



## **Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting**

**Evendale Adm. Bldg.**

**Date: December 11, 2019**

**Time: 09:00**

**Attended by:** Chief Rob Leininger, Chief Kevin Hardwick, Chief Todd Owens, Chief Denny Meador, Chief Doug Campbell, Chief Mike Hauck, Chief Rob Hursong, Chief Alfie Jones

### **Call to Order**

Chief Hardwick called the meeting to order at 09:00.

### **Presentation Requests**

Chief Leininger reported the following would like to make presentations at an upcoming 2020 HCFA meeting:

- EMA: January 2020 to discuss accreditation (Nick Crossley)
- TriHealth: February or March 2020 to discuss new medical suite dedicated to firefighters at their Sharonville location (Pam Portman-Chandler)
- Stryker: March 2020 to discuss new EPCR program (Ross Finnan)

### **Dispatching**

Chief Leininger presented the letter from HCCC Director Andy Knapp confirming the detail rates for 2020 will be set at \$10. The board expressed concern that there is no provision in the sales tax language that guarantees future dispatch rates. In fact, the language does not guarantee the portion of the collected sales tax to be dedicated to public safety. Chief Leininger will continue to be in contact with the county administrator and commissioners to ensure they honor the commitments they made to fund public safety.

### **Peer Support Team**

The team will be holding a press conference at the general membership meeting on December 18 during the break. This press conference will announce the steps the team,

in conjunction with the HCFCFA, is taking to ensure first responders in the region have access to mental health services.

### **Communications Committee Update**

HCCC is still on track to transition to the new MDC system beginning in February 2020. Director Knapp has continued to remind departments that the mobile radio-based system will not be active past June 2020.

### **Vice President's Report**

There is continuing progress in cancer research in the areas of PPE and firefighting foam.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Chief Owens distributed the December financial report, which are attached to these minutes.

Two new associate members have joined the HCFCFA. Due to the lateness in the billing cycle, they will not begin paying their dues with the 2020 billing cycle.

Two fire departments have still not paid their dues for several years. The board discussed options to encourage the payment of dues. At this time, it was decided that Chief Owens and Chief Hursong would reach out one final time to the departments in arrears to secure payment.

### **Secretary's Report**

Chief Meador reported the minutes from the November board meeting and general membership meeting were distributed to the membership.

Chief Meador will work with Chief Owens to update the associate membership list, and the updated information will be distributed in early 2020.

### **Elections**

Nominations are now closed, and voting will take place at the December 18 meeting.

### **2020 Goals**

Chief Leininger reported that Springfield Township is planning on deactivating their bariatric unit (M-379). It was used approximately 40 times in 2019, with about 60% of those requests being mutual aid requests. Most of the responses with M-389 were just transportation runs and not true emergencies. Chief Leininger suggested we reach out to the Health Collaborative to see if there is interest by the hospitals to operate a bariatric unit in the region.

Additionally, Chief Leininger would like to address the following during 2020:

- USAR and Command 400 grant funding
- Continued support for firefighter health and wellness

- Review the Mutual Aid Agreement
- Cancer awareness training at the county level
- Leadership courses at the county level
- Review of the Accountability policy
- Active shooter template that builds off of the MCI template
- Review committee assignments

A finalized list of goals will be presented at the January 2020 board meeting.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Meeting adjourned 11:10.

**Next Board Meeting January 8, 2020**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary