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## **Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 15, 2023

**Location:** Scarlet Oaks

The meeting was called to order at 09:01 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 – Present  
Chief Rob Hursong – Present  
Chief Allen Walls – Present  
Chief Mike Hauck – Present

### **New Chiefs**

Chief Browe introduced Rick Blye, currently Police Chief for Springfield Township who will be transitioning to Public Safety Leader for the Township.

Chief Allen Walls introduced Shane Packer who will be promoted to Assistant Chief for Colerain Township Fire Department.

## **Presentations**

Assistant Chief Paul Gallo was given a plaque and recognized for his years of service and dedication to the Pre-Hospital Care Operations Committee and Co-Chair of the Protocol Committee.

Chief Hauck was also given a plaque and recognized for his years of service as President of the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association.

## **Associate Members**

### Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the membership for allowing them to attend and let him know if you need anything.

### UC Health

James Laidlaw shared that parking at UC Main is getting worse for squads due to their ongoing construction.

### 1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

### Stryker

Ross Finan thanked the membership allowing him to attend and let him know if you need anything.

### Great Oaks

Johnny Mason discussed some of the issues with HB509. He stated that CE Sites would run through their current expiration, instructors will stay through their current expiration as well. Assistant Instructors will go away. Chief Owens also commented that the Legislative Committee are working on the CE Site issue, and this will be voted on in March.

### 9258 Wealth Management

Pete Bohrofen thanked the membership for allowing him to attend, and reported the following are the top three performers for Ohio Deferred Comp:

1. US Large Value Stock
  2. Vanguard Capital Opportunity
  3. Non-US Company Stock
- Improvement in inflation
  - 6-month Treasury Rate @5%
  - Interest Rates continuing to rise.

## **Regional Collaboration**

### Hamilton County Communications Center

No Report.

### Hamilton County Public Health

No Report

### Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- They will be receiving a UASI Grant
- Beginning planning process for Project Funding

Ryan McEwan reported on the following:

- County 5-year Mitigation Plan is starting, Workshops will begin in March (6)
- Preparedness Survey was sent out Monday to communities, please encourage participation.
- Multiple Trainings upcoming which were sent out with last months minutes.

### GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke advised to get requests in for participation in Touch a Truck events and such as soon as possible, their calendar is filling up fast

### USAR

**See Attached Report**

### PHCOC

Chief Owens reported the following:

- The EDS Meeting was canceled.
- Next Protocol Meeting will be held at Scarlet Oaks 02/24/23.

### HCFIU

No Report

### Tri State PEER Support Team

Ed Von Lehmden reported the following:

- Resiliency Training on March 13<sup>th</sup> in Harrison and March 14<sup>th</sup> in Sharonville.
- Peer Support Training on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Harrison.
- IAFF may not be able to support all Training Requests.
- They have not heard anything from the ARPA Grant.

## **Officer Reports**

### President McCabe

Working on Committee Assignments, discussed HB509.

We will be ending the Zoom Meeting option for future meetings.

### Vice President Meador

Discussed report that Chief Oughterson created from the survey sent out about Apparatus Purchases. I resent this out after the meeting.

### Treasurer

Financial Report shared, **See Attached Report**

Motion to accept the report by Chief Hauck, second by Chief Campbell, Motion approved.

### Secretary

Minutes Distributed.

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

## **Committee Reports and Teams**

### Communication Committee

Chief Souders reported on the following:

- There will be a change in dispatch for Gas Leaks, they will be divided into Indoor and Outdoor.
- CAD Updates will take place on 02/17 from 0430-0630.
- Encouraged Departments to use MDC's as much as possible.
- Also working on getting departments to utilize GPS if they are capable.

### Mobilcomm

Rob Clark spoke about APX Radios

- Some APX Radios will be at "end of life" at the end of this year, these radios will continue to work you just won't be able to upgrade feature sets.
- These radios will be parts supported for 5 years.

## **Old Business**

Radio SOG suggestion – Should add FG on anything multi-jurisdictional.

## **New Business**

Fireground Communications Policy discussion, Chiefs should review policy and submit suggestions for review.

Hamilton County Communications Center Discussion:

Chief Jeter discussed that we need dedicated Fire Dispatchers and would like the E-Board to investigate this.

Scott Brown stated that there are not enough employees to have dedicated personnel at this time, they are working toward this. Dispatchers are currently going through Blue Card Training. 2016 is the last time that the Comm. Center was at full staffing, their current CBA is through 12/2024.

Chief McCabe stated that the HCFCFA needs to have more of a voice at the table and that we may need to meet with the County Commissioners.

Chief Wehmeyer stated that we need to have the best dispatchers when dealing with emergencies.

Chief Jetter asked what are other dispatch centers doing to attract and retain employees.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Walls, second by Chief Siefke. The meeting was adjourned @09:45.

**Next Meeting: March 15, 2023**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Bryan Young, Secretary