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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2018

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 - Absent
Chief Alfie Jones - Absent
Chief Roy Winston - Present
Chief Rob Hursong - Present

Associate Members

California Casualty

Sharlie Trentman provided posters outlining best practices for cancer prevention. If you need additional posters for your stations, please contact Sharlie and she will get them out to you.

Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton reported that the XTS 5000 radios will no longer be supported for repairs beginning in December 2018.

(859) Board Up

Leah Hanlon reminded the membership that in addition to board up services, 859 also provides restoration, displacement services, and smoke/soot removal. She also introduced Albert Atkins of (567) Board Up, which operates in northeast Ohio.

1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for consideration of 1-800-Board-Up services.

Pete Bohrofen

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

1. Fidelity Growth Company
2. Vanguard Capital Opportunity
3. Dodge and Cox Stock

He also reported that a guide for Medicare and OPF insurance options has been published, and he is currently presenting this information to other fire organizations. He offered to make a presentation at an upcoming HCFCFA meeting. Chief Leininger will make arrangements for scheduling a presentation.

New Chiefs

None

Regional Collaboration (Partners, Task Forces, Teams)

Education Partners

- Cincinnati State
 - Bob Cutajar reported that this year's PUCO grant has not yet been released. If you have a class scheduled prior to the release of funds, the class can be flexed to accommodate the release of grant money.
 - Please contact Bob for any questions or to discuss training needs for your department.

- Great Oaks
 - Jim Whitworth reported that classes are now scheduled through the first part of 2019.
 - Great Oaks will be offering the Hazard Recognition Officer starting in January.
 - There is a Fire Officer I now scheduled in Hamilton. Please contact Jim for details on any course offered by Great Oaks.

HCCC

- Director Knapp reported that the Locution hardware has been delivered and installation will begin soon. The system is essentially two racks of equipment that will be tied into the existing dispatch system. He is anticipating a relatively smooth installation.

SWOFC

- Mark Ober reported that they met in September. Discussions included the desire to conduct a SWOT analysis and develop a 5-year plan to guide the direction of the organization. Efforts are ongoing to increase membership in the organization.

CFD

- Chief Winston thanked everyone for their support at this year's firefighter memorial service. He presented the HCFCFA with a Certificate of Appreciation for our continued support of the Greater Cincinnati Firefighters Memorial Park. The certificate is attached to these minutes, and a copy will be added to the HCFCFA web page.
- Cincinnati's CAD has been modified to tighten the parameters on when a suburban EMS unit is requested for mutual aid. Chief Winston appreciates the help CFD has received, but felt that as initially set up the CAD would overuse the mutual aid system.

USAR

- Assistant Chief Tom Lakamp reported that USAR conducted collapse training in September, with approximately 40 members participating. The training for November will focus on search.
- There are four (4) members deployed in Florida for mitigation efforts as a result of Hurricane Michael.
- The UAS grant has been submitted.
- There have been no recent deployments.

PHCOC

- Chief Owens reported that the next prehospital care meeting will take place on November 14.
- The 2019 EMS protocols are posted on the HCFCFA website for review by your departments.
- The new site visit form is included in the new 2019 protocol. Woodlawn and Madeira-Indian Hill will be the first departments to be evaluated using the new site visit form.

HCFIU

- Chief Owens reported that there were three (3) callouts in September. He reminded the membership that it is best to request the HCFIU early in the incident if possible.

GCHMU

- Brooke Matzen reported that details of activities for GCHMU and Command 400 were sent to the secretary for inclusion in these minutes.
- There are several upcoming training opportunities through GCHMU. Brooke reported that there are plenty of open seats for these trainings, and encourage the chiefs to send personnel to these classes.

EMA, Homeland Security, and LEPC

- Irvin Jones reported that applications will soon be accepted for the open training coordinator position.
- Please be sure your community adopts the hazard mitigation agreement recently adopted by the county commissioners. You will need to be a party to this agreement to receive funds in the event of a disaster in your area. Contact Ryan McEwan if you have any questions.
- The State WebEOC will be adding new boards in the next several weeks at the request of Hamilton County EMA. If you still need to update your login information, please contact Irvin and he will get you set up for the state system.

Hamilton County Sheriff

- Waiting on 2019 budget from the commissioners.

Hamilton County Public Health

- Data on the harm reduction program was made available to the membership. A copy of the data is attached to these minutes.
- Public Health has received an additional 11,000 doses of Narcan.
- They are still looking for personnel interested in working with the mobile needle exchange. Please contact HCPH if you or your personnel are interested.

Officer Reports

President

Chief Leininger reported that the executive board has been discussing strategies to head off the anticipated dispatch fee increase from \$15 per detail to \$18 per detail. The executive board is reviewing a letter that will be sent to the commissioners, which will include a copy of the Budget Reductions Impact Statement provide to the commissioners by Director Knapp, and a copy of the 9-1-1 Preservation Task Force Report from April 2015.

The increase in detail fees will not allow for capital improvements that the HCCC needs to move us forward, such as replacing the antiquated data radios with air cards for more efficient data transfer. We are going to see a 20% increase in our fees, yet we will not see any increased service or necessary upgrades to the systems on which we rely. Our technologies are lagging behind other communications centers of similar size, and we

cannot continue to provide the service our residents have come to expect without a financial solution that does not rely on detail fees.

The board has discussed options ranging from making statements at the commissioners' meeting to establishing an escrow account for our holding the additional dispatch fee income to put pressure on the commissioners to permanently address the funding issues of the HCCCC. Chief Leininger asked the chiefs to discuss these issues with their respective community councils and/or managers so that they are not surprised if this issue catches the attention of the media. The funding issue could potentially create political waves as we saw during the proposed sales tax increase this past summer. However, it needs to be made clear that this lack of funding has a direct impact on the safety of our communities, and we cannot keep reducing our capabilities or relying on 1990's technology.

Vice President

Chief Hardwick reported that the PowerPoint slides from the cancer prevention program are available for departments to use for training.

Planning for the MCI drill on September 19, 2019 at Great American Ballpark is going well.

Discussions with Hamilton County EMA are taking place to establish a framework for IMAT. They are looking at the Butler County model, which fits in with the FEMA deployment system.

Treasurer

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

Secretary

Chief Meador reported that the September minutes were distributed electronically with the agenda for today's meeting. Chief Hursong moved to accept the minutes; second by Chief Owens. Motion was approved.

Committee Reports

Communications

Chief Souders reported that since all Hamilton County departments are using Active911, the HCCC will begin sending hospital notification alerts through Active911. This will allow individual departments to set up recipient groups for the message that may be more appropriate than sending the notification to every firefighter in the county. The notifications can then be turned off when an employee is off duty and turned back on when they are at work. He will send instructions on how to create a group to the HCFA. If you need help, please contact Scott Brown at HCCC.

Director Knapp is working on a 1-2 page document covering the basic plan to implement the Locution system. Currently, the timeline is to install the system in early November, and conduct testing in late November and throughout December. The target date for going live will be January 2019. When the system goes live, there will be no need for departments to change their house alerting systems or reprogram their radios. A long term plan to reprogram the radios is under development by the Communications Committee, but it will not need to be completed as we move to the Locution system.

Health and Safety

Ed Von Lehmden reported that over 100 people attended the presentation by Steve Conn, though the demographics skewed towards our older employees, with very few younger employees in attendance. One employee did seek out services as a result of attending the training, and the employee was directed to the appropriate resource for help.

He asked that the chiefs encourage their employees to take advantage of this training, and provided a flyer for the upcoming training presented by Jeff Dill. A copy of the flyer will be distributed to the HCFA members, and is also included in these minutes.

Chief Meador reported that a meeting of the committee is being planned for November to evaluate the progress of the committee's initiatives.

Discussion / Action Items

Elections

- The Nomination Committee presented the slate of candidates for the November elections.
 - For President (one to be elected)
 - Chief Kevin Hardwick (Glendale)
 - Chief Rob Leininger (Springfield Township)
 - For Secretary (one to be elected)
 - Chief Denny Meador (Deer Park-Silverton)
 - For Board of Directors (two to be elected)
 - Chief Mike Hauck (Ewendale)
 - Chief Roy Winston (Cincinnati)
 - Chief Bryan Young (St. Bernard)
 - Chief Steve Lawson (Mt. Healthy)

- The Nomination Committee opened nominations from the floor.
 - For President
 - No nominations from the floor. Motion to close by Chief Souders, second by Chief Young. Motion carried.
 - For Secretary
 - No nominations from the floor. Motion to close by Chief Owens, second by Chief Lawson. Motion carried.

- For Board of Directors
 - No nominations from the floor. Motion to close by Chief Hursong, second by Chief Hardwick. Motion carried.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chief Johnson, second by Chief Leininger. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07.

Next Meeting November 21, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary

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