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Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

Date: November 20, 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 – Absent
Chief Mike Hauck – Present

New Chiefs

None

Presentations

None

Associate Members

Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton Wished everyone an early Happy & Safe Thanksgiving.

Great Oaks

David Moore shared that they will be having their Mock Interviews for their current academy class on December 11th, let him or Brian Gulat know if you are interested in attending. They are also having their graduation on December 12th @1800, anyone is welcome to attend.

FACE Team

Chief Campbell shared that the November Meeting is being held at Ft. Mitchell Fire department, lunch @1230, meeting starts @1300. If you are not receiving emails from the FACE Team, please reach out to Jesse or Chief Campbell to get added to the distribution list.

UC Health

Shared that if you need any information on Mobile Care or Air Care, please reach out.

Boundtree Medical

Scott Knoll thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

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Thanked the membership for allowing them to attend.

Christ Hospital

Phil Dietz shared that he will be replacing Mark Johnston who is retiring and thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

Kettering Health

Thanked the membership for allowing them to attend.

Stryker

Ross Finan thanked the membership for allowing him to attend, if you need anything please reach out.

AMK Services

Robert Swanigan shared that they are the L3Harris dealer for Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky area and thanked the membership for allowing them to attend.

Waverly Advisors

Pete Bohrofen shared the following are the top three performers for Ohio Deferred Comp:

1. US Small/Mid Company Stock (State Street)
2. Fidelity Contrafund
3. US Large Value Company Stock (Dodge & Cox)

Pete also shared that the market has responded well to the results of the election. Existing Tax Rates that were enacted under Trump will be extended or made permanent, regulations may be eased and cut back, business likes this. Mass Deportation could be bad for the country, due to the effect on the jobs some of these folks hold, this may cause a rise in prices and also inflation. Tariffs will be passed on to the consumer, this will also cause a rise in prices. Interest rates are also creeping back up a bit.

Regional Collaboration

Hamilton County Communications Center

Andy Knapp reported on the following:

- The County Administrative Recommended Budget contains the Dispatch Fees remaining at \$5.00, he will let us know when this is finalized.
- New Building continues to progress, Andy and Ryan McEwan attended a meeting on the 19th, walls are up and they are working on cabling. Looking at possible occupancy in January of 2016.

Hamilton County EMA

Ryan McEwan reported on the following:

- County Emergency Operations Plan is nearing its final draft, they will be releasing it in the next couple weeks for public comment.

Hamilton County Public Health

Christa Hyson sent an email sharing the following:

- They still have Covid-19 tests available, please contact her if you need them.
- They are encouraging everyone to get their annual Flu Shots.
- They have seen an increase of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) in local school districts as well as the University of Cincinnati.

GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke Matzen shared the following:

- 3 Responses for the month, **See Attached Report.**
- Also **See Attached 5 year Run Report.**

Chief Siefke shared that they continue to look for additional members for Command 400 and had 1 response.

See Attached Report.

Cincinnati FBI

Rick Maier commended everyone for their diligence during the elections!

USAR

Chief Lakamp reported on the following:

- 1 Deployment to Miami Township.
- 7 new applicant which they will be bringing on board.
- Training on Thursday and Friday in St. Bernard, Breaching 7 Breaking.
- New R-200 Trailer will be in service by the end of the month.

PHCOC

Chief Owens reported that 2025 Paramedic Protocols are out in Draft Form and that the PHCOC Meeting is tomorrow @1430 in Anderson Township.

HCFIU

The unit is hosting a one day Interviewing Techniques Class on the 15th and 16th of January at Sharonville Station 86.

Tri State PEER Support Team

Amy Foley shared that Red Alert Suicide Awareness Campaign continues, they have seen very good attendance and will continue this as needed.

UAS 500

Katie Thielmeyer shared a 6-month recap, 16 activations over this period.

Health Collaborative

Jill Ernst shared that they have finalized the Hospital Capacity Guidelines, not many updates, these are available in their dropbox. Jill also gave an update on the IV Fluid shortage situation.

Officer Reports

President

Chief McCabe shared that the Executive Board met last week and that we will be pushing the Strategic Plan Update to next year, there is a possibility that we may be able to have this done for free by a local foundation. Andy Knapp shared an update about the Radio Encryption project, this has a price tag of almost \$500,000.00 and is being driven by CPD due to intelligence being shared with the wrong people. Chief Oughterson is our representative to HCPA and has been involved in these meetings, he will keep us updated as this moves forward.

Vice President

Chief Meador shared that he has reformatted the HCFA Constitution and sent this to the Secretary. **Please see attached document.**

Treasurer

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

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

Secretary

Chief Young shared that the Updated MCI Plan has been distributed and will be added to the HCFA Website. We are due for an MCI Drill in 2025 and we will be working on setting up a committee to prepare for this, Chief Young to chair.

October Minutes have been distributed.

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

Committee Reports and Teams

Communication Committee

Chief Souders shared that they continue to work on the Signal Updates, this includes breaking down 23S dispatches into some different types. Storm Plan seems to be working as it is intended, this has come a long way since its implementation. Please utilize Cross Staffing if you have units that share staffing, this is imperative during structure fires.

Chief McCabe discussed the proposed change to the Communications Policy, this will assign a Fireground Channel to any dispatch that will involve multiple units, HCCC does not have the capability to monitor everyone's City Bands. **See Attached Document.**

Chief Wehmeyer made a motion to adopt the change as presented, second by Chief Hauck, motion approved. This will take effect on 12/15/2024.

EMS Committee

Chief Owens shared that they are working on updating the Duodotes kits, also discussed Exposure Procedures.

Election Committee

Chief Lawson shared the results of the elections for the following Board Positions: President, Secretary and 2 Board Members.

President – Chief McCabe

Secretary – Chief Young

2 Board Members – Chief Hauck, Chief Wehmeyer

Motioned to accept the results by Chief Schumann, second by Chief Hursong, motion approved.

Motion to destroy the ballots by Chief Owens, second by Chief Hauck, Motion approved.

Old Business

Strategic Planning – As discussed this will be continued to January.

New Business

None

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting: December 18, 2024

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary