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## Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 19, 2023

**Location:** Scarlet Oaks

The meeting was called to order at 09:02 with Chief McCabe presiding.

Chief McCabe Asked for a Moment of Silence for Springfield Township Police Officer Tim Unwin who died in the Line of Duty on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 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 Owens introduced Ryan Androne as the new Assistant Fire Chief for Reading.

## **Presentations**

Hannah Schilling from Hamilton County Public Health shared the results from the 2023 Stigma Among First Responders in Hamilton County Report. **See Attached Report**

## **Associate Members**

### American Red Cross

Nick Beiser introduced himself as the new Coordinator for the Red Cross and shared his contact information. Nick also spoke about the Sound the Alarm Program for Free Smoke Detector Installation. **See Attached Contact Information**

### Mobilcomm

Rob Clark shared that the items needed for the 2 Part Radio Authentication have been ordered and should arrive in early August.

### 1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

### University of Cincinnati

Larry Bennet shared a handout which contains information on Victims' Rights. **See Attachment**

### FACE Team

Jesse Grabert shared that the next FACE Team Meeting will be held Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Green Township Police Training Facility.

### Great Oaks

Johnny Mason shared information about the Workbased Learning Program for High Schoolers, if you would like more information, contact Tim Allen.

### 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 (Dodge & Cox)
  2. Vanguard Capital Opportunity
  3. Non-US Company Stock
- Continued progress on inflation
  - Interest Rates for investments are really good.
  - Any members needing Financial Planning, contact Pete, 513-515-2559.

## **Regional Collaboration**

### Hamilton County Communications Center

Andy Knapp reported on the following:

- Thank You for the support during National Telecommunicators Appreciation Week, every dispatcher was able to receive some type of swag item.
- 6 new people started this week, total number now at 46.
- Postings up for Community Outreach position and Radio Management position.
- Comm. Center has a High School Intern Program which as worked out well for them.

### Hamilton County Public Health

No Report

### Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- Outdoor Warning Sirens, all 4 repeaters have been replaced (\$85,000).
- Switched to Polygon Based Warning System, narrows it to the area affected.
- Wireless Emergency Alerts, working on MOU with neighboring Counties to partner for warnings that cross county lines.
- USAI Grant, received 2023 Grant for 1.6 Million Dollars, several initiatives in this:
  - o SCBA for GC Hazmat, CFD and Command 400
  - o Several Police Projects
  - o Haz Mat Suits for Command 400
  - o Mobile Command Modernization
  - o USAR Wired Communications Upgrade, 800MHZ Radios
  - o Mass Care Supplies with a Box Truck
- Continuing work on Warehouse Project.
- Working on Mass Care, having employees be able to supplement during emergencies.

### GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke shared that Command 400 Vehicle will be out of service on 04/20/2023 for repairs. They will try to send notifications when the unit goes out and returns to service in the future.

### USAR

Chief Lakamp reported on the following:

- No Callouts for March.
- Rescue Tech Training for 2023 and 2024 is going out for bids.
- Water Training will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ARU Training will be May 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- USAR needs storage for R-201 and ARU from 06/30 through the completion of the Warehouse, Contact Chief Lakamp if you can help.

### PHCOC

Chief Owens reported the following:

- EDS Committee and PHCOC Met on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - o Site Visit Process discussed, will be getting notifications when you are due for your site visit and associated paperwork.
- Next Protocol Meeting will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 0900 at Local 48.

### HCFIU

The Fire Investigation Unit is working on a grant to supplement the K9 Unit for upgrades to the vehicle. Chief Hirlinger (ATFD) is heading this grant up along with Chief Ellis.

### Tri State PEER Support Team

Amy Foley reported the following:

- The Quarterly Chaplain Meeting will be on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming training on April 28<sup>th</sup> will be led by Jim Petry and Steve Conn.
- Peer Support Training:
  - o May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Harrison.
  - o May 12<sup>th</sup> -\* 14<sup>th</sup> in West Chester.
  - o June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at CPD Academy.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Symposium, all day event.

## **Officer Reports**

### President

Chief McCabe thanked everyone for the outpouring of support to cover and assist Springfield Township Fire Department so they could attend Officer Unwin's Funeral, Chief Browe also wanted to extend his appreciation for this as well. Chief McCabe shared that the Executive Board met with the Salvation Army at last week's meeting, they shared that they had a new coordinator, information on the Canteen Service, also verified that the Comm. Center has appropriate contact info. H.B. 52 has Passed, the Executive Board had some specific questions that he has reached out to Michelle Fitzgibbon for clarification.

### Vice President

Chief Meador had no report.

### Treasurer

Financial Report shared, **See Attached Report**. Thanks for getting invoices paid quickly. Motion to accept the report by Chief Hauck, second by Chief Walls, Motion approved.

### Secretary

Minutes Distributed.

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

## **Committee Reports and Teams**

### Communication Committee

Chief McCabe reported on the following:

- Storm Plan is continuing to be reviewed and updated. Working with Comm. Center to test and implement MDCs into the plan.
- Continuity of Operations review has been started with the Comm. Center.

### **Old Business**

Fire Ground Communications Policy – Has been updated with updates.

Pulsepoint – Chief Oughterson explained how Pulsepoint works, costs and funding needs. If anyone has suggestions or contacts for funding, please let him know.

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Owens, second by Chief Hauck. The meeting was adjourned @09:51.

### **Next Meeting: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary