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

Ann Arbor – Kennedy
Ann Arbor Twp – Nicholai
Augusta Twp – Music
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 – Carpus
Northfield Twp –Bishop
Pittsfield Twp – Foulke, Olson, Girbach
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle
Scio Twp – Houde
Sumpter Twp – Goode
Superior Twp – V. Chevrette
Van Buren Twp – McInally
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Densmore

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Torres, Rock), MCA (Henderson), 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 to approved today's agenda by Rachwal, second by Hobbs. Carried.
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve the February minutes by Music, second by Sperle. Carried.
6. Public comment – N/A
7. Call to the Public
    a. Medical Control Report (Henderson) –
        i. Active decompression device removed from protocols. Revising required equipment list soon. Please make sure your personnel are training on compressions and shocks.
        ii. Changes in positions on medical control board
        iii. Dingell is co-sponsor of Med Act and looking for support of this bipartisan bill. Henderson summarized the intent of the proposed legislation. More to come.
    b. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report sent electronically for reference. Russ summarized upcoming trainings, member updates and deployments. Reminded everyone of the drone request requirement of 2-person minimum.
    c. HVA Dispatch Report (Torres) – Becky provided brief update. Very busy with incidents in Ypsilanti Twp. One newly cleared dispatcher. Still in UAT for CAD upgrade. Project updates. Replacing backup radios. Digital Dashboard coming live soon.
    d. HVA Operations (Rock) – Karl reported that another paramedic class has graduated. Upgrading road safety system in the vehicles. Purchasing new bariatric stretcher.
    e. HART Report (Simpson) – Roger provided report, as they had 5 callouts last month. Reminded everyone to return baskets.
    f. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (Pinette) – N/A
    g. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Craig provided brief report. Project oversight committee continues to fund blue card for another two years, as it's made a difference.
    h. DNR (Crawford, Beachnau) – N/A
8. Correspondence (M. Chevrette) – N/A
9. Treasurer Report (Houde) – Report:
    a. Bank Account balances reconciled as of March 1, 2026
        i. WAMAA Checking $86,728.90
        ii. WAMAC Checking - $71,628.39

iii. WAMAC Savings - $37,307.31

Motion to approve today's finance report by Music, seconded by Kouba. Carried.

10. Training Report (Nicholai) – report sent electronically. Nicholai reviewed the training schedules and enrollment numbers. Scheduling more Blue Card classes. Flyers distributed.
11. TRT Report (Olson)- report sent electronically for reference. No deployments to report. He reviewed upcoming training schedule and related topics. He mentioned some promotions within the team. He did reach out to Lee Root re: swift water team, depending on its future. He did research on purchasing a new truck, relayed findings and reviewed approximate costs and funding opportunities.
12. MABAS Report (Rachwal) –
    a. MABAS Agreements – gathering signed agreements and organizing new divisions
    b. Strike Team leader training class available – flyer distributed, one day class, no cost
13. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report to be sent electronically for reference. Met on Feb 17th.
14. Blue Card (Nicholai) – report to be sent electronically for reference. Request adoption of WAMAC MayDay policy. Discussion. Motion by Foulke to adopt, seconded by Kennedy. One Nay. Carried.
15. Food Truck Inspections (Densmore) – brief update. Gaining traction. Website continues to be updated.
16. Old Business –
    a. Funding request to Washtenaw 100 (Kennedy) – Rachwal suggested that we move forward with this funding request. He'll reach out to Kennedy to gather required information.
    b. Proposed WAMAC RTF Coordinator Position – Rachwal provided details and importance of having a leader within the county. Rachwal made a motion to accept this job description and posting this position, seconded by Nicholai. Discussion. Carried unanimously.
17. New Business –
    a. Swiftwater Rescue – Rachwal reported on the recent meeting and recommendations, focusing on preliminary costs associated with possible paths related to assets. Houde offered funding costs and issues related to maintaining the team. Much discussion followed. More to come.
    b. WAMAC Proposed Logo – Motion by Rachwal, seconded by Hobbs. Discussion. Carried unanimously.
18. Good of the Order –
    a. Chief Vic Chevrette was recognized for his service, as he is retiring after 45 years.
    b. Henderson urged the importance of compression training.
19. Next Meeting – April 7th at 9:00AM

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

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

20. Adjournment – 10:06AM