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## Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 15, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order at 09:07 with Chief Leininger presiding.

### **Pledge/Invocation**

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

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

### **Associate Members**

#### 1-800-BoardUp

Tom Camp thanked the association for allowing 1-800-BoardUp to attend and provided membership with a flyer.

#### (859) BOARD UP

Leah Hanlon thanked the membership for welcoming her to the meeting. She distributed a 2020 Shift Calendar to those in attendance. If your firefighters would like any for their stations, please contact her.

#### Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the membership for the opportunity to attend.

#### Bryant Hartke Construction

“Uncle Bob” Luchsinger thanked the membership for the opportunity to attend.

#### Sutphen

Dan Sutphen wished everyone a Happy New Year. He has 2020 calendars available. Please contact him if you would like one.

#### 9258 Wealth Management

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

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

Pete also reported that OPERS was planning on cutting back on health care funding for retirees. They have also eliminated COLAs for the first two years of each new retirees' benefits in order to extend the solvency of the pension. While OPERS is not the primary pension for most HCFA members, the results of the COLA freeze will be closely looked at by other public pensions as an action to take to extend their solvency.

Starting on Saturday February 29, 2020, Pete will host a coffee and donuts Q&A session at the offices of 9258 Wealth Management. Even if you are not a client, you are welcome to attend to discuss trends retirement planning. There will be two other Q&A sessions on March 28 and April 25.

#### **EMA Presentation**

EMA Director Nick Crossley explained the process EMA was following to become an accredited agency. Most of the work falls on the shoulders of his staff, but there is information and documentation needed from county agencies and jurisdictions in order to meet the requirements of the accreditation committee. His presentation reviewed the type of information needed and how we can help. The info presented is attached to these minutes.

As part of the process, Morgan Peterson will be working with Chief Hardwick to develop a continuity of operations plan for the HCFA.

#### **Regional Collaboration Partners**

##### HCCC

Chief Scott Souders reported for HCCC Director Andy Knapp.

- Alias IDs in radios should be reviewed and updated. The radio ID you see in radio-to-radio communications may not be the alias that HCCC sees when the radio is in use. HCCC Recommends that you review and confirm your internal radio alias, your HCCC assigned alias, and make sure HCCC has a copy of both.
- The MDC project is still in progress and as of the January Communications Committee meeting was still on track for activation in early February. They are working on the Net Motion piece of the system. To ensure security of the system it may be necessary to have a security token assigned to each vehicle MDC. This token generates a secure code to authenticate a log in to the system, and only needs to be entered when an MDC is logged on to the system, it is not necessarily a daily activity. HCCC is looking for funding for the tokens, which cost approximately \$30 each.
- HCCC is working on establishing an “Active Threat” incident type. This code will initiate an MCI Level 1 response when activated. Units will be able to upgrade a “basic”

- response to this code if the situation warrants.
- Mike Nie has developed a training video for the new MDC system. A link will be provided for distribution to the membership.

#### GCHMU and Command 400

Brooke Matzen provided a written report that is attached to these minutes. She reminded everyone that GCHMU and Command 400 are available for community events such as touch-a-truck events. Please contact her if you are interested in having a vehicle provided.

#### CFD

Chief Winston thanked the departments that assisted during the recent parking garage collapse. He also thanked the departments that have been providing mutual aid on a regular basis. If you feel that your department is getting called too often, please contact Chief Winston and he will work on adjusting the dispatches.

#### USAR

Chief Tom Lakamp provided a written report that is attached to these minutes.

#### PHCOC and HCFIU

No report

#### EMA

Tier II reporting is under way. A flyer listing upcoming training opportunities was distributed to the members and is attached to these minutes.

#### TriHealth

Kay Vonderschmidt reported that TriHealth is opening several new locations in the area. TriHealth is also working on developing training opportunities for our employees.

Mose Demasi reported that Good Samaritan Hospital has earned its certification as a comprehensive stroke center.

#### UC Medical

Regina Menninger reported that over 4,800 people participated in the "Stop the Bleed" course in 2019. As a token of appreciation, UC is presenting instructors in the program with a commemorative pin. Please contact her if you were an instructor and she will get one to you. The goal of the program in 2020 is to get into more schools in the region. If you have contacts with school administrators, please have them reach out to UC if they would like to bring the class to their system.

The cadaver lab will be open for needle decompression training. Final details and information on registering will be coming soon.

Chief Leininger asked if the flu season has impacted local EDs this year. Kay Vonderschmidt reported that there has been an increase on holds in the ED due to lack of space on the floors. This is the result of an increase in sick people coming to the ED combined with illnesses that are affecting the staff. Tom Dietz (Mercy West) also stated that in addition to the flu, they have seen an increase in cases of bronchitis and pneumonia coming into the ED.

### Educational Partners

- UC: Information on active shooters has been distributed to the membership to use in training.
- Great Oaks: Johnny Mason reported the Fire and Rescue Academy that starts on March 30 is full, and several people are on the waiting list to take the fall course. The process for reaccreditation by ProBoards is ongoing, and they are working towards accreditation by IFSAC. He also reminded the membership that students need to complete all state required testing or paperwork (usually within a year) in order to receive their state cards.

### **Officer Reports**

#### President

Chief Leininger presented the 2020 project list and committee assignments, which are attached to these minutes.

#### Vice President

Chief Hardwick that the MCI plan will be incorporated into the new "Active Threat" incident type. The MCI plan is being reviewed this year by Chiefs Hardwick, Lakamp, and Jones. If you would like to assist, please contact one of the committee members.

Please take time to review the county resource list that is published on the HCFCFA web page. If you need to make changes, please contact Chief Rob Penny.

Congress passed HR 535, the PFAS Action Act. It has now moved to the Senate.

#### Treasurer

Chief Owens submitted a written financial report in his absence which is attached to these minutes.

#### Secretary

Chief Meador reported thanked Chief Hauck for taking the minutes at the December meeting. The minutes of the January 2020 Executive Board meeting were distributed electronically.

The current mutual aid agreement will be sent to the membership at the request of Chief Leininger.

#### Peer Support

Chief Hursong distributed flyers on upcoming training opportunities. They are attached to these minutes.

#### Open Discussion

Chief Hauck informed the membership that Evendale has a drafting pit available for training or pump testing. Please contact him for information or scheduling.

Chief Hardwick suggested we review any current move-up plans currently in use. During the recent storage facility fire in Colerain, the resources of the west side of the county were stretched thin. Having a system in place to assist in these instances would enhance safety. Chief Leininger agreed to add it to the 2020 project list.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24.

**Next Meeting February 19, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary