



Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association Board Meeting

Virtual Meeting utilizing Microsoft Team

Date: September 9, 2020

Time: 09:00

Call to Order

Chief Leininger called the meeting to order at 09:00.

Roll Call

- 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

Guests

HCPH Director Greg Kesterman

EMA Director Nick Crossley

HCCC Director Andy Knapp

Updates

HCPH (Kesterman)

Director Kesterman reported the following statistics relating to COVID-19

- 14,000+ positive cases in Hamilton County
- 1,200+ hospitalizations
- 237 deaths
- 12,000+ recovered patients

- R value is 1.33

HCPH will be making a change to the positive-case reporting to HCCC. Any positive cases that are over 21 days old will now be “presumed recoveries”, and the address will be removed from the list provided to HCCC. This will shorten the list of positive addresses for many jurisdictions.

There is no release date for a vaccine, and the best estimates are that a vaccine will not be widely available until late in the first quarter of 2021. EMA will facilitate bulk refrigeration for a vaccine when one becomes available. At this time, fire and police personnel are in the top tier of workers to receive the vaccine. It is anticipated that vaccines will be administered by fire personnel, and all necessary supplies will be delivered in kits to the fire departments. The potential exists for the activation of the county PODs to facilitate vaccine administration to the general public.

EMS (Crossley)

Director Crossley reported the delivery of an additional 500 filters for the MSA respirators. Doug Witsken is coordinating the distribution of the cartridges.

The demand for PPE has decreased recently. EMA is working with P&G on obtaining disinfectants and PPE for the region.

The new warehouse is up and running. Two walk-in refrigerators and one freezer with backup power supplies are scheduled to be installed. The warehouse will also be the storage site for R-200 and the USAR drone unit.

There are openings for two entry-level staff positions at EMA.

HCCC (Knapp)

Director Knapp thanked everyone for the prayers and well wishes during his recovery. His rehab is going well, and he is feeling stronger every day.

There has been a number of retirements from HCCC over the last several months, resulting in the staffing being 14 under the authorized strength. They are currently in the process of hiring replacements. He asked the chiefs to direct potential dispatch candidates to the county web site to apply.

The Communications Committee met on October 14. They are considering fine tuning the dispatch codes for “Fall” and “Non-breather/Cardiac Arrest” to provide more accurate details to EMS units during the Locution dispatch.

Reports

President

Chief Leininger reported the nominations for the upcoming elections will be closed at the next regular meeting on October 21. There were inquiries made regarding the possibility of assistant chiefs being eligible to run for open board positions. This is something we discussed in the past, but could not come up with a consensus due to some departments not having an assistant chief on their staff. He thinks this would be a good topic to revisit by the new board in 2021.

Vice President

Chief Hardwick reported the MCI committee met and is close to finalizing the updates on the MCI plan. They are updating equipment and location lists as well as the hospital list.

The Move Up committee met in person on October 3 and is close to having a draft plan completed. Several departments are utilizing a "Community Preparedness Officer", which functions as a logistics officer. This person could be rolled into an IMAT and would coordinate the move ups and will be considered for the draft document.

There are still 20 departments that have not responded to the CVG resource survey. If you have any questions or issues completing the survey, please contact Chief Hardwick.

Secretary

Chief Meador reported the September minutes have been distributed along with the updated roster of chiefs.

Treasurer

Chief Owens presented the financial report which is attached to these minutes.

The HCFIU will be receiving a dog for accelerant detection. The dog will be assigned to Lieutenant Chris Ellis from Sharonville Fire Department. There will be several fundraisers coming up to offset the initial cost of the dog, but it is not anticipated that there will be ongoing costs to maintain the dog, however the board is not opposed to future financial support if required. Chief Jones made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to support the initial costs of the dog. Second by Chief Meador. Motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Old Business

Chief Leininger is revising the letter to the board up companies noting our expectations of their employees arriving on emergency scenes. He will forward the letter to the board for review.

New Business

The regular membership meeting for October will be held in a hybrid format. The in-person meeting will be held at Scarlet Oaks, and the meeting will be simulcast on Zoom. A link to the meeting will be sent out with the agenda.

Next Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will take place on November 11, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary