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## **Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes**

**Date: December 16, 2015**

**Location: Boy Scouts of America - Evendale**

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 09:00 HOURS; CHIEF LEININGER PRESIDING.**

**Pledge/Invocation by:** Chief Leininger

### **Roll-Call of Officers**

President Chief Leininger - Present  
Vice President Mark Ober - Present  
Treasurer Chief Hauck - Absent  
Secretary Chief Ramsey - Present  
Chief Hardwick - Present  
Chief Campbell - Present  
Chief Owens - Present  
Chief Jones - Present  
Chief Braun – Present

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- The following members were recognized:
  - Wells Fargo
  - 1-800- boardup
  - Sutphen Fire Apparatus
  - 1-859-Boardup
  - Camp Safety
  - Mobilecomm
  - Western & Southern Life

## **NEW CHIEFS**

- Chief Alfie Jones introduced Jermaine Hill as Forest Park FD's new Asst. Chief in charge of Risk Reduction.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- HCFCA Secretary Chief Terry Ramsey will be retiring at the end of January 2016. He was presented an award and recognized for his service to the HCFCA as a member and secretary of the association.

## **TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Cincinnati State – Still waiting to receive PUCO grant to before they can announce class schedule.
- Now offering an Active Shooter Awareness Safety program for both the private sector and police and fire departments. Contact C-State for more information.

## **REGIONAL COLLABORATION**

### **OFC/UASI/SOSINK/OFC** – Chief Wright

- OFC's Winter Symposium is Feb 16 and 17
- Legislative Alert – HB 56 passed (see attachment)

### **CFD** – Chief Braun

- Have between 700 and 800 candidates remaining from the hiring/testing process. Plan to take on 40. Class should start end of February or early March 2016.

### **PHCV** – Chief Owens

- Protocol is complete but if you have any questions after reviewing it please notify a committee member. Remember drug license expires in March of 2016 and can be renewed online.

## **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- No report

### **Duke Energy** – Susan Browning

- See attachment for deployments
- Duke does have a Faulty/Draft condition report that is available when problems are found due to a gas leak or CO level is high. Contact Duke if you have questions. A copy of the report is attached.

### **HCCC** – Jason Dunn

- Hamilton County budget was approved. Part of the budget was a utility tax that would be assessed to Duke, GCWW, Cin Bell and Time Warner to assist with the cost of the HCCC service and lower the dispatch rate. It may take till June before the tax will go into effect. There is a referendum to challenge the tax on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. A memo will come out soon to explain the taxing process. If the tax is assessed our dispatch fee would be reduced by 30% from \$20.95 to somewhere between \$10 and \$13 per detail

- Mobilecomm will be out after the first of the year to reprogram radios.
- The CAD is now set to go live on Jan 26<sup>th</sup>.
- HCCC is looking at replacing the Communicator with a new program called Hyper Reach. They are working with EMA with that program.
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**GC Hazmat** – Brook Matzen, Chief Ober

- They have had 26 responses thus far this year – 13 in Hamilton County.
- Using active 911 for receiving their dispatches.

**Homeland Security/EMA** - Nick Crossley

- Examining the reverse 911 system
- New budget allows for EMA to hire some new employees and offer more training
- Developing a new threat/risk matrix
- Will add new Board members after the first of the year
- The “Credentialing” system memo sent out by ODPS to allow private-sector personnel to enter an emergency scene for assistance is being examined.

**LEPC** – Richard Jones – no report

**Southwest Ohio Fire Chiefs** – AC Rupp – no report

**Hamilton County Sheriff** – Jim Knapp

- Guns and Hoses made around \$70,000 (\$35,000 for the FDs assistance program)
- Mr. Knapp stated that HCFCA needs to be more involved in the public’s eye much like the Sheriff’s department.

**University of Cincinnati** – Larry Bennett

- Drone class – July 10-15 2016

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President’s Report** - Chief Leininger

- Appointed Chief Ober to fill Chief Hardwick’s vacancy as a trustee. Chief Hardwick is the new VP.
- Chief Meyer has agreed to fill Chief Ramsey’s vacancy as Secretary
- Chief Leininger has asked the membership to focus on new goals for 2016. If you have any ideas please forward them to Chief Leininger or any Board member.
- There will be some educational opportunities coming up. “Utilizing Drones in the Fire Service” is one that will be interesting. Chief Hauck will talk next month about “Street Smart Drug Awareness” program
- Chief Leininger asked the membership if there were any other guidelines or operational roles that could be standardized in the county. For example: color coding of fire helmets – Chiefs white, officers red, FFs black, etc. **THINK ABOUT IT!!!**

- Since we are a customer of the HCCC they should be addressing some of the concerns that we have with their service: i.e. the communicator. We need to take our concerns to the Ham. Co. Commissioners for some answers.

**Vice President's Report** – Chief Ober

- There is an ORC statute that references the utility tax that gives the county the right to assess that particular tax.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chief Hauck

- No report

**Secretary's Report** – Chief Ramsey

- November meeting minutes approved 1<sup>st</sup> Wright, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ober

**COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE AND TEAM REPORTS**

**HCFIU (Investigation 600)** – Chief Owens

- No report

**USAR** – DC Lakamp

- Activation in Springfield Twp (person lost) – 40 members responded
- Training Jan 14 and 15 Confined space
- Last team meeting over 2 days had 70 members attend

**COMMAND 400** – AC Mike Siefke

- Will be meeting with AC Siefke about a succession plan
- C400 was deployed to USAR call out
- Using active 911 for reponse

**MCI** – Chief Hardwick

- MCI drill set for May 20<sup>th</sup> at Scarlet Oaks
- Will have about 200 victims

**Other Business**

- Chief Owens stated that there will be revisions of the May Day SOG sent out soon to review.

**Thanks to Host:**

- Evendale and BSA.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:30

**Next Meeting: January 20, 2016 at Boy Scouts of America, Reading Road, Evendale, 09:00.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chief Terry J. Ramsey, Secretary