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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: March 15, 2023

Location: Scarlet Oaks

The meeting was called to order at 09:00 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 – Present
Chief Allen Walls – Absent
Chief Mike Hauck – Present

New Chiefs

Chief Campbell introduced John Helms as the new Assistant Fire Chief for Delhi Township.

Presentations

None

Associate Members

1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend and distributed a flyer for a March Madness event that 1-800-BoardUp is sponsoring at Buffalo Wild Wings on March 17th.

TriHealth

Kevin Hardwick shared that TriHealth working with the FACE Team just completed a pilot program with the Harrison Fire Department for Testing. They have a teleconference with the University of Massachusetts next week, their meeting with the University of Miami went very well. Kevin Hardwick shared that the 1st Annual FACE Team conference went very well, and they are planning for the next one to be in January or February of next year. Kevin also shared that there is PFAS Free Foam available, if you would like more information, please contact him. The EPA is really coming downs on PFAS.

Vogelpohl

Adam Bowsher shared that Vogelpohl is now a certified ISP Provider, so they can now do gear cleaning, inspections, and repairs, **See Attachment**. They will also be having demos for the new MSA Lunar Thermal Imaging Device over the next couple of weeks, contact him for more information.

Stryker

Ross Finan shared that he attended the BWC Conference, and they have money available to spend, contact your BWC rep. to see if you are eligible. He also shared that Stryker has a new Power Chair that is coming out, he will have a demo in the next 6-8 weeks.

Great Oaks

Johnny Mason stated that they are looking for Test Proctors, they cannot be Fire or EMS Certified, pays \$28 per hour. HB 52 is out of the House and in the Senate.

University of Cincinnati

Larry Bennet shared a handout which contains a link to an interview with Arlington, Virginia on their Cancer Prevention best practices, **See Attachment**.

Regional Collaboration

Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- Nick has applied for a \$1M grant through FEMA for the EOC. This grant requires letters of support, he asked for the HCFA to send a letter of support for this funding. Chief Wright made the motion to submit a letter of support, Chief Owens seconded the motion, Motion passed unanimously.

- There was some left-over grant funding (\$120,000) that will be split between GCHMU, CFD HazMat and Butler County Haz Mat for Hazardous Materials Responses.
- AMTRAK will be hosting some trainings in the near future.
- They are currently accepting applications for 2023 UASI Funding.

Hamilton County Communications Center

Andy Knapp reported on the following:

- Funding for the Radio Authentication is on the table for the Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting on the 23rd, Mobilcomm will come to the departments and do the upgrade.
- National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week will be the week of April 9th, they would appreciate if you have any swag that you can share with them, this has been a big hit in the past.
- They had a significant outage at the Comm. Center on Saturday 03/11, which was the result of a power surge; they are still investigating the root cause. 911 went down due to the call stations being down, 127 911 calls went unanswered, 46 unique numbers, this lasted approx. 40 minutes.

Hamilton County Public Health

Chief Hauck shared a report from Commissioner Kesterman:

- There were 40,000 Birth and Death Records recorded in Hamilton County in 2022.
- Covid Rates are decreasing, XPB 1.5 is the most common, 89% of cases; 92 in Hospitals, 12 in ICU and 9 on ventilators.
- Flu Season has been very high, highest in 5 years.
- Communicable Diseases in Hamilton County, top 3 are Hepatitis, Flu and Syphilis (400 cases).

GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke shared that there will be Norfolk Southern Rail Car training coming up April 18th-20th classes will be held all 3 days from 0830-1230 and 1330-1730, **See Attachment**. There will also be Lithium Battery training classes in the Fall.

USAR

Chief Lakamp reported that Hamilton County USAR is currently at 115 members. ARU had 2 activations last month, 1 in Cincinnati and 1 in St. Bernard. **See Attached Report**.

PHCOC

Chief Owens reported the following:

- PHCOC Next Meeting is on the 23rd, EDS Meeting also.
- Next Protocol Meeting will be held in Late April, 04/21.
- The new Co-Chairs are Dr. Tom Charlton, Capt. Kevin Richards (SPTP) and Dane Fienning (NFD).

- Drug License Renewals are due by 03/31.
- Departments are required to submit Stroke Protocols, can be emailed.

HCFIU

No Report

Tri State PEER Support Team

Amy Foley reported the following:

- Peer Support Training on May 9th and 10th in Harrison.
- Resiliency Training was held this week, will be back in November.
- Chaplain Training was last week, 38 in attendance.
- There will be a board meeting on 3/29 for Strategic Planning.

Chief Hursong reported that Ed VonLehmden is no longer a member of The Tri State PEER Support Team Board.

Officer Reports

President

Chief McCabe shared that the Executive Board met with Dr. Birkley about her services and her flyer was shared with the Executive Board Minutes. The Training Committee is defunct at this time, we will work on reforming this. Chief McCabe met with Director Knapp to discuss dispatch issues; Director Knapp shared the following:

- Comm Center has full support from the County Commissioners.
- They have funding.
- They are working on hiring a recruiter.
- 9 employees starting in April.
- Blue Card Training will be starting soon.
- He feels he has the support he needs from us.

Vice President

Chief Meador had no report.

Treasurer

Financial Report shared, **See Attached Report**. Invoices have been sent out. State and Federal Filing have been completed.

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

Secretary

Minutes Distributed.

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

Committee Reports and Teams

Communication Committee

Chief Souders reported on the following:

- Storm Plan is being worked on.
- If making changes which will affect CAD, please contact Comm. Center early.

Old Business

Fire Ground Communications Policy – This was sent out with the agenda. Chief Hauck made suggestions that we define a CAN Report and assign a FG Channel for 23S and any Multi-Jurisdictional Incidents, also under guidelines Page 2, #2 adding an assigned dispatcher.

New Business

Pulsepoint – The Executive Board had a video presentation about Pulsepoint during their last meeting. This had been entertained by this body some years ago and was not adopted at that time. Chief Oughterson has looked into this and has been working on getting the information to the board. UC Health Foundation currently sponsors the City of Cincinnati's subscription, we may need to look at corporate sponsorship for us as well. There is a \$10,000 start up cost and it's about \$18,000 annually. Chief Hauck suggested possibly looking into BWC for funding.

Chief Jetter asked about the needed Radio Upgrade and if other vendors were considered. Only Motorola would give estimated costs. He was going to look into if there were APRA Funds available for this.

Chief Meador asked about departments who have a procedure for charging outside groups for CPR Training, if you have anything please contact him.

Chief Souders asked about departments using the Firefighter Mile for Physical Agility, if anyone has procedures, please send them to him.

Chief Hauck attended the UASI Meeting yesterday, he feels there is a good possibility that Command 400 could be replaced using these funds. He suggested a letter of support for replacing Command 400 through this funding.

Motion made by Chief Jetter for letter of support, Seconded by Chief Siefke

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Hauck, second by Chief Hursong. The meeting was adjourned @10:17.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary