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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: June 17, 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 - Present
Secretary Chief Ramsey - Present
Chief Hardwick - Present
Chief Campbell - Present
Chief Owens - Absent
Chief Jones - Absent
Chief Braun – Present

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Those present were recognized.
- Pete Bohrofen/Wells Fargo – reported the progress of the HR 711 – not getting much support from our region.
- Western & Southern Life – William Stoffregen handed out information regarding the Veterans Job Fair
- 859 Board up – present
- 800 Board up – present.
- UC – Mr. Bennett - There will be a seminar Aug 21 regarding the Community Paramedic program – information was forwarded to all.

- Former Glendale Fire Chief Dave Moore now with African Fire Mission thanked all for donating equipment, fire gear and training material to his organization. He has received over 1000 sets of gear. His organization will be heading over later this year to begin the training.

PRESENTATIONS – none

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

CFD – Chief Braun

- 1500+ applicants present for their entrance exam. Agility testing will be held in July and interviews in August.

PHCV – Tom Wolf

- No report

Duke Energy – Susan Browning

- See attachment

HCCC – Jason Dunn

- HC Commissioners have the final report from the 911 Task force and need to make a decision. Their decision will be made public very soon. The budget for 2016 must be completed by the end of July. It looks like dispatch fee will be lowered to possibly \$10 and a parcel fee of \$30 will be assessed to support the HCCC operational costs. Chief Leininger believes this was a fair assessment and seems very optimistic.
- HCCC is currently performing site analysis, dead spots within the area and work on the communication's infrastructure to prepare for the transfer to MARCS. If any jurisdictions have trouble areas please notify the HCCC.
- The radio upgrades will be scheduled soon. They plan on upgrading about 1000 radios per month.
- Chief Leininger asked Mr. Dunn if the dispatch fee will be committed to a specific time frame for budgeting purpose – He was not sure but would assume so. Chief Leininger thanked Mr. Dunn for his participation and assistance with the Task Force.

GC Hazmat – Brook Matzen, Chief Ober

- Looking for an old squad/medic unit to replace Foam 300.

Homeland Security/EMA - Nick Crossley – not present

LEPC – not present

OFC/UASI/SOSINK/OFC – Chief Wright

- OFC conference is now called – The Officer Development Conference all are encouraged to send a member – it's not only for Chief Officers.
- New State EMA Director.

- Should be voting on HB 64 the State Budget next week – the Community Paramedic program and approval of allowing barricade systems in schools are attached. The Nursing Association may have issues with the Comm. Paramedic program. If it does not pass it may be introduced as a standalone bill.
- See attachment from Chief Wright regarding legislative updates.

Southwest Ohio Fire Chiefs – AC Rupp – next meeting will be at the conference.

Hamilton County Sheriff – Jim Knapp

- There was some discussion regarding the Ham. Co. Commissioners response to the 99 Task Force report.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report - Chief Leininger

- No report

Vice President's Report – Chief Ober

- Heroin Coalition – has a marketing firm to assist with statistics and information research. The group is sharing information through the Fusion Center to assist with trafficking.

Treasurer's Report – Chief Hauck

- Taxes have been filed - \$50 filing fee
- Rolled over CD
- Bills/report approved – 1st Braun, 2nd Hursong
- Report is attached

Secretary's Report – Chief Ramsey

- All but 2 MA agreements have been signed and received into the repository.
- Those departments have been contacted.
- Minutes approved 1st Ober, 2nd Hauck

DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

Communications Committee – AC Souders

- The following issues were brought to the members' attention regarding the new CAD system. Contact Joe at the HCCC if your department needs to make adjustments.
 - If your department has a heavy rescue unit that responds as such - may need to be clarified.
 - If your department has cross-staffing – (more vehicles than staff can respond in) may need to be clarified.
 - There will be a 90 test period once the system has been launched.
 - There may be a time-span set aside to let departments sample the system before it is launched – HCCC will let you know of that opportunity.

- Many hours have been dedicated to the CAD system – be patient – should be ready by December.
- Adjustments were made to the 23S (structure fire signal). Took the smoke or odor indoors and created a new signal 23I. Hopefully this will help clear up some dispatches.
- West side departments will allow the new CAD to dispatch according to the geographical location (as designed) after it is launched. They will first test it on fire responses and possibly allow it to be utilized for EMS.

Radio Replacement – Chief Hardwick

- Exactly how many radios in the county – including CFD is unknown. Looking for a method of gathering that information. Must also have additional data such as number of details, budgets etc. Chief Peagram has offered to assist with the grant since they were successful. Must be ready by this fall.

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COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE AND TEAM REPORTS

HCFIU – Chief Owens

- No report

USAR – Chief Ashbrock/DC Lakamp

- Received \$5000 grant from state – funds are unencumbered so it can be used for anything. The 4 regional teams were to meet with the EMA Director but it was cancelled because there is now a New Director.
- Ham. Co. EMA will assist with the insurance for team and vehicles.
- Chief Ashbrock is ready to transfer files to DC Lakamp the new Commissioner.
- DC Lakamp announced that one of his duty officers has resigned. He will make a recommendation for his replacement.

COMMAND 400 – AC Mike Siefke

- No call outs

MCI – Chief Hardwick

- Working on MCI drill for 2016
- All Star game assignments for staffing the EOC will be sent out to fill openings.

Other Business –

- Chief Hauck – HB113 to address making CPR in High Schools in the state mandatory for students. Funding has been secured by private organizations.
- Chief Leininger – asked for any special topics for discussion for next month. He also asked Mr. Dunn if he could develop a flow chart about the new CAD that would explain the benefits of the system, what the fire departments are trying to achieve, which could be given to Administrators, Managers and Elected Officials. Mr. Dunn stated that he would work on it.

- Chief Hammonds – stated he would like to see a group of Fire Chiefs keep the pressure on the Ham Co. Commissioners to ensure that the recommendations made by the 911 Task Force are followed. Chief Leininger stated that the Board will act on behalf of the HCFCA and stay in contact with the Commissioners. Mr. Dunn reminded all that the budget is due by the end of July.

Thanks to Host:

- Evendale and BSA.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52

Next Meeting: July 15, 2015 at Boy Scouts of America, Reading Road, Evendale, 09:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Terry J. Ramsey, Secretary