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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2017

Location: Boy Scouts of America, Evendale

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 0900 HOURS; CHIEF LEININGER PRESIDING

Pledge/Invocation: Chief Leininger

Roll-Call of Officers

President Chief Leininger - Present
Vice President Kevin Hardwick - Present
Treasurer Chief Owens - Present
Secretary Kerry Meyer - Present
Chief Ober - Present
Chief Campbell - Absent
Chief Hauck - Present
Chief Jones - Present
Chief Meader – Present

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The following were recognized:

- 1-859 Board up
- 1-800 Board up
- UC (Larry Bennett)

Laura Laake, Hamilton County Public Health- HCPH is available to help fire departments with the heroine problem. Nasal Narcan available if first responder is exposed. They are increasing county wide distribution of Narcan to try and keep the death rate down. There are opportunities for part-time employment, especially if you are

able to drive large trucks.

Chief Leininger asked about the Fusion Center, Laura replied: All data for the Fusion Center comes from the police, while HCPH gets their information from the communication center and hospitals.

Laura also spoke about the needle exchange program, after being asked a question from Chief Jones.

Chief Souders asked about data on overdose deaths. Laura said HCPH works with the coroner to get death statistics.

Laura also said they are beginning to see cocaine and marijuana laced with fentanyl.

Hamilton County Commissioner, Chris Monzel- Spoke about a three-pronged strategy for dealing with the heroine epidemic. 1) Criminal Justice, 2) community quick response teams and 3) education. The heroine epidemic is having a huge impact on Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services.

Chief Ashbrock asked Mr. Monzel to support the Hamilton County Communications Center, telling him how important it is for FD response. Chief Leininger also asked Mr. Monzel to support the HCCC and to keep fees at their current levels.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

HCCC – AC Scott Souders/Director Knapp- Things moving quickly on replacing the communicator. The staffing situation at HCCC has improved. Going to try and get the two full-time positions back that were lost in 2008 and hire two additional people for a total of four new positions.

OFC/UASI/SOSINK/OFC – Chief Wright – HB19, the arson bill is moving forward. Bill on EMS work hours only applies to private employers. EMA bill is still being fought.

CFD – Chief Lakamp – Recruit graduation was July 7.

PHCOC - Chief Owens – Reported on drug shortage, FDA has extended some expiration dates, until shortage is over. Safety Pad is working with hospitals to eliminate faxing fee. Working with the Academy of Medicine on protocols.

EMS Coordinators- Light activity, due to summer.

Educational opportunities- Larry Bennett, spoke about social media policies.

Duke Energy – Susan Browning – Concerned about FD personnel getting to close live wires with hotsticks.

GC Hazmat & Command 400 – Brook Matzen- See attached.

PHCV – Lt. Tom Wolf -

Homeland Security/EMA - Nick Crossley- EOC operated during Tensing trial. Encouraging people to use WebEOC. Working with MSD to share data. Hoping to sign contract on mitigation plan.

LEPC – Richard Jones – Rick is on leave, Nick Crossley is helping cover.

Southwest Ohio Fire Chiefs – AC Rupp – \$1,000 scholarship opportunities, ask Chief Rupp for details.

HC Sheriff- Jim Knapp

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report - Chief Leininger- Asked Chief Souders about First Net. Gave report about the June board meeting. Rep from Workers Comp will be at August meeting to speak about grants. Chief Souders asked about the groups on the contactor.

Vice President's Report – Chief Hardwick- Spoke about the contactor. Asset inventory list is on the website, password is fire. Update on Brent Spence bridge lane closures.

Treasurer's Report – Chief Owens- Financial report submitted, see attached. Motion made by Chief Hauck, seconded by Chief Ashbrock to accept report, motion passed.

Secretary's Report – Chief Meyer- Minutes submitted. Motion by Chief Hardwick, seconded by Chief Souders to accept minutes, motion passed.

COMMITTEES/TASK FORCE AND TEAM REPORTS

FF recruitment & retention- Waiting for a proposal from the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. We had 100% participation on responses to staffing survey, 2157 FF in Hamilton County, 830 are from Cincinnati FD, 350 are on more than one department.

USAR – DC Lakamp- Conducting vehicle inspections and working on repairs. 1 call out. Again, reiterated how difficult it is to spend grant money.

HCFIU – Chief Owens- 2 call outs since last meeting.
Looking to provide coveralls for team members.

New Business- Chief Ashbrock spoke about issues he was having with cable television at his stations. After speaking with Spectrum, he contacted PUCO and they were very helpful.

Old Business- None.

Thanks to Host: Evendale Fire Department

Meeting adjourned at 1113

Next Meeting: August 16, 2017 at Boy Scouts of America, Reading Road, Evendale, 0900

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Kerry Meyer, *Secretary*