Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Council (WAMAC)
Membership Meeting - Minutes
April 7, 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 – Chevrette, Foulke, Olson
Salem Twp – Rachwal
Saline Area – Sperle
Scio Twp – Houde
Sumpter Twp – Goode
Superior Twp – N/A
Van Buren Twp – McInally
Ypsilanti – Hobbs
Ypsilanti Twp – Densmore, Wallgren

Associates: HART (Simpson), HVA (Torres, Rock, Youngblood), MCA (Henderson), 1-800BoardUp/Belfor (Hughes) MJ White (Gregg)

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 approve with a couple additions that include station alerting discussion (Houde) and HIEBA. Carried.
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – unanimous approval.
6. Public comment –
    a. Station Alerting (Houde) – provided feedback on two different systems they've looked at so far, as the end goal would be to present the chosen system to this group. More to come this fall. Torres provided insight. Rachwal explained how this could benefit our organization.
7. Call to the Public
    a. Medical Control Report (Henderson) – Protocol updates included: medical examiner notification phone number. Who is allowed to contact the ME. Reminder of posting meeting schedule at County Clerk offices. Nitro into the BLS bags. Issues discussed re: Retrieving Mechanical CPR equipment when at the hospital.
    b. HazMat Report (Girbach) – report was sent electronically.
    c. HVA Dispatch Report (Torres) – currently replacing 5500's with new equipment. Moving forward with phone system. New dispatcher list for Blue Card training. Youngblood provided feedback on the radio fiber system. Torres mentioned recent issues with Active 911. Rachwal reminded everyone to notify dispatch if you're having issues. HVA portables will be finished this weekend. Reminder that rep is needed on the ProQA committee.
    d. HVA Operations (Rock) – in process of changing to different ECG electrode (moving away from red dots…now blue) and very user-friendly. Undergoing organizational changes in Monroe County. Autoloaders should be on every ambulance. Rock will share training videos for the autoloader device.
    e. HART Report (Simpson) – one callout this month, and one firehouse Friday.
    f. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office (Pinette) – N/A
    g. Washtenaw County 800 MHz Consortium Report (Swenson) – Youngblood provided brief update as Swenson is out of town. Torres provided further details, and benefits of AI platforms. If you're having problems with your radios, please include Craig, Jeff & Erik on the email to ensure that it gets received.
    h. DNR (Crawford, Beachnau) – N/A
8. Correspondence (M. Chevrette) – None to report.
9. Treasurer Report (Houde) –
    a. Bank Account balances reconciled as of April 1, 2026
        i. WAMAA Checking $86,728.90

ii. WAMAC Checking - $57,995.89
iii. WAMAC Savings - $37,307.31

Motion to approve by McInally, second by Arbini. Carried.

10. Training Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically. He highlighted the upcoming training topics and related schedules.
11. Officers Committee Report (Nicholai) – report was sent electronically. Met on March 17th, continuing work on policies. Completed two final drafts of policies (Apparatus Out of Service and Helmet Color). Motion by Nicholai to adopt these two policies. Both carried but Helmet Color had a few opposed.
12. Blue Card (Nicholai) – report sent prior to today's meeting. Update provided.
13. TRT Report (Olson)- reported on the following: No incidents lats month. Training schedule reviewed. Funding research continues.
14. MABAS Report (Rachwal) –
    a. MABAS Agreements – please get your signed agreement to Rachwal ASAP. Training class for Strike Team Leaders TBA.
15. Food Truck Inspections (Densmore) – Wallgren reported on the food truck rally held last month, and future events that are on the calendar. WAMAC website is working very well.
16. Old Business –
    a. Funding request to Washtenaw 100 (Kennedy) – Decision needed if we want to do a collective grant application, or individual community grant applications. Rachwal said the board will have an answer by next meeting.
    b. Proposed WAMAC RTF Coordinator Position
    c. EOC – fire rep needed to fill vacant seat. Brief discussion. Chief Doug Armstrong agreed to be WAMAC's rep and was unanimously appointed to this position.
17. New Business –
    a. HIEBA – Chevrette suggested that we look further into this technology, as it seems to be beneficial with moving forward with updating and maintaining Box Cards. Much discussion followed. Torres and Youngblood offered further insight related to integration issues. Kennedy mentioned that there are a lot of funding issues to think about before we move forward with any decisions. Rachwal summarized this discussion. More to come.
    b. Joint meetings to be scheduled with the Police Chiefs and the Fire Chiefs.
18. Good of the Order
    a. Air pack grant – Densmore requested that we look into a regional grant. Discussion followed as this may be a good time to start the process.
    b. Email from Chris Wiggins to consider as a grant writer.
    c. City of Ann Arbor – Kennedy provided update on the recent RFP for ambulance service and current status.
19. Next Meeting – May 5th at 9:00AM

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

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

20. Adjournment – 10:22AM