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## **Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes**

**Date: October 15, 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  
Treasurer Chief Hauck - Present  
Chief Hammonds - Present  
Chief Brown - Present  
Chief Braun – Present

Vice President Bruce Smith - Absent  
Secretary Chief Ramsey - Present  
Chief Ober - Present  
Chief Jones - Present

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

- Those present were recognized.

### **PRESENTATIONS** – HCFCFA Web-site presentation – Chief Penny

- Web-site is a work in progress but is up and running with many items to choose from for information or for posting information to share.
- If work groups wish to post information to share they should delegate a representative to contact the Web Master (Chief Penny, Chief Jones or AC Gallo)
- HCFCFA web-site is ([hamiltoncountyfirechiefs.com](http://hamiltoncountyfirechiefs.com))

### **REGIONAL COLLABORATION**

#### **CFD** – Chief Braun

- Fire recruit class graduation and promotional ceremony is November 7, 2014

**PHCV** – Chief Leininger for Tom Wolf

- Reminder to complete paperwork for drug license **extension** which is March of 2015.

**Duke Energy** – Susan Browning

- Reminder to notify HCCC when Duke **units** have arrived on scene. That will help with a more accurate response time. Please call supervisor if response is delayed. **see attachment for September response times**

**HCCC** – No representative present

**GC Hazmat** – Brook Matzen – no report

**Homeland Security/EMA** – Mike Snowden

- Grant process complete
- Mike Snowden is retiring after first of year. There are eight candidates that are being considered for his replacement. Mike is assisting with the process. The four candidates from Hamilton County are Ed Dadosky, BJ Jetter, Bary Lusby and Mike Hartzler. Four candidates are from out of state.

**LEPC** – Ed Frambes –

- Ed Frambes is now retired. Chief Leininger recognized him for his service. Ed in turn thanked the HCFCFA for their assistance.

**OFC/UASI/SOSINK** – Chief Wright

**OFC**

- Board approved the Strategic plan
- Winter symposium is scheduled for March 2015
- Ohio Public safety has approved funding for the four regional rescue teams
- Keeping the dialogue going with the Fire Marshal's Office
- Legislation will pick up after the elections

**UASI/SOSINK**

- Budgets are in for grant submissions
- Planning for the 2015 All Star game

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

**Hamilton County Sheriff** – Jim Knapp

- Reminder that the Guns and Hoses boxing event is October 22nd

**President's Report** - Chief Leininger

- FYI – Red Cross is restructuring their organization and expanding their response areas.
- **Chief Leininger and Chief Braun have been working with the 911 Preservation Task Force to figure out a way to fund the rebuilding of the communications infrastructure. Estimated cost is 13 million dollars.**

- HCFCFA board is currently reviewing a MOU with BGSU regarding the use of USAR equipment for the BERT training for members.
- HCFCFA board is also reviewing VFSI options for liability coverage of volunteers for our regional teams.
- Jennifer Spieser (Grant Administrator for CFD) met with the board to discuss funding options for replacing the mobile and portable radios. She volunteered her assistance with this project.
- Succession plans are being developed for USAR, Command400 and HCFIU.

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

- Chief Smith – Absent - no report

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Chief Hauck – \$23,573.20 in General Fund account. **Report attached.** Will keep CD as is. Working with Chief Brown on VFIS program options.
- Bills were approved 1<sup>st</sup> Owens 2<sup>nd</sup> Brown

### **Secretary's Report**

- Chief Ramsey – December's minutes approved – 1<sup>st</sup> Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> Hammonds

## **DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **Nominations** – Chief Jones

- Five positions are up for election – President, Treasurer, Secretary and two Trustees
- Chief Leining, Chief Hauck and Chief Ramsey expressed their desire to run again for their respective positions.
- Chief Brown and Chief Hammonds are the incumbents and also expressed their desire to run for re-election.
- Chief Owens and Chief Hardwick were nominated for Trustee
- The elections will take place at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

### **MCI plan** – Chief Jones

- The MCI plan was brought to the floor for a vote to accept as written 1<sup>st</sup> Hammonds 2<sup>nd</sup> Hauck
- MCI plan was passed as written

### **Accountability SOG** – Chief Ober

- Sent out the final draft
- Chief Ober asked the membership for comments – no comments
- The Accountability SOG was brought to the floor for a vote to accept as written 1<sup>st</sup> Huber 2<sup>nd</sup> Kiefer
- SOG was passed as written

### **HCFIU** – Chief Owens

- Chief Owens informed the membership that the HCFIU policies and procedures have been revised and we can now move forward with allowing the HCFIU to operate under the auspices of the HCFCA.
- After discussion , the motion was brought to a vote 1<sup>st</sup> S. Ober 2<sup>nd</sup> Hursong
- Vote was approved.

#### **Mutual Aid Agreement – Chief Smith**

- Chief Leininger stated on behalf of Chief Smith that there will be one more review before it is brought to the membership for a vote.

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

#### **Communications – AC Souders**

- Chief Leininger reported on behalf of AC Souders – let him know if there are any problems with the APX radios. Motorola Chief Engineer will be in town Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Emergency Operations Center to discuss audio settings for the APX radios. **See attachment.**
- Chief Jones reported that Butler Co. (on MARCS) will not release Radio IDs so that they can communicate on MA calls
- There was a general discussion regarding the release of radio IDs from other counties on the MARCS system.
- Chief Huber stated that they have not had that problem with Warren Co. He also stated that there is a SOSINK Tactical Interoperable Talk Group that meets once a month to discuss these types of issues with MARCS. HCFCA should have a representative and should consider the MARCS system because of the funds associated with it. It would be to our advantage. That group meets next at Station 61 November 21 at 1pm.
- Chief Rupp suggested that we have a Communications Committee member attend those meetings – either AC Souders or Chief Ashbrock. Comm. Comm. Will look into it.
- Chief Rupp also suggested that the HCFCA draft a letter to the HCCC rejecting any dispatch fee increases. He stated that the Ham Co. Police Association has already submitted a letter. Chief Leininger said that he would also draft a similar letter requesting no dispatch fee increases.

#### **USAR – Chief Ashbrock**

- After action report complete from Whitewater Twp. response
- Looking for a fire department or private partner to store the new truck.
- Verifying memberships and MOUs – currently at 85 members and have several new applications
- Received about \$30,000 from UASI grant – replacing equipment with most of the funds.

#### **COMMAND 400 – AC Mike Siefke – no report**

#### **Other Business –**

- Chief Huber – stated that their Fire Investigation Unit in Clermont Co. just went through a lawsuit and advised that the HCFIU evaluate their liability coverage.

**Thanks to Host:**

- Evendale and BSA.

**Meeting adjourned** at 1105

Next Meeting: November 19, 2014 at Boy Scouts of America, Reading Road, Evendale, 09:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Terry J. Ramsey, Secretary