d. HART donation (Rachwal) – Motion by Rachwal to donated $2500 to HART, seconded by Bishop. Carried.

18. Good of the Order – Chelsea hosting pediatric training class, special thanks to MJ White for providing coffee today.
19. Next Meeting – March 3rd 9AM

2026 Location Remains Consistent – Michigan Works! Southeast (1201 E. Ellsworth in Ann Arbor)

Apr 7	Sept 1
May 5	Oct 6
June 2	Nov 3
No Meetings July & Aug	Dec 1

20. Adjournment – 10:22AM