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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: December 20, 2023

Location: Scarlet Oaks

The meeting was called to order at 09:05 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 – 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 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Stryker

Ross Finan thanked the membership for allowing him to attend and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Great Oaks

Dave Moore was present and advised us to contact him if anyone needs anything from them.

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. US Large Cap Value (Dodge & Cox)
 3. Vanguard Capital Opportunity
- Interest Rates are coming down, due to anticipation of Feds lowering rates.

Tri-Health

Kevin Hardwick reported that there is ongoing construction going on at Bethesda North and Good Samaritan. Face Team Conference is going to be held on Wednesday February 21st at the Kemba Credit Union.

Regional Collaboration

Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- Bid Review Process for Comm. Center Building going on.
- Warehouse Continues to progress nicely, concrete being poured, should move in sometime in January.
- UASI 2023 Grant investing \$150,000.00 into Command 400, \$10,000.00 into GC HazMat for Level A Suits, \$100,000.00 into USAR for Radios (36 Portable and 4 Mobile), \$25,000.00 for Wired Communication System for Confined Space, and \$43,000.00 into Task Force One.
- EMA has \$320,000.00 from UASI and \$200,000.00 from ARPA that they are currently investing in their operations.
- Hamilton County Commissioners have approved their budget with no cuts to EMA.
- Buying separate trailer for Gator which will be available for local jurisdictions if needed.
- County is investing \$20,000.00/year to support HazMat Training; Doug Witsken is

working on scheduling several Trainings for this year.

- Please thank the Hamilton County Commissioners if you see them for all their support for the Communications Center and HazMat Trainings.

Hamilton County Communications Center

Andy Knapp reported on the following:

- User Fee, remaining at \$5.00per dispatch for 2024, 6 years ago these were \$21.00, please encourage Elected Officials to thank Hamilton County Commissioners for their support of this.
- 2023 was a very good year for the Communications Center, several Capital Investments.
- Radio Authentication process well underway, most radios have been touched by now.
- A group of 3 New Hires just started and 3 more will be starting in January.
- Dispatch Staff received the ARPA Retention Bonus of \$4,000.00 each.
- Chief Owens asked about Fire Departments getting access to PD Area Wide Channels, due to increased usage during Active Threat type details. Andy will investigate this.
- Andy reported that Active Threat Responses are on the agenda for the next Communication Committee Meeting.

Hamilton County Public Health

- No Report.

GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke Matzen reported that there are a lot of trainings coming up in 2024, please let her know if you are interested.

USAR

Chief Lakamp – No Report

PHCOC

Chief Owens reported the following:

- All departments should have received a document to enter into an agreement with a new clearinghouse for data exchange with Medicount, this needs to be signed off by the end of year.

HCFIU

- No Report.

Tri State PEER Support Team

Please see attached email from Chief Walls about upcoming Peer Support Trainings.

UAS 500

See Attached Report.

Health Collaborative

Jill Ernst – No Report

Officer Reports

President

The Executive Board met last week; we will be updating information for the Ohio Emergency Response Plan. MCI Plan is being updated, more to come. Active Threat Response discussed. Heart Start Program – Sheriffs Department has received a Grant through the Rotary Club that will put AEDS's in all their cruisers, these will be Zoll which are incompatible with our LifePaks, you may want to have a conversation with your Police Departments concerning this if they are going to be getting AED's. The HCFA will be sending a letter of Thanks to the Hamilton County Commissioner thanking them for all their support of the Communications Center and EMA.

Vice President

No Report.

Treasurer

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

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

There was a motion made by Chief Meador to increase dues to \$250.00 for Departments and Associate Members. This will increase the amount deposited to the Fire Investigation unit from \$25.00 to \$50.00 annually, seconded by Chief Walls, Motion Passed.

Secretary

Minutes Distributed.

St. Bernard met with Rob Meiser from Boundtree last week, he will be creating a spreadsheet for Medication costs and we will forward it out once we get it.

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

Committee Reports and Teams

Communication Committee

No Report

EMS Committee

No Report

Training Committee

No Report

Old Business

Chief Owens mentioned that Bethesda North has extended their sales of Medications until June 30th of 2024.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Wehmeyer, second by Chief Brown. The meeting was adjourned @0942.

Next Meeting: January 17th, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary