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### **Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 16, 2024

**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 – Absent  
Chief Mike Hauck – Present

#### **New Chiefs**

None

#### **Presentations**

Doug Witsken - Hamilton County LEPC presented an overview of the response to the recent Styrene Release in Whitewater Township.

## **Associate Members**

### 1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

### Stryker

Ross Finan thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

### Waverly Advisors

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

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

Pete also shared that he believes the Federal Reserve will continue to cut rates.

### Kettering Health

Shared that the IV Shortage continues and they have changed the way they exchange IV Fluids.

### Great Oaks

Dave Moore shared that their Instructor Classes are full and they have a long waiting list due to the changes in the States Instructor Class requirements.

## **Regional Collaboration**

### Hamilton County Communications Center

Andy Knapp reported on the following:

- Dispatch Fees remain at \$5.00 for the County's recommended budget.
- County continues to invest in infrastructure, CRD is one example of this.
- New Building continues to progress, installing drywall and HVAC, move in date is 01/2026.
- Chief McCabe asked about Radio Encryption project that HCPA is working on, Andy stated that he has an estimate from Mobilcomm which is approx. \$500,000.00.
- July 2025 is the deadline for Radio Upgrades; if you have Kenwood Radios, please get with your vendor ASAP.

### Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley reported on the following:

- EMA budget is in, remains the same.
- All Federal Grant Programs were cut 10% last year and will remain reduced this year.
- Warehouse Project has been delayed a bit, due to age of building.
- Working on updating EOP's for communities.
- Box Truck purchase should be passed by commissioners tomorrow.

- Work continues on Mobile Incident Support Vehicle planning.
- Chief McCabe asked about status of Outdoor Warning Sirens, Nick stated that they are budgeting for repairs in the upcoming year.

#### Hamilton County Public Health

No Report.

#### GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke Matzen shared the following:

- Brooke has been meeting with local FDs to help them better understand who GCHMU is, how to contact them and how to join.
- Completed an internal full-scale exercise where they dressed out, utilized props and instrumentation, also walked through internal SOP's.
- Gained 5 new members; 3 from Hamilton County, 1 from Butler County and 1 from Warren County.
- In process of scheduling Radiation Training with ODH, this will be a joint training with CFD and Public Health.
- All 3 local HazMat Teams received a new Ludlum 3001 and multiple friskers.

**See Attached Report.**

Chief Siefke shared that they continue to look for additional members for Command 400.

**See Attached Report.**

#### USAR

No Report. Chief McCabe thanked and shared that Home Depot donated 14 LVL Beams to replace the current Strong Backs on the Trench Panels.

#### PHCOC

No Report.

#### HCFIU

No Report.

#### Tri State PEER Support Team

No Report.

#### UAS 500

Chief Johnson shared that Riverfest went well. They are currently flying quite a bit for UC Football Games, if anyone has personnel that need flight time have them contact him.

#### Health Collaborative

No Report.

## **Officer Reports**

### President

No Report.

### Vice President

Chief Meador shared that the Executive board discussed Ohio Senate Bill 98, which goes into effect on 10/24/2024. This bill would allow Fire Investigators to carry firearms while conducting official business. This will be jurisdiction specific and HCFCA will work on a position statement to release soon.

### Treasurer

Financial Report shared by Chief Young, **See Attached Report.**

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

### Secretary

Chief Young shared that the Cincinnati Fire Museum is hosting their annual Firefighter Cook Off on November 2<sup>nd</sup> @1900, they have a wonderful panel of judges and are looking for more chefs, if you have anyone interested have them contact Sara Strickland.

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

## **Committee Reports and Teams**

### Communication Committee

No Report.

### EMS Committee

No Report

### Training Committee

Chief McCabe reminded everyone of the upcoming Leadership Training being hosted by the Training Committee of the HCFCA, this will be held on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> in Delhi.

### Election Committee

Elections will be held for the following Board Positions: President, Secretary and 2 Board Members.

Nominations are as follows:

President – Chief McCabe; Nominations were motioned closed by Chief Hauck, second by Chief Wright, motion approved.

Secretary – Chief Young; Nominations were motioned closed by Chief Wright, second by Chief Wehmeyer, motion approved.

2 Board Members – Chief Siefke, Chief Hauck Chief Wehmeyer and Chief Walls; Nominations were motioned closed by Chief Wright, second by Chief Hauck, motion approved.

Link for voting will be sent out in early November.

### **Old Business**

MCI Plan Updates – Chief Young thanked Chief Owens, Chief Siefke, A/C Williams, A/C Flagler, A/C Mack and Scott Brown, Comm. Center for being a part of the committee and all of their hard work over the last several months, also thanked everyone else who provided input or updates as well. Latest updates were shared. Motion was made by Chief Wehmeyer to approve the MCI Plan as presented, second by Chief Meador, motion passed. Final plan will be shared very soon. Chief Wright thanked the committee for all of their hard work.

Strategic Planning – Executive Board will be reviewing what was done in 2009, Chief McCabe shared that there may be some resources to have this completed for free.

### **New Business**

Chief Flagler shared that the EOC will be open Thursday – Saturday for Blink, if anyone is interested in assisting, please contact him.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Hauck, second by Chief Jetter. The meeting was adjourned @10:18.

### **Next Meeting: November 20, 2024**

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary