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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18, 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 - Present
Chief Jones - Present
Chief Braun – Absent

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Those present were recognized.
- Pete Bohrofen with Wells Fargo asked if the HCFCFA would write a support letter of HR711 Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act which would replace the windfall elimination. The HCFCFA Board will address this matter when they next meet.
- Western & Southern Life – William Stoffregen mentioned that they were going to participate at the Kids Fair in May.
- 859 Board up – invited all to participate in their March madness event.
- 800 Board up – Discussed their operational services.

- UC – see handout attached.

PRESENTATIONS –

- Springdale Police Chief Mike Mathis – spoke on behalf of the newly established HC Heroin Coalition. Chief Mathis advised all of the coalition’s possibilities based on the members of the group and the enthusiasm behind it. He has agreed to participate as the liaison of the HCPCA and attend our meetings. Chief Ober and DC Cedric Robinson of CFD will be our representatives for the Coalition.
- Sara Kolks of the Union Institute and University was introduced by Chief Smith to discuss Colerain Twp’s cooperative with the college. She will attend next month’s meeting to discuss further but CTFD has currently enrolled many of their personnel in an undergrad program at the Institute for a reduced cost per credit hour. More to come.....
- Hamilton County Commissioner Greg Hartmann was introduced by President Leininger. Commissioner Hartmann addressed his priorities as follows to the members:
 - Funding 911 and upgrade costs - \$15 million costs – debt service is a cost of \$2 million a year. Understands the costs per community for dispatching (example Colerain Twp - \$600,000 a year for dispatch. Communities cannot bear the costs anymore. Looking more at a lot/parcel tax to assist with costs.
 - Replacement of 800 Mhz radios – believes the county should help with that replacement cost.
 - Crime lab – Committed to keeping it local. Presently do not have the funding for the Mt. Airy location (\$80 million for that structure – TOO MUCH)
 - Heroin issue – Coalition has been very active. This is a budget crisis for everyone – 10,000 arrests in 2014 and over 200 deaths. Need to keep the organization together – if it separates it will fail.
 - Overall – economy is starting to look better. HC has done their share in trimming budget – 1500 less people working for county divisions.
- HC Boy Scouts – Julie Huckaby and David Benkin – David is the explorer post leader in Delhi Twp. He gave an overview of the explorer’s post in Delhi Twp. He encouraged departments to look at becoming a sponsoring unit and listed the benefits. The posts are for the most part self-sufficient and create good role models. The scouts assist the FDs on details, service projects and with tax levy promotions (just to name a few benefits). FDs are not required to hire scouts as paid employees.
- Tom Camp – reminded membership of the 2015 Syrian Shrine FF Awards scheduled for October 7th this year. Looking for nominations in three categories – Fire Prevention, Leadership and Heroism.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

CFD –

- Working with HCCC for communications interoperability, the Heroin Coalition and operational response issues with high rises.

PHCV – Tom Wolf

- Chief Leininger - No report - next meeting next week

Duke Energy – Susan Browning

- February responses
 - 1464 events – 261 emergencies
 - Police and Fire on scene 30 – storms 2
 - Average response to storms – 115 minutes
 - Structure fires (non-storm) 10 - average response 41 minutes
 - Structure fire w/storm 1- average response 108 minutes
 - Entrapments – 2 – average response 40 minutes

HCCC – Jason Dunn

- Sometime in May or June the radio upgrade and MARCS template should be complete. Adding consoles.
- Hoping to keep 2 fire desks active
- Should not be any MARCS fee for local use or with neighboring county departments
- CAD system should be ready by November

GC Hazmat – Brook Matzen

- CDV (RAD Kits) still available for pick up
- Operational ppt will be distributed once received from state
- HazMat tech class (40 hr) and 8 hr refresher are available at no cost thru C-State
- GC HazMat and CFD HazMat will be re verifying for their 3 year cert.

Homeland Security/EMA

- New director – Nick Crosley
 - Goals are:
 - Community outreach, training, strategic planning, looking at national standards
 - Only 4 staff
 - Putting on a 24/7 duty officer
 - Looking at siren activation protocols and a back-up system for HCCC and assist in sharing costs

LEPC – no report

OFC/UASI/SOSINK/OFC – Chief Wright

- See attachment from Chief Wright

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

Hamilton County Sheriff – Jim Knapp – no report

President's Report - Chief Leininger

- Appointed Chief Doug Campbell – Delhi Twp FD to fill the trustee position vacated by Chief Ober who was appointed to VP due to the resignation of Chief Smith.
- Reviewed the goals completed in 2014 and touched on the goals set for 2015

Vice President's Report – Chief Ober

- Goal for 2015 to review HC model SOGs
- Survey FDs to see how they are handling heroin issues

Treasurer's Report – Chief Hauck

- 2nd reading to amend section 5 Expenditures
- \$26,445 in treasury
- HCFCA dues coming in – only a few delinquent.

Secretary's Report – Chief Ramsey

- January minutes – approved
- Several signed MA agreement sheets have been received.

DISCUSSIONS/ACTION ITEMS

Mutual Aid Agreement – Chief Smith

- No report

Associate Member request

- Paul Davis Restoration
 - Motion to vote on the application for associate membership 1st Hauck, 2nd Owens
 - By a show of hands the membership voted **NOT** to accept the application for membership by Paul Davis Restoration. Check will be returned.

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE AND TEAM REPORTS

HCFIU – Chief Owens

- Please call out early if needed – ask HCCC to dispatch Investigation 600.

Communications – AC Souders

- Meeting March 20th for CAD information.

USAR – Chief Ashbrock

- Training March 19 and 20 in Reading.
- Checking on members who have or have not been approved for membership by their Chiefs.
- Finalizing grant.
- Have some budget issues to work out before truck will be ready for service.

COMMAND 400 – AC Mike Siefke

- No call outs
- Updated cell phone maintenance plan.

MCI – Chief Hardwick

- MCI drill set for 2nd quarter 2016

Other Business –

- none

Thanks to Host:

- Evendale and BSA.

Meeting adjourned at 1115

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Terry J. Ramsey, Secretary