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## **Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** August 21, 2024

**Location:** Scarlet Oaks

The meeting was called to order at 09:02 with Chief McCabe presiding.

### **Roll-Call of Officers**

President Chief Tom McCabe – Present  
Vice President Chief Denny Meador – Present  
Treasurer Chief Todd Owens – Present  
Secretary Chief Bryan Young – Present  
Chief Doug Campbell – Present  
Chief Steve Oughterson – Absent  
Chief Rob Hursong – Absent  
Chief Allen Walls – Absent  
Chief Mike Hauck – Present

### **New Chiefs**

Randy Miller was introduced as the new Chief of the Springfield Township Fire Department.

### **Presentations**

Brittany Gray with Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub shared information on their programs and items that they collect for recycling. Rumpke has renewed and agreed to expand funding for lithium battery collection program. If you have any interest or questions, please contact her.

**See Attached Documents.**

## **Associate Members**

### Medicount

Tim Newcomb shared information about the PCG Program, which will help supplement Medicaid billing revenue. You will need to submit a verbal commitment to the program by October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in more information, please contact Tim or your dept. rep.

### Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

### 1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

### 1-859-Board-Up

Kyle introduced himself to the group, he is new to the Community Outreach position.

### FACE Team

Chief Campbell shared a reminder of the upcoming FACE Team Meeting at Lebanon on August 28<sup>th</sup> @1230, this will cover Esophageal Cancer and Screening. Lunch and CEU's will be provided, there is also a Zoom Option. Chief also shared information about the Face Team Meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 0800-1400, this meeting will include 2 doctors from the University of Miami, Florida talking about multiple topics. Lunch will be provided.

### Stryker

Ross Finan shared that he has a LifePak 35 to demo if interested, please contact him. Ross also shared that Stryker will have a price increase on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Kettering Health

Nathaniel Robertson shared that they will be having a Instructor CEU class on September 27<sup>th</sup>, he will send out information soon.

### 9258 Wealth Management

Pete Bohrofen was unable to attend, however donuts were still provided and Chief Meador shared the following are the top three performers for Ohio Deferred Comp:

1. Fidelity Contrafund
2. US Large Value Company Stock (Dodge & Cox)
3. US Small/Mid Company Stock (State Street)

## **Regional Collaboration**

### Hamilton County Communications Center

Scott Brown reported on the following:

- 2025 Budget for the County has been submitted, it is assumed that the \$5.00/ Detail fee will stay the same, however they would still appreciate any support that you can send to the County Commissioners. Chief McCabe shared that he has sent a letter to the Commissioners in support of this and thanking them for their continued support.
- Staffing levels continue to get better, they are currently only down 5 positions. Numbers are good; however, they are pretty new to their roles.
- Working with Mobile Crisis Team for some joint dispatches for Pysch. Emergency and Suicidal runs, right now they are paired up with the Sheriff's Department only.
- Radio Authentication deadline if 07/01/2025.

### Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- Tri County Building is moving along.
- Warehouse remodeling continues.
- EMA is currently fully staffed.
- Partners in Preparedness meeting will be in October, Key Note Speaker will be from Huber Heights discussing their recent Ransomware Attack and the recovery process. They will also have a COW (Cellular On Wheels) on display that was recently purchased.
- Outdoor Warning Sirens are still being upgraded, \$500,000.00 in upgrades this year and another \$500,000.00 next year.
- If you have any interest in doing a tabletop exercise or drill, please reach out to them and they will work to get it on their schedule.

### Hamilton County Public Health

Christa Hyson reported that COVID is on the upswing, less virulent strain, but people are still having serious issues. Pretty aggressive outbreak of Cryptosporidium in NKY and has some tie overs to Hamilton County.

### GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke Matzen thanked the Chiefs for their support and for sending members to the training that have recently been provided by the LEPC.

Chief Siefke reported that he will be leading the team and they are working on some restructuring and upgrades of equipment. They are currently looking for additional members, if you have anyone interested, please have them contact Chief Siefke.

### USAR

Chief McCabe shared Chief Lakamp's report, Hamilton County USAR 2 activations in June; 1 Full Team deployment was for a missing 15 y/o and the other was ARU Team for a river search. The new Rescue 200 Trailer has been delivered and is currently being outfitted. The USAR Team will also participated in the Sharonville touch a Truck and Great Parks National Night Out.

**See Attached Report.**

### PHCOC

Chief Owens reported that the Protocol Committee met last Friday, 1 of the main topics of discussion was the 2 Paramedic requirement in the protocol, this will probably be changing to 1 but will need to be reviewed by individual Medical Directors and Department Administration. If you have input, please contact Chief Owens or your department EMS Officer. Chief Owens thanked Chief Kasperczyk for his hard work and research on this topic. Next Protocol Committee Meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup> in Green Township at their Police Training Building. There has been some changes to where the Protocols are located, The HCFA Website will link you to the Academy of Medicine Website for the current version of the Protocols.

### HCFIU

Chief Owens reported that the HCFIU is hosting 2 trainings that are both sold out, these are being offered through the Ohio Fire Code Academy. Ohio IAAI Seminar will be held November 13-14 in Reynoldsburg in conjunction with their regular meeting. Greater Cincinnati Regional Fire Investigators Training will be held at the end of October.

### Tri State PEER Support Team

Jim Bowman reported that starting September 1<sup>st</sup> they will be pushing out the Red Alert which discusses First Responder Suicide Awareness. He shared the importance of finding the right person in your department to be a Peer Supporter and how to get them the training they need. Please reach out if you have any questions. Amy Foley shared that their goal is to do 250 QPR trainings in the months of September and October and touch 50 Fire Departments. Amy asked for our support by allowing them to put our HCFA logo on their website, Chief McCabe told her that the E-Board had already discussed this and that it was approved, General Body concurred.

**See Attached Documents.**

### UAS 500

Chief Johnson reported that there is a 2400 Class starting next Monday, there have been some changes from the original classes that were taught. They have some opportunities for Pilots to get flight time, if interested contact Chief Johnson or Katie.

### Health Collaborative

No Report

## **Officer Reports**

### President

Chief McCabe reported on the following:

- ERS spreadsheet has been resent, please fill out as soon as you can. Chief Campbell stated that you only have to fill out the form if there are changes. Once this is complete, we will update the website.
- HCFCFA Training Committee will be hosting the Leadership Summit on 11/07/24 from 0800-1700, information has been sent out. **See Attached Flyer.**
- E-Board will meet with representatives from Tri-Health next month to hear about a Pilot Program for Telestroke capabilities in the Prehospital Setting.

### Vice President

No Report: did share information from Pete Bohrofen.

### Treasurer

Financial Report shared, **See Attached Report.**

Motion to accept the report by Chief Souders, second by Chief Jetter. Motion approved.

### Secretary

I have had an issue with my email for the last couple months or so due to a provider change, all should be rectified now, I apologize for any inconvenience.

May Minutes Distributed, Thank You to Chief Owens for filling in in my absence.

Motion to accept the report by Chief Wehmeyer, second by Chief Sunderman. Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports and Teams**

### Communication Committee

Chief Souders reported that there was discussion about needed changes to Call Types periodically, these will be done on a semi-annual basis in conjunction with HCCC. Reminder to update aliases on radios so that HCCC can easily identify who the radio belongs to, Chief McCabe stated that they are working on a model policy for this, so that this can easily be standardized among departments. HCCC will be modifying alerts when units are added to details, this should limit the unnecessary use of critical radio time.

### EMS Committee

Chief Owens shared that the next meeting will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>, items to be discussed are post exposure processes and vector change for refractory V-fib.

### Training Committee

No Report

### **Old Business**

MCI Plan Updates – Chief Young reported that the Final Draft has been sent out to the Committee Members for review, once this is complete it will be sent out to the E-Board for review and then sent out to all Chiefs for final review. Plan is to have it approved at the September Meeting.

Fire/EMS Specific Dispatcher Positions – Letter has been drafted and shared by Chief McCabe. Motion to send the letter to Director Knapp made by Chief Owens, seconded by Chief Hauck. Motion Approved.

**See Attached Letter.**

### **New Business**

Working Group Update – Chief Wehmeyer shared the following from AC Blum Truck and Engine Academy Class being held September 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> is full, if you have folks who are in the class and won't be able to attend, please let them know ASAP. Thermal Imaging Class being held on October 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> is also full. Open Seats are still available for the Saving Our Own Train the Trainer class. Planning for a 2-day lecture series in January, also bringing a Bix ox Class to Colerain sometime early next year. 50 or so spots still left in the Sharonville Seminar being held in September, October.

Brooke Matzen shared to keep in mind that it is election season and we may see an uptick in White Powder Runs.

Amy Foley shared that they are bringing David Griffin from Charleston in September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, Class is free and lunch will be included. **See Attached Flyer.**

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Hauck, second by Chief Stanley. The meeting was adjourned @09:57.

### **Next Meeting: September 18, 2024**

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary