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## Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21, 2014

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 Bruce Smith - present

Treasurer Chief Hauck -present      Secretary Chief Ramsey – present      Chief Hammonds - present

Chief Ober - present      Chief Brown - present      Chief Jones - present      Chief Braun - present

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**Wells Fargo** – Pete Bohrofen – provided copy of portfolio.

**Red Cross** – no report

**University of Cincinnati** – Larry Bennett – see attachment

**Great Oaks** – Jim Whitworth – class announcements - call Great Oaks for information.

## **NEW CHIEFS** –

- Rob Penny – officially new Fire Chief Sycamore Township FD
- Jason Kiefer – new Asst. Chief Mariemont FD

## **Presentation** – Dr. Lakshmi K. Sammarco, Hamilton Couty Coronor

- Dr. Sammarco – spoke on behalf of the Coronor’s office to continue with their plan of moving the crime lab to the Mt. Airy campus facility. This facility would better serve not only the HCFC but the HC Sheriff’s and HC local law enforcement departments. The facility is large enough to accommodate the Hamilton County Fire Investigative Unit as well. The State is presently conducting a study that would place a BCI lab in SW Ohio that would move crime lab work from Hamilton County. Dr. Sammarco believes that this move would have a drastic effect on the service that the coroner’s office provides for the county.
- Richard Jackson – Armed Forces Benefit Association – spoke in regards to the AFBA life insurance benefits for the fire service. You can go to [afba.com](http://afba.com) for more information or call Mr. Jackson at 937-673-6760.

## **President’s Report**

- Chief Leininger – Addressed his disappointment after reading a Cincinnati.com article entitled *Local Governments Resist Sharing Work*. **His response to the editor is attached.**

## **Vice President’s Report**

- Chief Smith – Mutual aid “Agreement” looks good and will soon be in draft form for review by the Board.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

- Chief Hauck – \$24,000 in General Fund account. Repair completed to Command 400.
- Repair invoice approved 1<sup>st</sup> Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashbrock

## **Secretary’s Report**

- Chief Ramsey – April’s minutes approved – 1<sup>st</sup> Ober 2<sup>nd</sup> Jones

## **REGIONAL COLLABORATION – OPEN FORUM**

### **CFD**

- Chief Braun – Thanks to those who helped at the Kids Safety Fair.
- New recruit class of 50 will begin May 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Regional Work Groups

- East – no report
- NEC – no report
- Valley – no report
- Mid-West – no report
- West – no report

HCCC – Jason Dunn - no report

Duke Energy – Susan Browning

- Total events 1673      Emergency events 580
- Fire/Police on scene 60 - Average Response time 55 minutes
- Structure fires 10 – Average response time 32 minutes
- Entrapments 2 – Average response time 18 minutes
  - **AC Rump – Norwood Fire stated a 6 hr response for wires down on a vehicle. Susan will investigate. Found that was response from 2<sup>nd</sup> crew not original.**
  - If departments have issues with a poor/slow response please call:
    - Dave Sharpshair 513-280-1188 or Mark Tanner 513-608-9035
  - Susan introduced Warren Walker as the new District manager for Duke his #s are (o) 513-287-2419 (c) 513-659-1417

PHCV – AC Wolf – no report

HC Hazmat – Chief Camp, Brook Matzen - no report

EMA – Handed out Early Warning Notification System pamphlet – **see attachment**

LEPC – Ed Frambes – Thanks Sharonville for hosting Table Top training. Table Top training revealed an issue when a “Code Red” existed – need for notifying EMA directly.

Southwest Ohio Fire Chiefs – AC Rupp – Chief Ober

- AC Rupp – FYI - cannot email recipients with fuse.net addresses from his location.
- Chief Ober – SWOFC sending letter to oppose the State’s plan of amending HB483. The amendment would allow the county commissioners and the Sheriff’s department to enter into a contract which could make the Sheriff the EMA Director.

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Ohio Fire Chiefs – Chief Wright

- Legislation – HB483 Mid-Biennium review – see copy of email – Amendment to HB483 to allow for counties to contract with sheriff’s department to implement a county EMA program. Directorships could be given to the Sheriff of that county.
  - \$3mil from rotary fund to rural FDs for MARCS radios – handled through the SFMs grant process
  - All other legislation on hold until after November elections

- Ohio Fire Chief's Conf (now called the Ohio Fire & Rescue Officer Development Conf) **see attachment**
- Ohio Fire Chief's will be rolling out their Fire Chief Credentialing accreditation at the conference.
- Lexipol – savings available – will be at conference
- Safer Ohio pamphlet – Director Born met with Chiefs
- Motorola Grant – Ohio Fire Chiefs received a grant from Motorola for the purchase of the Blue Card training software, iPads and radios. OFCs will be offering it to Ohio departments for conducting the Lab portion of the Blue Card Training.
- Congressional Fire Service Caucus – Washington DC – met with 17/18 Ohio Congressmen and discussed the needs and goals of the fire service in Ohio.

**UASI/SOSINK** – Chief Wright – grants submittals for this cycle \$500,000. About \$300,000 remaining in fund / discussing with EMA for its use.

**Hamilton County Sheriff** – Jim Knapp – no report

## **PROJECTS AND GOALS**

**Mutual Aid Agreement** – Chief Smith – see Vice President's report.

**Risk Management** – Chief Brown – no report

**Web site Development** – Chief Jones

- Chief Penny presented the new Web site design located at (hamiltoncountyfirechiefs.com).
  - A list from Chief Penny of desirable department information from each department will come your way soon.

## **COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE AND TEAM REPORTS**

**Communications – AC Souders**

- Chief Ashbrock and AC Rupp led a lengthy discussion regarding:
  - MARCS radio system
  - HCCC CAD system (maybe use UASI funds to help upgrade)
  - Agreed to set up a meeting with HCCC Jason Dunn (Comm. Committee and Board)

**USAR** – Chief Ashbrock - no report

**COMMAND 400** – AC Mike Siefke

- Repair to vehicle is complete.

**Arson Task Force** – Chief Owens

- Official name – Hamilton County Fire Investigation Unit

**Discussion Items** –

- EMS Director Legislation – **see Chief Ober’s response (SWOFC)**
- MayDay – Chief Hardwick addressed the Board and discussed the issues concerning use of the “emergency button” on portable radios. Decided is should be discussed by the Communications committee and if anyone else has concerns or comments forward them to Chief Leininger.

**Announcements:** - Capt. Conn Colerain FD

Public Safety Media Day on Boat and Water Safety scheduled for May 23 – **info was forwarded to all.**

**Thanks to Host:**

- Evendale and BSA.

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next Regular Meeting: June 18, 2014 at Boy Scouts of America, Reading Road, Evendale, 09:00.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Chief Terry J. Ramsey, Secretary*