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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2019

Location: Boy Scouts of America, Evendale

The meeting was called to order at 09:10 with Chief Leininger presiding.

Pledge/Invocation: Chief Leininger asked for a moment of reflection on the passing of Dr. Bill Gates.

Roll-Call of Officers

President Rob Leininger - Present
Vice President Kevin Hardwick - Present
Treasurer Todd Owens - Present
Secretary Denny Meador - Present
Chief Doug Campbell - Present
Chief Mike Hauck - Absent
Chief Alfie Jones - Absent
Chief Roy Winston - Present
Chief Rob Hursong - Present

New Chiefs

Chief Stephen Oughterson was introduced as the new chief of Madeira/Indian Hill.

Associate Members

Pete Bohrofen

Pete Bohrofen reported the current top three performing funds in Deferred Comp are:

1. Fidelity Contra Fund
2. Vanguard Capital Opportunity
3. Dodge & Cox

1-800-BoardUp

Tom Camp thanked the association for allowing 1-800-BoardUp to attend.

(859) BOARD UP

Jerry thanked the association for allowing (859) BOARD UP to attend, and reminded the membership of the upcoming FACE Team meeting.

GCHMU

Brooke Matzen provided a written report on GCHMU and Command 400 activities for the month of July and August 2019. The report is attached to these minutes. Brooke also reminded the membership that GCHMU is available to assist with their training needs.

University of Cincinnati Medical Center

Jess Chaille was introduced as the new EMS coordinator at UCMC. A copy of his contact information is attached to these minutes.

Cincinnati State

Bob Cutajar reported that Cincinnati State will be receiving a \$210,000 PUCO grant for training in 2019 and 2020. He provided flyers with class and contact information, which are attached to these minutes.

TriHealth

Randy Johann provided information on a new ACLS and PALS education program for their community EMS partners. A flyer with additional information is attached to these minutes.

Great Oaks

Johnny Mason introduced himself as the Public Safety Services - Fire Coordinator for Great Oaks. He is excited to announce that the fall fire and EMS academy is full with 26 students enrolled in the program. There are currently 11 students registered for the spring academy on 2020.

Great Oaks is looking for one or two additional members to serve on an advisory board for the fire and EMS program, which meets quarterly. If interested, please contact Johnny at Great Oaks.

Upcoming training flyers were distributed and are attached to these minutes.

University of Cincinnati

Larry Bennett distributed a flyer detailing activities he and his service dog, "Frye" are involved in. Frye and Larry can be contacted through HCCC for any SW Ohio CISM Team needs your department may have. For other needs or events, please contact Larry.

EMA

Director Nick Crossley reminded the membership of the upcoming Partners in Preparedness meeting taking place on September 23 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Several flyers have gone out through email with details on the event and registration, and one is attached to these minutes.

There will be a test of the Wireless Alert System on Wednesday September 4 at 9:00

AM. This will be an alert message (not a text message) that will state "THIS IS A TEST of the Hamilton County Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action required." For additional information, please see the EMA web site.

The template for requesting an Emergency Public Notification Request is being finalized. A copy was sent out to the membership for review. If there are any questions please contact EMS.

Director Crossley reminded the membership that EMA personnel are available to attend fire department functions to help educate your residents on EMA, emergency preparedness, and the various alerting systems available to them.

LEPC

Doug Witsken reported that the Tier II chemical reports were sent to your jurisdictions. In addition to the normal reports, there were KML files of the reporting facilities included for your jurisdiction. When viewed in Google Earth, you can locate the facilities that report chemicals in your jurisdiction. If you click on the icon for each facility, it will bring up a list of all of the chemicals at that facility and a list of 24-hour contacts for the facility.

Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the association for allowing Mobilcomm to attend.

SWOFCA

Miami Township Chief Steve Kelly was recently elected to a 3-year term as Director for the SWOFCA. As part of his vision for the organization, he would like to see training brought to the southwest region each fall. This year there will be a one-day leadership conference held on October 30. Details on the event and registration instructions will be coming soon.

Chief Kelly reminded membership that the SWOFC meetings take place quarterly, with the next scheduled meeting taking place on October 10 at Liberty Township Station 113. Lunch is at 11:30, with the meeting immediately following. He will provide the HCFCA Secretary with additional information to distribute to the membership.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

No report

Hamilton County Public Health

No report

Health Collaborative

No report

Officer Reports

President

Chief Leininger referred to the August 14 Executive Board minutes for his report.

Vice President

Chief Hardwick reported that the FACE Team is continuing to gain members and is being

noticed across the state for the work they are doing on cancer prevention. The Ohio Fire Marshal and the OFCA have been extremely supportive of the goals of the team, and are supportive of the program. The team will also begin partnering with The Ohio State University to develop research projects and cancer screening opportunities for firefighters.

Chief Hardwick thanked those that volunteered to staff the EOC during the last activation. There are two planned activations in September: September 1 for Riverfest and September 20-22 for Oktoberfest. Details on hours and positions needed will be sent out by text and email for those on the list.

Treasurer

Chie Owens presented the August financial statement for August, which is attached to these minutes. There are several delinquent accounts, and he will invoice those individuals in September.

Motion to accept the report made by Chief Hardwick, second by Chief Scott Souders. Motion carried.

Secretary

Chief Meador reported that the June Executive Board, June General Membership, and August Executive Board meeting minutes were emailed to the membership.

With a number of changes in the administrations of several departments, it will be an opportune time to review our current list of chiefs. Chief Meador will send out the 2018 roster for departments to update as needed.

Motion to accept the minutes made by Chief Owens, second by Chief Hurson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

MCI

Chief Hardwick provided an update on the MCI drill scheduled for September 19 at Great American Ballpark. At this time, 225 people have signed up to participate, and another 250 have expressed interest in participating. The drill will begin at 08:00 with a hazmat component, and patients will be transported until 10:45.

He is still looking for county personnel to fill the incident command positions for the event. Each IC position will be staffed with a county representative and a CFD representative to help build relationships between our organizations. There will also be opportunities for evaluators and observers as well.

There are approximately 12 Northern Kentucky departments providing transport units for the drill. There are 32 transport units in total committed to the drill, with a need of

18 additional units to bring the total to 50. Any type of transport can be used in this scenario, be it ALS, BLS or even a staff car. The Survey Monkey link is still active to sign up for open positions. Please contact Chief Hardwick if you need the link to be resent.

Staging for participating personnel will be at Union Terminal. Please be there no later than 07:00.

The EMS and Health Collaborative have secured over \$30,000 in grant funding to offset the cost of the drill.

As an offshoot of the MCI drill, funding has been secured to provide a triage kit to every engine company in Hamilton County. The kits should be in soon, and departments will be notified when they arrive.

Communications Committee

Chief Souders reviewed highlights of the flyer distributed to the membership by email. Dispatchers will no longer verbally update or acknowledge status changes that are made by MDC. General additional information or updates will be sent directly to the MDC, but if an update is critical to life safety, such as “Trouble Breathing” is upgraded to “Non-breather/Cardiac Arrest”, will always be relayed to the responding units by voice. HCCC has asked that we remember to acknowledge any voice transmission or update to ensure the units received the information.

The computer-based Locution program for station alerting has been delayed for 4 to 6 weeks.

Chief Paul Wright inquired if there has been any discussion on additional ways to communicate the nature of a dispatch so monitoring units can determine the best way to allocate resources. For example, during the recent severe weather, the Locution dispatch was for “General Response”, which turned out to be a tree on a house. Having that information out in the initial dispatch, be it on an alpha pager or Active911, would be a benefit to the department. Chief Souders stated that HCCC is reviewing their dispatch codes to determine if additional signals are needed, and they are working on getting more information added to the data that goes out on Active911. However, at the best way to see the dispatch details is to contact HCCC via radio for an update, or log into the CAD web browser and look at the detail.

Progress is being made on the new MDC backbone. There are no updates yet on the hardware that will be compatible with the system. It was asked that HCCC provide that information as soon as possible so departments can include new hardware in their 2020 budgets.

Cardiac Health

Chief Meador introduced Evendale firefighter David Stark to the membership, who has agreed to head up the cardiac health arm of the Health and Safety Committee. He

provided the membership with his professional and educational background, as well as his certifications in physical training and fitness. He reviewed the development of the Evendale health and fitness programs and the success they have had in preventing injuries to their staff. Not only is this beneficial to the department, the program gives firefighters the ability to enjoy life after their career is over because of improved fitness.

Peer Support

Ed Von Lehmden reported that the Peer Support Team is continuing to organizing their board and hope to have all the positions filled soon. They are still looking for representation by a mental health professional, a police chief, and law enforcement officer. Please contact him if you have anyone in mind that would like to fill one of these open positions on the board.

The team is continuing to work with regional partners as they develop programs and services for our employees. The Health Collaborative has expressed interest in supporting the support team, and their participation could open the door to grants for training and services.

The IAFF peer class scheduled for September is full. An additional class is being organized for December 2019. Please contact Ed for details and registration.

Mayday Policy

Assistant Chief Paul Gallo reported that the Policy Committee is close to having a draft Mayday policy completed for presentation at the September meeting. The committee will be holding a meeting immediately following the general membership meeting this morning.

CFD

Assistant Chief Lakamp reported that the firefighter memorial service will be held in October, but not in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week due to a scheduling conflict with the Convention Center. As soon as a date is secured the information will be sent to the HCFA.

Chief Winston reported that the Fire Foundation is looking into expanding regionally instead of just being a CFD benefactor. Regionalism may provide increased donations which in turn will help develop a new training facility that is being planned by Cincinnati which will benefit all departments in Hamilton County. Chief Winston will be creating a survey to gauge the interest and needs of county departments.

USAR

Assistant Chief Tom Lakamp provided a written report on recent activities. The report is attached to these minutes.

He specifically wanted to acknowledge the many members that responded to the tornado in Trotwood. The turnout was excellent, and the crews did a great job when

they arrived on the scene. There are reimbursement funds available to offset the cost departments may have incurred for personnel that responded with USAR. Please contact Chief Lakamp if you are seeking reimbursement and he will direct you to the proper documents that need to be submitted.

PHCOC

Chief Owens reminded the membership that 3G support for Physio monitors will cease at the end of 2019. At that time, all Physio products must be upgraded to 4G modems. Years ago, there was funding available from the hospitals to fund the purchase of modems, but that is no longer the case. The upgrade to 4G will be the responsibility of the individual departments.

The Prehospital Care meeting is scheduled for September 26 at Christ.

The Protocol Committee will be meeting on September 20 at Blue Ash Station 13. The final draft of the 2020 protocols should be approved at this meeting and be available for review by the end of September.

HCFIU

Chief Owens reported the HCFIU had two callouts in July. They are continuing to update their policies and procedures to address the use of PPE and decontamination procedures.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Next Meeting September 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary