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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2021

Location: Scarlet Oaks and Virtual Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 with Chief Hauck presiding.

Roll-Call of Officers

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

COVID-19 Update

HCPH

Health Commissioner Greg Kesterman reported the following:

- Declining hospitalizations in the region from a peak of 719 on December 10. The hospitalization rate is now 95 hospitalized at any one time.
- Currently there are 3,300 active cases across the county.
- The virus reproductive value is 1.02.
- The Cintas Center will be opened as a mass vaccination site on March 18. Kroger will be the company administering the vaccine.
- Of county residents over the age of 65, 2/3 of them have been vaccinated.

John Sherrard reported he has been working to get vaccines to homebound residents with the assistance of fire departments. He is currently working with Colerain Township to test procedures for vetting homebound residents and vaccine transport and administration. He will forward information on the process to the fire chiefs, and if interested please contact him or

Chief Owens. He will then organize a Zoom training for interested departments.

In response to a question from them membership, he stated that HCPH does not anticipate opening the PODs for vaccine administration.

EMA

Director Nick Crossley reported the following:

- EMA is still distributing PPE, particularly medical grade gloves.
- The state will no longer automatically push out PPE to the counties, so agencies should begin returning to their normal sources for PPE.
- EMA will reassess their cache of PPE to determine what should be stored for future pandemics.
- Final accreditation is expected to occur in July.
- The emergency operations plan is available on the EMA web site.
- Administration is reviewing the weather and power outage event in Texas to incorporate lessons learned into Hamilton County planning.
- HC Alert is a cost-effective method for getting emergency alerts to your residents. Cost is based on population. Please contact EMA for information.

Health Collaborative

Francisco Rademacher presented an overview of the COVID dashboard that fire chiefs will be able to access soon. Data on COVID-positive patients can be searched and analyzed to determine current and historical trends relating to the spread of the virus. Final access to the chiefs will occur as soon as licensing is secured.

Regional Collaboration

HCCC

Director Andy Knapp reported that dispatchers recently participated in Mayday training with a local fire department. The dispatchers found this to be valuable training, and would like to participate in future trainings. The second and third shifts are interested as well, so please contact HCCC so they can make arrangements to get those shifts involved as well.

They are continuing to develop a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years which will address capital upgrades to the facility and radio systems, and will also address dispatcher hiring and retention. They are currently still operating under their authorized staffing, and are facing challenges in identifying candidates that are interested in working in public safety.

GCHMU

Brooke Matzen reported Command 400 is currently out of service due to a mechanical issue. Parts are on order for the repair.

USAR

Chief Tom Lakamp presented his report on USAR activities. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. He also reported the victim rescued in the Adams County power plant collapse has now been transferred to a rehab center to continue his recovery. Training this week will focus on high angle rescue and confined space rescue.

PHCOC

Chief Owens reported there will be a protocol committee meeting on March 25.

Tri State Peer Support

Ed Von Lehmden introduced Amy Foley to the association. She will be taking over leadership of the team on June 1.

CFD

Chief Winston reported the next class of 41 recruits will start on June 13. This will be the last group hired from the current list. Applications for the next test are being accepted through May 1. He expects to hire 100-120 firefighters from the upcoming test.

CFD personnel are assisting with vaccinations at the Cintas Center.

HCFIU

Chief Owens introduced Sharonville Lieutenant Chris Ellis and Sonnet, the new arson K-9 in Hamilton County. Sonnet is 18 months old, and has been trained by the ATF to detect accelerants at fire scenes. She has been called to several fires and has hit on samples of accelerants in the fire debris. If the dog is needed at your scene, contact HCCC to have the HCFIU notified.

City of Franklin Therapy Dog

Demeter was introduced to the membership. Demeter is a therapy dog that came from Circle Tail, and is cared for by the Franklin Fire Department. Demeter is available to the region, and if needed please contact Franklin Fire.

Associate Members

1-800-BoardUp

1-800-BoardUp distributed information on their services, and reported on their services and work in the region.

Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the membership for the opportunity to attend.

9258 Wealth Management

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

1. Dodge & Cox
2. Vanguard Capital Opportunity
3. Vanguard Small Cap

There have been reports of scam callers spoofing the OP&F caller ID number and contacting members. Please be aware that this is happening and protect your personal information.

Interest rates are predicted to normalize as the economy begins to reopen, and inflation is not anticipated in the short term. It appears that 2021 will be a good year for your investments and the stock markets.

859-BOARDUP

859-BOARD up reported on their services, including securing buildings and providing victim assistance.

UC Health

Jess Chaille notified membership that construction would be occurring at the entrance to the emergency department at UHMC, which will affect the flow of traffic. Notices will be sent to area departments to detail the traffic pattern changes.

UC

Larry Bennett reported there has been great interest in the drone program. He also reminded membership that his therapy dog Frye is available for visits.

Officer Reports

President

Chief Hauck reported the strategic planning is underway. The board is reviewing our mission statement, and plans on having something to bring to membership at the April meeting.

Vice President

Chief Hardwick reported the updated MCI plan has been posted on our web site and will be distributed to the chiefs.

The burn surge exercise was completed, and they had several takeaways from the exercise that will improve patient care in the future.

The F.A.C.E. Team had a good meeting with TriHealth, and they are working on developing a cancer screening process for firefighters. The next meeting will be on March 24 at Station 42, with a virtual option also provided.

Treasurer

Chief Owens reported the invoices for 2021 dues have been sent. He has purged the associate member list of several companies that have changed ownership or have not paid dues in several years. The financial report was provided to membership.

Motion to accept the report made by Chief Terry Timmers, second by Chief Jones. Motion approved.

Secretary

Chief Meador reported the minutes from the last general membership meeting were emailed to the association. The minutes for the last executive board meeting will be completed and emailed soon.

Motion to accept the February minutes made by Chief Scott Souders, second by Chief Timmers. Motion carried.

Committee Reports and Teams

Communications Committee

Chief Souders reported on two changes that will be made to the Locution dispatch. The first addition will be the announcement of long lay locations as designated by the fire departments. The second will be an "area" announcement to identify the jurisdiction off an incident at the start of the Locution dispatch.

The drone team can be dispatched through HCCC. They are designated UAS-500.

Dispatchers are being asked to prompt incident commanders about Duke notifications on confirmed structure fires.

There are a number of radios across the county that need to update their alias with HCCC. Please contact Scott Brown for additional information.

Old Business

Chief Hauck reported there are now nine members on the newly formed Training Committee. They will have their first meeting in April.

Chief Mark Baird reminded the membership that SU-271, a power and light unit, is available to the region. He will forward information to the association.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53.

Next Meeting April 21, 2021

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary