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## **Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** April 17, 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**

Chief Tom Lakamp introduced Matt Schumann as the new Chief of the Miami Township Fire Department, Hamilton County.

### **Presentations**

None

## **Associate Members**

### Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

### Great Oaks

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

### 1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

### Tri-Health

Kevin Hardwick introduced Oliver from their Corporate Health Department; he is working with the First Responder Program.

### FACE Team

Kevin Hardwick shared a reminder of the upcoming FACE Team Meeting at Blue Ash on April 24th.

### Vogelpohl

Kevin Klemen thanked the membership for allowing him to attend. He also spoke about FDIC and that they will be displaying Fairfield's new Metro 100' Quint and a Cincinnati Engine as well as some other new equipment from MSA.

### Kettering Health

Nathaniel Robertson thanked the membership for allowing them to attend.

### Stryker

Ross Finan shared that the long awaited LifePak 35 is being introduced at FDIC and he will have 1 in the next couple of months to show.

### 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. Dodge & Cox
- Interest rates are going to stay higher for longer.
  - 6 mos. US Treasury @5.374%, 1 year @5.185% annually and 10 year @4.637%.
  - Pete doesn't think rates will drop anytime soon.

## **Regional Collaboration**

### Hamilton County Communications Center

Andy Knapp reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone who contributed something to the Communications Center staff during National Telecommunicator Week, this was much appreciated!
- County Commissioners have signed a contract for the construction at the new Facility.
- 2 new dispatchers starting on April 25th, now -9, last year -17.

### Hamilton County EMA

Ryan McEwan reported on the following:

- Phase 2 of the Warehouse should get approved on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- They are currently updating the County's Emergency Operations Plan.

### Hamilton County Public Health

Christa Hyson reported that they still have COVID tests available. There is currently 1 positive measles case in Cincinnati came from Chicago and traveled through CVG.

### GC HazMat & Command 400

No Report

### USAR

Chief Lakamp reported that Hamilton County USAR had no activations for March. The new Rescue 200 Trailer is complete and will be delivered soon. The USAR Team will be doing Water Training at Green Acres on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

### PHCOC

Chief Owens reported that the next Protocol Committee Meeting will be this Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at Station 400 in Lawrenceburg Indiana. PHCOC and EDS Committee Meeting will be at Sharonville on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Chief Owens sent out a draft letter for support of the Great Oaks Paramedic Program, he hopes that everyone will sign it and submit it to them. He also sent out a Chiefs Roster update form, please update and return to him.

### HCFIU

Assistant Chief Shapiro reported that the Hamilton County Fire Investigation Unit has been very busy. He asked that Chiefs support their members responses on the team.

### Tri State PEER Support Team

Chief Hursong reported that there are several training courses coming up, please check their website for more information.

### UAS 500

Katie Thielmeyer reported that they had 1 callout for a missing teen. They are participating in a regional drone training program.

### Health Collaborative

Jill Ernst reported that they will be hosting an exercise on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 0930-1300 to test hospital capacities. They continue to update Hospital Capacity Guidelines.

## **Officer Reports**

### President

Chief McCabe reported on the following:

- There is still 1 department that has not paid their annual dues.
- Chief Campbell will be sending out a spreadsheet to gather info for the Ohio ERS updates. The area reps will then update the website.
- Continuing to work on a letter supporting dedicated Fire Dispatchers.
- Chief Oughterson is participating in the HCPA Meetings on behalf of the HCFCA.
- If you are having any issues with the Storm Plan, please forward them to the Communications Committee.
- Chief Hauck participated in and encourages all Officers to attend the Decision-Making Class put on by the Working Group.
- The upcoming Fire Investigation Class is full, should be a great class and they are hoping to host another one soon.

### Vice President

No Report: did share the importance of the OFE Class, and the connections made from it.

### Treasurer

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

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

### Secretary

Minutes Distributed.

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

## **Committee Reports and Teams**

### Communication Committee

The Communications Committee did not meet this month.

### EMS Committee

No Report, they will meet again in May.

Training Committee

No Report

**Old Business**

MCI Plan Updates – Chief Young reported that they are continuing to meet and hoping to have a draft to present at the May meeting, Progress.

**New Business**

American Red Cross Government Liaison Rep. introduced herself and shared a direct number for First Responders to contact them, that number is 1-855-855-7727.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Hauck, second by Chief Owens. The meeting was adjourned @09:34.

**Next Meeting: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary