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## Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 15, 2023

**Location:** Scarlet Oaks

The meeting was called to order at 09:03 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

Chief Walls spoke about their recent loss of Firefighter Matthew Wellbrock on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the departments who reached out to Colerain and spoke about the benefits of the Tri State Peer Support Team. Chief Hursong gave an update on the leadership of the Tri State Peer Support Team and that Ed Von Lehmden is no longer a member of the team. Amy Foley spoke

about the services offered by the Tri State Peer Support Team.

Ohio Emergency Response System, Retired Chief William Houk presented an update on the Ohio Emergency Response System and how it works. This was shared with the Executive Board during a Zoom Meeting last week and we felt it should be shared with everyone. Chief Steve Kelly, Miami Township Clermont County, who is the Regional Coordinator for Southwest Ohio, Region 6 was also in attendance. They will be around after the meeting for any questions. Chief McCabe reported that we will split Hamilton County into 3 regions; West will be led by Chief Hursong, Central will be led by Chief McCabe, and East will be led by Chief Young. We will be reaching out soon to get the resource lists updated.

OFIRS Onboarding, Jennifer Snyder from the Ohio State Fire Marshalls Office spoke about the new OFIRS System, and that all Fire Chiefs need to do the onboarding for this, this is required by State Law.

**Associate Members – Reports skipped these reports due to time constraints.**

Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton present.

1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp present.

University of Cincinnati

Larry Bennett present - **See Attachment**

Stryker

Ross Finan present.

Tri-Health

Kevin Hardwick present.

9258 Wealth Management

Pete Bohrofen present.

Top three performers for Ohio Deferred Comp:

1. Fidelity Contrafund
  2. Vanguard Capital Opportunity
  3. US Large Value
- U.S. Treasury Bond 6 mos. @5.44%, 12mos. @5.279.
  - Inflation continues to recede.
  - Consumer prices and Wholesale prices have been dropping at a quicker pace than previously projected.

- The remainder of 2023 should remain strong in investment markets and 2024 is setting up for a good economy, good employment, and decent investment returns.

## **Regional Collaboration**

### Hamilton County Communications Center

Chief McCabe read report for Andy Knapp who had to leave:

- RFP are out for new site.
- The Microwave Radio System has been upgraded.
- Joe Siefert will be promoted to Radio Manager position.
- Currently down 15 Dispatcher Positions.
- CAD to CAD with Warren and West Chester being tested.
- CAD Maintenance notifications will be emailed out 24hrs in advance.

### Hamilton County Public Health

- No Report.

### Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- County Commissioners have passed the budget for 2024.
- EMA continues to support USAR Funding.
- The warehouse is progressing nicely.
- Thank You to those Jurisdictions who have already adopted the Hazard Mitigation Plan, for those who haven't please try to get his completed ASAP.
- UASI Funding moving forward, all projects funded.

### GC HazMat & Command 400

Chief Jetter shared that GC HazMat was recently retyped by the State continue to be a Type 1 Team.

### USAR

Chief Lakamp reported on the following:

- Training in Monroe this week.
- Thank You to the departments who have been housing the USAR Vehicles.
- Please encourage members on your departments to attend Trainings.
- UASI Funding for the next BERT Class being worked on, not sure when it will be available.

### PHCOC

Chief Owens reported the following:

- Prehospital Care / EDS Committee meeting at Christ Hospital.
- Dr. Locasto is retiring, Dr. McMullan will be taking over as Committee Chair.

- Medications will be able to be purchased from Bethesda North Apothecary through June 30<sup>th</sup>, meeting with Jewish Hospital in the future to discuss possibly purchasing from them.
- Johnny Mason has officially resigned from Great Oaks, Brian Gulat will be his interim replacement.

#### HCFIU

- Been busy.
- Working on NFPA 1321 standard compliance.
- HB313 discussed, which would allow Fire Investigators to carry firearms, in its infancy.

#### Tri State PEER Support Team

Amy Foley had nothing additional.

#### UAS 500

**See Attached Report.**

#### Health Collaborative

Jill Ernst reported that there will be a tabletop exercise on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Kings Island, invites will be sent out soon.

### **Officer Reports**

#### President

No Report.

#### Vice President

No Report.

#### Treasurer

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

Motion to accept the report by Chief Stanley, second by Chief Sunderman, Motion approved.

#### Secretary

Minutes Distributed.

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

### **Committee Reports and Teams**

#### Communication Committee

Chief McCabe chaired the most recent meeting.

- SAVER is funded, still working on this.

- CO/CO2 Alarm dispatch went live yesterday afternoon.
- CFD Issue with Hospital Net being opened, Chief Flagler will participate in MCI Plan Review.
- CFD will be sending what is requested per recent discussions.
- Old APEX Mics will not work with newer radios.

#### EMS Committee

This will get rolling after the New Year.

#### Training Committee

Reach out to Capt. Fischesser if you have anyone interested in being part of this committee.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

Elections results 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 Campbell, Chief Steve Oughterson, Chief Rob Hursong.

Motion to destroy Ballots by Chief Jetter, second by Chief Siefke. Motion Approved.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Siefke, second by Chief Lawson. The meeting was adjourned @10:33.

#### **Next Meeting: December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary