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## Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 20, 2021

**Location:** Scarlet Oaks and Virtual Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 with Chief Leininger presiding.

### Roll-Call of Officers

President Mike Hauck - Present  
Vice President Kevin Hardwick - Present  
Treasurer Todd Owens - Present  
Secretary Denny Meador - Present  
Chief Roy Winston – Present  
Chief Doug Campbell - Absent  
Chief Alfie Jones - Absent  
Chief Rob Hursong - Present  
Chief Allen Walls - Present

### COVID-19 Update

#### EMA

Director Nick Crossley reported EMA is still receiving PPE from the state, and EMA will continue to maintain a cache of PPE. However, they will no longer stock disinfecting supplies such as wipes and cleaners, as these items are now widely available in the normal supply chain.

EMA is working with HCPH to store and distribute vaccine as needed. At this time there is no word from FEMA regarding an activation to mass distribute vaccines.

Becca Davis and Destiny Jardin were introduced as the two newest members of the EMA staff. Becca will work with public notifications and outreach, and Destiny will be the assistant planner.

The accreditation process is going well, and it is expected EMA will receive its accreditation in July 2021.

LEPC training will be ramping up this spring, and will involve in-person training. EMA will continue to provide virtual training at this time.

#### HCPH

Health Commissioner Greg Kesterman reported declining hospitalizations in the region, and a reproductive value of 0.93 in Hamilton County, and 0.90 in the region. He expects the county will return to the “Red” level soon.

The second doses of vaccines for EMS personnel are being delivered to fire stations today. He once again asked that if you end up with extra doses for whatever reason, please make sure the vaccine gets into an arm of an unvaccinated person. HCPH will see to it that a second dose is administered by their clinic to complete the series.

HCPH and the Health Collaborative are working on a secure database that chiefs will be able to access to get COVID addresses, both current and historical.

He also reminded the association that the Health Collaborative’s “Test and Protect” web site remains an excellent resource on COVID information.

#### **Regional Collaboration**

##### HCCC

Director Andy Knapp reported that the user fee is \$5 per detail for 2021, and the commissioners intend on keeping it at this level for 2022.

Norwood will be closing their PSAP center and move to HCCC starting February 1.

##### GCHMU

Brooke Matzen was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an email stating that there has been an uptick in mercury calls again. She reminded the chiefs that they should never accept mercury at the firehouse or take mercury and transport it in a vehicle. For information on proper disposal, please contact GCHMU.

##### USAR

Chief Tom Lakamp presented his report on USAR activities. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

##### PHCOC and HCFIU

Chief Owens reported the terminal distribution license renewal email will be sent out soon. The renewal date has been extended to July 1 due to the pandemic, but he recommends it get completed as soon as possible.

##### Tri State Peer Support

Ed Von Lehmden reported the team is working on becoming a non-profit entity, using the GCHMU as its model for organization. This will allow for access to additional grant funding, and also allow for the hiring of a full-time director and two part-time duty officers.

They received a grant for a marketing campaign and branding of the support group.

Work is continuing at the state level to get enhancements to peer support language to assure that the privacy of those seeking their service is protected.

#### Cincinnati Fire Department

On behalf of Chief Winston, Chief Lakamp thanked everyone for their support after the unexpected passing of FAO Mike Thompson.

The next recruit class will be selected by February 13, and most likely start when the new fiscal year starts in July 2021.

#### **Officer Reports**

##### President

No report.

##### Vice President

Chief Hardwick reported the Ohio F.A.C.E. team will be meeting on January 27. There is interest from TriHealth to support the cancer initiative in the county, and they are in discussion on how TriHealth can best be of assistance.

##### Treasurer

Chief Owens submitted a written financial report which is attached to these minutes. Motion to accept the report made by Chief Terry Timmers, second by Chief Meador. Motion approved.

##### Secretary

Chief Meador reported the minutes from the last general membership meeting were emailed to the association. Motion to accept the December minutes made by Chief Rob Leininger, second by Chief Timmers. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports and Teams**

##### Communications Committee

Chief Scott Souders reported that dispatchers will be transitioning away from reminding crews to utilize appropriate PPE. The consensus from the chiefs was that this was no longer relevant information since our crews are now treating every dispatch as a possible COVID-positive incident.

The committee is asking HCCC to automatically backfill any unavailable unit in a dispatch, rather than ask if it should be filled. This will keep the appropriate number and types of units responding to an incident.

Green Township has the Locution dispatching set up in all four of their stations, and it is working well. If you are interested in seeing the system, please contact Chief Souders.

##### Health and Safety

Chief Meador stated the next committee meeting is scheduled for January 29. He also reminded the chiefs that if they have anyone interested in serving on the committee to please let him know. It is open to all ranks, not just chiefs.

#### **Old Business**

Chief Hardwick stated that the Move Up plan will be ready for the February meeting.

**New Business**

Chief Hauck expressed his desire to develop a strategic plan to achieve the long-term goals of the association. He will begin the planning process at the next board meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

**Next Meeting February 17, 2021**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Denny Meador, Secretary