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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16, 2019

Location: Boy Scouts of America, Evendale

The meeting was called to order at 09:05 with Chief Leininger presiding.

Pledge/Invocation: Chief Leininger

Roll-Call of Officers

President Rob Leininger - Present

Vice President Kevin Hardwick - Present

Treasurer Todd Owens - Present

Secretary Denny Meador - Present

Chief Doug Campbell - Present

Chief Mike Hauck - Present

Chief Alfie Jones - Present

Chief Roy Winston - Present

Chief Rob Hursong - Present

Associate Members

1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp provided information literature at the tables for membership.

(859) Board Up

Leah Hanlon introduced Jerry Reardon as the newest member of their team.

Pete Bohrofen

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

1. Fidelity Contra Fund
2. Vanguard Capital Opportunity

3. Dodge & Cox

Employees looking to retire in the near future should be aware of the potential slowdown of the economy in the next 18-24 months. The federal shutdown, trade issues with China, and Brexit are pointing to an economic downturn, and the Federal Reserve looks poised to raise interest rates again.

Alan Walls

Chief Walls thanked the HCFCFA members for their support of Colerain Police and Fire Departments during this difficult period for the township. He noted that the mental health initiatives of the HCFCFA have been a great benefit for the Colerain family. He also noted that as tragic as the death of Officer Dale Woods is, his legacy will continue because Officer Woods was an organ/tissue donor.

Regional Collaboration (Partners, Task Forces, Teams)

HCCC

- Director Knapp reported that the Locution project is on track, and he expects it to be operational in the first quarter of this year. He and Chief Scott Souders will be making a presentation on Locution at the February general membership meeting.

SWOFCFA

- No report

CFD

- Chief Winston thanked the HCFCFA departments that provided support to the CFD during the 4-alarm fire on January 13. County units were used to cover empty stations and responded to multiple EMS details during the incident.
- On March 1 the CFD will begin inspecting food trucks as part of the permitting process for the vendors. Any truck that passes inspection will be issued a sticker from the CFD that will be valid for one year. If these trucks operate in areas outside of the city, you will be aware that they passed a fire inspection for safe operation.
- The Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland Fire Departments are working with state lawmakers to increase payments for transport of Medicaid patients. Although this legislation would benefit all departments across the state, it will have a significant impact on CDF finances since they transport a large number of Medicaid patients. If you would like additional information on the project, please contact Chief Winston.

USAR

- Chief Lakamp presented the monthly report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He is continuing work on obtaining a “certificate of waiver” so that the drone can be operated at night.

PHCOG

- Chief Owens reported that there will be an open meeting on Thursday at the American Red Cross.

HCFIU

- Chief Owens reported that the unit responded to four callouts in December, and have responded to three callouts so far in January.

Education Partners

- University of Cincinnati
 - Larry Bennet provided information on an upcoming Community Paramedicine course in March 2019. The flyer is attached to these minutes.
- Cincinnati State
 - Bob Cutajar reported that 280 students have gone through the 8-hour hazmat training funded by PUCO.
 - If you have any specific requests for training, please contact Bob.
- Great Oaks
 - Johnny Mason reported that the next Fire & EMS Academy will start on April 1. There are currently 28 students enrolled at this time.
 - There are still openings in the instructor and inspector courses being offered this year. Please contact Johnny for additional information.

Duke Energy

- No report

GCHMU

- Brooke Matzen reported that details of activities for GCHMU and Command 400 were sent to the secretary for inclusion in these minutes.
- There was one callout GCHMU in Brown County.
- There was one callout for Command 400 in conjunction with USAR in Hamilton County, and one callout for a water rescue in Indiana.
- Chief Leininger reported that the Executive Board will begin looking at options to replace Command 400 when it reaches the end of its service life, and develop a strategy for replacement and funding.

EMA, Homeland Security, and LEPC

- EMA Director Nick Crossley reported that they are in the process of upgrading the control system for the outdoor warning sirens in 2019. It will take approximately nine months to plan and implement the upgrades.
- The Mass Care Summit will be held on March 27 from 09:00-12:00. This summit will include the public sector, private sector, and nonprofit sector. In the event of an emergency, the local jurisdiction will need to be self-sustaining for approximately two weeks. This summit will help address this two-week need by identifying resources available locally.
- Matt Moynihan was introduced as the new Training & Exercise Specialist for EMA. One of his first goals is to update the training email list to assist in streamlining the process of getting information out to those interested. Rather than send out weekly emails, he plans on send out a biweekly training bulletin. The classes are also listed on the EMA website.

HCSO

No report

Hamilton County Public Health

No report

New Chiefs

Jerry Cooper was introduced as the new Assistant Chief at Sycamore Township.

Officer Reports

President

Chief Leininger stated that he will be forming a committee to review the policies and procedures adopted by the HCFCFA to ensure that they are up to date with current best practices. He would like the committee to focus on our Mayday policy in 2019. A meeting will be convened in the next several weeks. The initial committee will consist of chiefs representing the HCFCFA regional work groups:

- West: Chief Doug Campbell
- Midwest: Chiefs Alfie Jones and Frank Cook
- East: Chief Chris Theders
- Valley: Assistant Chief Paul Gallo
- South: Assistant Chief Tom McCabe
- Northeast: TBD

Vice President

Chief Hardwick reported that the next planning meeting for the 2019 MCI drill will be held on January 29 at 13:00 at the Health Collaborative on Elsinore Avenue.

Chief Hardwick distributed information on the formation of the O.K.I. FACE Team. This group will focus on reducing our exposure to carcinogens as we go about our duties. If

you are interested in becoming a team member, or would like additional information, please contact Chief Hardwick. A copy of the informational letter is attached to these minutes.

Treasurer

Chief Owens presented the financial report and provided copies for the membership. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Chief Ashbrock moved to accept the financial report; second by Chief Hauck. Motion was approved.

Secretary

Chief Meador thanked Chief Owens for recording December minutes, of which printed copies which were available at today's meeting. The December minutes will be sent electronically with the January minutes. Chief Leininger tabled approval of the December minutes until the February meeting.

Committee Reports

Communications

Director Knapp reported that as part of the Locution installation, they have been conducting weekly conference calls between HCCC, Locution, and Trittech. The database for the streets is complete, and they are making edits to the "common names" database at this time. He again reminded the membership that there will not be an immediate need to reprogram your radios, but that it will need to be done eventually. The Communications Committee is working on pricing for radio reprogramming.

The EMS Mobile Platform is approved and funded, but the contract is delayed as the county prosecutor's office reviews it.

There are two IT positions opening at the HCCC. If you know anyone who is knowledgeable in IT and is looking for a career, please refer them to the county website for employment information.

Health and Safety

Ed Von Lehmden reported that there have been 20 referrals for service to date as a result of our mental health programming. Two of these were considered emergency treatments, and all have been successful. The feedback from those seeking assistance has been positive.

The committee will be working on a draft SOG for recognition of mental health issues and the process by which to refer someone to professional services.

Other Business

Chief Leininger thanked the membership for the increased participation at meetings and with the standing committees. He is also proud of the way every department steps up to help others in their time of need.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44.

Next Meeting February 20, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary