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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: January 19, 2022

Location: 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 Doug Campbell – Absent

Chief Steve Oughterson – Absent

Chief Rob Hursong – Present

Chief Allen Walls – Present

Chief Bryan Young – Present

Past President Rob Leininger – Present

Updates/Presentations

EMA

Director Nick Crossley reported the following:

- HCPH has providing COVID updates every Tuesday at 13:00.
- Masks are being provided to local schools on a one-time basis. EMA will assist directing the schools to a FEMA reimbursement program that can be used to offset their PPE expenses.
- Trainings were email to Chief Meador and will be distributed with the minutes.
- The process of the building purchase for HCCC and EMA is continuing. The county is now reviewing its options.

Associate Members

Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked membership for allowing him to attend and wishes for everyone to stay safe.

1-800-BOARDUP

Tom Camp thanked the membership and echoed the safety sentiments of Mobilcomm.

859-BOARD-UP

Jessie reported that they are under new management. If there are any needs please reach out.

University of Cincinnati

Chief Meador provided an email from Larry Bennett on information and course content departments may wish to utilize for promotional processes. Please contact him for additional details.

UC Health

Regina Menninger reported that Jess Challie has left his role as EMS coordinator. She and Lauren Duffy will be handling coordination with EMS until a new coordinator is named.

Regional Collaboration

HCCC

Director Andy Knapp reported the following:

- Staffing issues have been challenging due to the increase in COVID cases among the staff, but they are working through it.
- Union negotiations are continuing.
- Capital funding for 2022 includes updates to the alpha paging system and UHF upgrades.

Communications Committee

Chief Scott Souders reported the following:

- Progress on the cyano kit dispatching procedure. He will send out a brief survey to determine where they are located within the county. At this time, units equipped with the kits will be dispatched at the request of the IC and not automatically when a structure fire is dispatched.
- There are new features being added to the CAD automated status changes for those utilizing the system. If your department does not utilize the automatic system but would like to, please contact HCCC.
- For move ups, HCCC needs information on how to access your station to provide to the mutual aid unit. This information will not be shared over the air, only via telephone. Please send any pertinent info to HCCC.
- By 2025 all radios on the MARKS system will be required to have dual authentication.

The estimated cost to install this key is \$125 per radio. Without this key, the radio will not log on to our radio network.

- Chief Alfie Jones asked if the automatic status change to “on scene” will work on incidents assigned to the highway. HCCC reported there have been improvements made in pinpointing incidents on the highway, and they will check and advise.

GCMHU

Brooke Matzen reported there are two upcoming trainings. Information is attached to the minutes.

USAR

Chief Tom Lakamp reported the following:

- January training was cancelled due to increases in COVID cases.
- The quote for insurance has been sent to EMA. He thanked Director Crossley for the financial support of the team.
- Rescue 200 is being stored temporarily at Station 64 while Station 93 undergoes floor replacement. He thanked Chief Oughterson for housing the unit.

PHCOC

Chief Owens reported the next prehospital care meeting will take place on January 27, and the next protocol meeting will be on February 25 at the Cincinnati IAFF Local 48 hall.

HCFIU

Chief Owens reported five callouts in December, the majority of which were intentionally set.

Tri State Peer Support

Amy Foley reported the following:

- The team and HCCC are working on a flow chart for dispatching the proper resources at the time of request. There has been some confusion between the role of TSPST and CSIM teams located in the area. Chief Leininger is assisting in the development of the flow chart.
- There are several training opportunities being planned for 2022. Information will be sent as details become available.
- The team is putting together a COVID “Grief Document” to assist departments in navigating the mental health challenges that have resulted from the pandemic.

CFD

Chief Lakamp reported a class of 46 recruits is expected to start in March, and another class of 37 is expected to start in the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2022.

Officer Reports

President

Chief Hauck reported that NFIRS uploads from Firehouse will no longer be accepted by the state

within the next 80 days. He has contacted SWOFCA and OFCA to see if it can be pushed back. Originally, departments were told that Firehouse could be used through the end of 2022.

Vice President

Chief Hardwick reported the following:

- An update on hospital status notification policy and procedure was sent to all departments earlier in the month.
- MAT Team equipment was received from the Red Cross, but they retained the trailer in which the equipment was stored. They are taking an inventory of the equipment and supplies/ Chief Lakamp asked if the equipment could be incorporated into the existing MCI trailers stationed around the region. Chief Hardwick replied that he would look into that after assessing the supplies.
- The Incident Support Team has been utilized eight times since its inception. They are continuing to refine its operation after each activation.
- The FACE Team meets on January 26. He asks that if your department has employees interested, please have them reach out. The group is always looking for new members, particularly younger firefighters that will benefit the most from the cancer prevention initiative.

Treasurer

Chief Owens presented the January financial statement which is attached to these minutes. Currently, all members are up to date with their dues. Invoices for 2022 will be sent out in February. Motion to accept the report by Chief Souders, second by Chief Doug Wehmeyer. Motion approved.

Secretary

Chief Meador reported the minutes from the January executive board meeting will be sent out soon. The updated roster will be sent out with the January meeting minutes. Motion to accept the report by Chief Wehmeyer, second by Chief Hardwick. Motion approved.

Old Business

MCI

Chief Young reported the next planning session will be at 13:00 on January 31. The drill will take place on April 16 from 08:00 to 12:00 at the Jewish Community Center in Amberley Village.

New Business

CMS Reporting

Chief Hauck asked if there were any departments selected to provide 2022 data to the CMS reporting program. Several chiefs in attendance responded that they were. The impression from those working on it is that this will be a cumbersome reporting process for our departments. Affected departments may want to get together and discuss if there are any questions.

Cincinnati Fire Museum

Chief Young reported the following:

- The Fire Museum finished in the black for the first time in a number of years.
- They are currently working on updating or creating new displays, including a 360-degree immersive experience.
- PR events are being planned. The Santa rescue and chili cookoff events were well received last year.
- There is a meeting room available at the museum for rental for events.

EOC

Chief Hardwick reported the EOC was staffed during the Bengals home playoff game. Neither the county nor city had any major incidents with the EOC was activated.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07.

Next February 16, 2022

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary