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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2024

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 – Present
Chief Rob Hursong – Present
Chief Allen Walls – Present
Chief Mike Hauck – Present

New Chiefs

None

Presentations

None

Associate Members

1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

Great Oaks

Dave Moore welcomed everyone; Chief McCabe thanked them for hosting the meeting.

Tri-Health

Kevin Hardwick reported that they are wrapping up construction at a couple of their sites.

FACE Team

Kevin Hardwick shared a reminder of the upcoming FACE Team Meeting with Jo Terry at Loveland on March 27th.

Kettering Health

Nathaniel Robertson thanked the membership for allowing them to attend.

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. Fidelity Contrafund
2. Fidelity Growth
3. US Small Mid Cap Company (State Street)
 - Interest rates have popped back up, Inflation crept up a bit.
 - 6 mos. US Treasury @5.34%, 1 year @5.09% annually.
 - Pete doesn't think rates will drop this year.

Regional Collaboration

Hamilton County Communications Center

Andy Knapp reported on the following:

- April is National Telecommunicator Week, departments have been very generous in the past with meals, swag, etc.; any help would be appreciated.
- CAD RMS Specialist position open.
- 2 new dispatchers starting Thursday, still -11, last year -17.
- Outreach Coordinator is available for PR Events.
- HCPA has allowed access to Areawide 1-10 for Transmit and Receive, others monitor only.

Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- New Building and Warehouse contractors have been selected.
- Anticipate receiving UASI money in 2024.
- 2 positions open currently: Mass Care Coordinator and Assistant Planner.
- 1 position opening soon; Business Continuity Coordinator.

Hamilton County Public Health

Christa Hyson reported that they still have COVID tests available. There was a possible measles exposure at a Disney on Ice show at Heritage Bank Center.

GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke Matzen reported that she participated in the Ohio AFFF Takeback Program on Monday March 18th. **See Attached Information Sheet.**

USAR

Chief Lakamp reported that Hamilton County USAR had a partial team deployment to Versailles Indiana for a missing person, possible drowning; he was found the following day using information that was provided by USAR. The new Rescue 200 Trailer is complete, will be delivered by the end of the month. New Rescue 202 is on order. USAR Team is doing Rope Training on the Purple People Bridge with Northern Kentucky Technical Rescue Team and Cincinnati Fire. **See Attached Report**

PHCOC

Chief Owens reported that Dr. Jason McMullan will be the new Chair of the EDS Committee. The next PHCOC Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 28 @14:30 at Springfield Township. The Protocol Committee met last Friday at Sharonville; they are working on updating several of the current protocols and reviewing several that haven't been touched in a while. The next Protocol Committee Meeting will be held in Lawrenceburg at Station 400 on April 19th. Chief Owens attended the Great Oaks Advisory Board Meeting, they are trying to push for a Full Time Coordinator for the Paramedic Program.

HCFIU

Chief Owens reported that the Hamilton County Fire Investigation Unit had 55 callouts for 2023, 29 were determined to be accidental, 22 are undetermined, 4 were incendiary or arson. They have had 1 recent indictment. The team is doing a wonderful job and working hard to be NFPA 1321 compliant. **See Attached Report.**

Tri State PEER Support Team

Amy Foley reported that they are working on a Strategy Update, they have created a yearlong cohort which will meet 8 times this year. They will be doing a monthly meet and greet where people can get to know the clinicians and treatment facilities, also doing a monthly consultation.

They have 2 Chaplain Trainings coming up, 1 in April at West Chester and 1 at Fairfield in August.

UAS 500

No Report. **See Attached end of year report.**

Health Collaborative

Jill Ernst shared that they are working on Hospital Capacity issues, these have significantly decreased. They are looking into purchasing some more Cyanokits for Hamilton County Fire Departments.

Officer Reports

President

Chief McCabe reported that the Executive Board met last week, and we are working on the Ohio ERS update issue, waiting on call back from the director. Spoke about the push for dedicated Fire Dispatchers and drafting a letter to the Commissioners. Shared that there is 1 opening in the upcoming Bog Box Workshop Training.

Vice President

No Report

Treasurer

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

Invoices for Annual Dues have been sent.

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

Secretary

Minutes Distributed.

MCI Plan Review is going strong, have had 3 meetings so far, waiting on some follow ups.

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

Committee Reports and Teams

Communication Committee

Chief McCabe reported that there is a separate committee working on reviewing the dispatch incident types.

EMS Committee

Chief Owens reported that they have met twice, about 10 folks involved, limiting membership to FD representatives at this time. Discussed hospital diversions and requirement of 2 Paramedics on runs. If you have anyone interested in joining the committee, have them contact Chief Owens.

Training Committee

No Report

Old Business

None

New Business

Chief Owens made a motion to donate \$501.00 to the Hamilton County Communications Center for National Public Safety Telecommunicators week, seconded by Chief Hauck; motion passed. Chief Owens also recognized that Director Knapp incurs expenses for this week out of his own pocket and this will help offset some of that.

Rick Maier, WMD Coordinator for the FBI shared information surrounding responses around election times and how these responses work. Explosive Familiarization Course will be coming up this year, he will share the dates when he has them. Rick introduced Corey Schnitzler as the new Assistant WMD Coordinator, he works out of the Dayton Office.

Assistant Chief Flagler, CFD, shared that he EOC will be open for major events this year and if anyone is interested in assisting with these please let him know, he will send out a list of dates that the EOC will be open soon.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Owens, second by Chief Wright. The meeting was adjourned @09:43.

Next Meeting: April 17th, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary