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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 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 – Present
Chief Rob Hursong – Absent
Chief Allen Walls – Absent
Chief Mike Hauck – Present

New Chiefs

None

Presentations

Health Collaborative, Jill Ernst and Nicole Volpenhein discussed changes to the OH TRAC system. EM Resource replaces SurgeNet and EM Track replaces OH TRAC. Let them know if you would like access to EM Track, this must be approved by the State of Ohio.

Associate Members

Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the membership for allowing to attend.

1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

University of Cincinnati

Larry Bennett shared information from U.C. **See Attachment**

Stryker

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

Vogelpohl

Kevin Klemen thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

Tri-Health

Kevin Hardwick thanked everyone for their support during the recent death and services of Firefighter Mark Hernandez from CVG, this was from Job-Related Cancer. He also shared information about the Lung Cancer Awareness event, PFAS Webinar and getting more Firefighters interested in Comprehensive Cancer Testing. Crystal shared that they have a lot to offer in regard to Firefighter Health, contact her for more information.

Kettering Health

Thanks 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. Vanguard Capital Opportunity
 2. US Large Value Company Stock
 3. Fidelity Contra Fund
- U.S. Treasury Bond 6 mos. @5.59%, 12mos. @5.47.
 - Feds are hoping for a soft landing (mild recession) versus a hard landing.
 - Thinks rates have leveled off, will stay higher for longer.
 - Any members needing Financial Planning, contact Pete, 513-515-2559

Regional Collaboration

Hamilton County Communications Center

Andy Knapp reported on the following:

- User Fees will stay the same for 2024, Thanks to the Commissioners for this!
- The Microwave Radio System has been upgraded, 16 sites throughout the County.
- UHF Radios have been upgraded.
- HVAC at all Radio Sites has been upgraded.
- Three Quarters of the Radio Authentication Updates are complete.
- Kenwood Updates will cost \$1100.00 per radio, Motorola is \$120.00.
- Andy will send out a spreadsheet of current Radio Users.
- No Update on SAVER Program, still working on it.

Hamilton County Public Health

Nick Crossley shared the following for Greg Kesterman:

- COVID Test Kits are still available.
- PPE is also still available.
- There will be no more Mobile COVID Testing.

Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be passed by each jurisdiction; all jurisdictions should have received an email with a sample resolution.
- The warehouse is still moving forward.
- If you have any Grant Funded Equipment, please reach out to Ben Casteel before you transfer or destroy this.
- UASI Grant approved, going out for bid for a box truck.

GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke Matzen shared 2 upcoming classes for Incident Response for Lithium Batteries.

December 11th 1300-1700 @ Sharonville Station 86 and December 12th 0800-1200 @ Cincinnati Firefighters Union Hall, register @ Doug.witsken@hamiltoncountyohio.gov.

USAR

Chief Lakamp reported on the following:

- 0 Activations.
- 2024 OEMA Grant has been received, Same funding as in past years.
- New R-200 trailer bid has been awarded and is in production.
- Currently in the process to select a ne Rescue Squad Officer due to retirement.

See Attached Report

PHCOC

Chief Owens reported the following:

- Prehospital Care / EDS Committee met in September.
- Dr. Locasto is retiring, they are looking for a replacement.

HCFIU

No Report.

Tri State PEER Support Team

Amy Foley reported the following:

- Funding update, received.
- Working on Strategic Planning and establishing committees.
- Resiliency Training in November.
- Chaplain Training last week, 37 in attendance ½ Chaplains and ½ First Responders.

UAS 500

Katie Tillmeyer reported on the following:

- 7 Activations

See Attached Report.

Officer Reports

President

Chief McCabe met with Chief Kelly who is the Regional Coordinator for Ohio Fire Chiefs Emergency Response System, he will attend the next General Meeting. Bethesda North will no longer be selling medications to Fire Departments; Chief Wright has had some discussions with upper management of Bethesda North and is still working on this. Chief Jetter suggested possibly modeling our Medication Program after Miami Valley.

Vice President

No Report.

Treasurer

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

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

Secretary

Minutes Distributed.

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

Committee Reports and Teams

Communication Committee

Hamilton County is ending the Board-Up Rotation, departments will need to choose their own. If you would like a custom response for Lithium-Ion Fires, please contact Joe Siefert.

EMS Committee

This will get rolling after the New Year.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Elections will be held for the following Board Positions: Vice President, Treasurer and 3 Board Members.

Vice President – Chief Denny Meador

Treasurer – Chief Todd Owens

3 Board Members – Chief Doug Wehmeyer, Chief Doug Campbell, Chief Mike Siefke, Chief Steve Oughterson, Chief Rob Hursong, Chief Scott Souders, and Chief BJ Jetter.

Nominations were closed. Link for voting will be sent out in early November.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Siefke, second by Chief Souders. The meeting was adjourned @10:00.

Next Meeting: November 15th, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary