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### **Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 20, 2021

**Location:** Scarlet Oaks and Virtual

The meeting was called to order at 09:06 with Chief Hardwick 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 - Present  
Chief Alfie Jones - Present  
Chief Rob Hursong - Present  
Chief Allen Walls – Present  
Chief Bryan Young – Present

#### New Chiefs

Scott Williams was introduced as the Assistant Chief of the Springdale Fire Department.

Frank Cook was introduced as the Acting Chief of the Sharonville Fire Department.

#### **Updates/Presentations**

##### EMA

No report.

##### HCPH

No report.

### Mobile Stroke Unit Update

Dr. Christopher Richards provided an update on the Mobile Stroke Unit after its first year of operation. The PowerPoint presented is attached to these minutes in a PDF format. Dr. Richards was joined by Angie Black and Jess Chaille for the presentation.

### Pet Therapy

Larry Bennet and Frye were present to provide membership with information on pet therapy resources in the region. If you have an incident and the crews would benefit from pet therapy, please make the request through HCCC. A flyer with additional information was distributed and is attached to these minutes.

## **Regional Collaboration**

### HCCC

Director Andy Knapp reported the following:

- They are continuing to address the staffing shortage at the dispatch center. Like many other public service agencies, they are not seeing a great desire from people to work in the public safety field.
- There is a workaround for the hospital transportation field in the MDC. It will require an update from HCCC. Shawn Cruze will be sending the update to your department for installation.

### GCHMU

- Brooke Matzen thanked the membership for their continued support, and reminded the association that they are available for PR events in addition to emergency response.

### USAR

No report.

### PHCOC

Chief Owens reported the draft of the 2022 protocols will be released in early November, and the training program for the updates will be released in December.

### HCFIU

No report.

### Tri State Peer Support

Ed Von Lehmden reported the following:

- The team has a new web site
- They received \$3,600 from SWOFCA for training. Details will follow.
- The next board meeting will be held on October 28.
- The team remains very busy in assisting those needing their service.

### CFD

Chief Mike Washington reported the following:

- There will be a recruit class of 45 starting in February 2022.
- Interviews of candidates from the test this summer are underway. They expect to have another recruit class of at least 40 later in 2022.

- The paramedic class will start in November. Of the 36 seats, 12 are being filled from the county ranks.
- For any mutual aid request, CFD will send an Engine, Ladder, RAT, Medic and District Chief.

## **Associate Members**

### 9258 Wealth Management

Pete Bohrofen reported the following:

- The top three performing funds in Deferred Comp are
  - Dodge & Cox
  - Fidelity Growth
  - Vanguard Capital Opportunity
- There is a new OP&F director.

### 859 Board Up

Leah Hanlon reminded the membership that the F.A.C.E. Team will be meeting on October 27 at Fairfield Township Station 111.

### 1-800-BOARDUP

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing BOARDUP to attend.

### Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the membership for allowing Mobilcomm to attend.

### TriHealth

Kay Vonderschmidt reported in person exercises will resume now that the COVID numbers are in decline. The health data exchange is up and running.

### State Fire Marshal

Jenni Snyder reported the Fire Marshal's office will no longer conduct in-person training in health care facilities. These trainings have migrated to an online system. Local departments may start receiving calls asking for in-person training from the fire department. Contact her if you receive these requests, and she can assist on getting your personnel trained to deliver these programs to the local health care facilities.

## **Officer Reports**

### President

No report.

### Vice President

Chief Hardwick reported the following:

- The Ohio F.A.C.E. Team is setting up its calendar for 2022. They are always looking for hosts for the meeting.
- Brothers Helping Brothers will be in Beavercreek in November for a presentation on

PFAS that can be found in firefighting foam and turnout gear.

- Forest Park Lieutenant Scott Brown reviewed the Incident Support Team draft that was distributed to the membership. This is the final version that will be sent to the membership shortly. Contact Chief Hardwick with any questions.
- The Google Forms document to sign up for special alerts from HCCC on Active911 was resent to the membership. If you are interested in receiving messages on special callouts, please fill out and submit the form.

#### Treasurer

Chief Owens presented the September financial statement which is attached to these minutes. Motion to accept the report by Chief Rob Leininger, second by Chief Steve Terry Timmers. Motion approved.

#### Secretary

Chief Meador reported the minutes from the September general meeting were sent out to the membership. He is still working on the minutes from the October board meeting. Motion to accept the September minutes by Chief Walls, second by Chief Cook. Motion approved.

There have been several changes in the chief and assistant chief ranks in the last few months. The membership list will be sent to the members with the minutes for review and updating as necessary. Please return any updates to Chief Meador.

#### Scarlet Oaks

Johnny Mason reported the current Fire and Rescue Academy class will graduate on December 14. There will be 19 students graduating and looking for their first job in the fire service. He is looking for a chief that is employing a recent Scarlet Oaks graduate to participate in a Local 12 news spot. Please contact him if you are interested.

### **Committee Reports and Teams**

#### Communications Committee

Kevin Hardwick reported the following:

- The Locution order of dispatch will be: Area, Nature, Units. If you are using Locution in your station to alert your staff, please contact HCCC on an update you will need for this change.
- The automated time will be changed from 5 minutes to 2 minutes. If a dispatched unit does not acknowledge a dispatch within 2 minutes HCCC will dispatch the next unit recommended by the CAD. The date for this change has not been announced.
- For departments using the Bluetooth connection between the MSA SCBAs and the Apex radio, the issue regarding intelligibility has been fixed.

Director Knapp reported the following:

- House Bill 455 which revamps the 911 system in Ohio is still being considered in Columbus. He will continue to watch the progress of the bill and update the chiefs as needed.
- The entrance to CHMC will be changing on November 6.
- If your department has established a rotation for board up companies, please provide your list to HCCC. Vetting of the companies must be done by the local jurisdiction, and

HCCC will follow your specific rotation when requested.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

The 2022 MCI drill will be conducted on April 16. Please contact Chief Hardwick if you would like to participate in the planning process.

**Elections**

Chief Camp, Paul Gallo, and Steve Lawson presented the following slate for the November elections:

- Vice President
  - Kevin Hardwick
- Treasurer
  - Todd Owens
- Board
  - Doug Campbell
  - Rob Hursong
  - Alfie Jones
  - Steve Oughterson
  - Tom McCabe
- No nomination for Vice president from the floor. Motion to close Vice President nomination from the floor by Chief McCabe, second by Chief Lawson. Motion carried.
- No nomination for Treasurer from the floor. Motion to close Treasurer nomination from the floor by Chief Young, second by Chief Jones. Motion carried.
- No nomination for Board member from the floor. Motion to close Board member nomination from the floor by Chief Young, second by Chief Jones. Motion carried.
- Online voting will occur in early November and be open for several weeks.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:24.

**Next Meeting November 17, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary