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## Fire Chiefs' Meeting Minutes

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

### New Chiefs

None

### Presentations

Joshua Ingham, who is the Stroke Coordinator at Bethesda North Hospital and part of the Core Stroke Team for Tri-Health, shared information about the TeleStroke Pilot Program that they are looking to implement. What they are proposing is a system similar to Tele-Doc, there would be a 1-year study to assess its effectiveness. This would be a tablet-based system, provided by Tri-

Health. When a Transport Unit calls in a Stroke Alert, they would then be connected with a Neurologist who could assess the patient in real time and get the treatment process moving so they are better prepared for the patient when they arrive at the hospital.

### **Associate Members**

#### Mobilcomm

Terry Connaughton thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

#### 1-800-Board-Up

Tom Camp thanked the membership for allowing him to attend.

#### Vogelpohl

Kevin Kleman and Adam Bowsher thanked the membership for allowing them to attend. Adam shared that Vogelpohl Fire is fully certified to do Turnout Gear Repairs and Inspections, they typically have a 2-week turnaround.

#### Red Cross

Representative from Red Cross shared that they do have smoke detectors available and if you need them to stop by and see her after the meeting or call them. She also shared that if you need the Canteen Services, call as early as possible.

#### Stryker

Ross Finan shared that he has a Life Pak 35 to demo if interested, please contact him.

#### Boundtree

Scott Knoll shared that he is now the account manager for Southwest Ohio, taking over for Rob Meister, please let him know if you need anything.

#### FACE Team

Kevin Hardwick shared information about the Face Team Meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 0800-1400, this meeting will include 2 doctors from the University of Miami, Florida talking about multiple topics; lunch will be provided. Kevin also shared that the FACE Team in conjunction with Tri-Health and Gallery Testing on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> will be hosting a Gallery Testing Program which will be hosted at Local 48 Union Hall. The Gallery Testing detects over 55 types of Cancer. This is open to anyone who is interested. **See Attached Document.**

#### 9258 Wealth Management

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

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

Pete also shared that the Federal Reserve is meeting today at 1400 to announce a rate cut, he expects a ¼% cut and possibly a total of 2% over the next 2 years. Economy and GDP is pretty good. Pete's firm is merging with a national firm, will be no local changes other than the name is changing to Waverly Advisors.

## **Regional Collaboration**

### Hamilton County Communications Center

Scott Brown reported on the following:

- 2025 Budget was presented to the Commissioners on 09/17/2024, they were receptive to it, they don't foresee any changes affecting us.
- New Building is progressing, expecting a 01/2026 move in date.
- Negotiations are beginning with their Communications Officers soon.
- Chief Lakamp asked about and update on CAD to CAD, they have ran into some technical issues with Central Square, Scott will update when he has more info.

### Hamilton County EMA

Nick Crossley was unable to attend but forwarded his report:

- Wesley Gutridge has been hired as a Planning Specialist.
- Partners in Preparedness Meeting will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Hamilton County EOP is undergoing final revision, they would like 3-5 fire personnel to sit on their steering committee to review this in Oct.-Nov.
- EMA would like to review MCI Plan before it is finalized.
- G-400: Advanced ICS for Command & General Staff to be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.
- OH-197: Planning for Access and Functional Needs in an Emergency to be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **See Attached Report.**

### Hamilton County Public Health

Christa Hyson reported that they do expect and uptick in COVID, they have tests available if needed.

### GC HazMat & Command 400

Brooke Matzen shared the following:

- GC HazMat has received a Ludlum Model 3001 through Homeland Security Funds. This instrument is a radiation detector, capable of alpha, beta, gamma and high energy detection. This unit should be in service by the end of the month.
- Upcoming Trainings
  - o 09/21 FSE @GCHMU
  - o 10/12 Papers & Water Reactive Chemicals @GCHMU
  - o 10/19 HazMat IQ @ St. Bernard

- Upcoming Events
  - o St. Bernard Safety Day, October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - o Lebanon Safety Day, October 12<sup>th</sup>
- August Haz Mat Details
  - o Diesel Fuel Spill – Blue Ash
  - o Diesel Fuel Spill – Deerfield Township
  - o Hydraulic Fluid Spill – Union Township, Warren County
- August Completed Trainings
  - o HazMat IQ
  - o Bio Tech IQ
  - o Air Monitoring for Flammable Liquids and Gases
- Rick Meier, WMD Coordinator for the FBI shared info on responses due to the upcoming elections. Rick has met with both GC HazMat and Cincinnati HazMat, if you have any questions, please reach out to him.

#### USAR

Chief Lakamp reported on the following

- 1 Activation, UAS 200 - River Search, 08/26/2024
- New R-200 Trailer is making progress.
- They have received the award of the 2025 Ohio EMA Grant, same amount as in the past.
- ARU attending Hamilton County Appreciation Day today.
- Search Training, 09/19 & 09/20.
- Attending multiple Touch a Truck and open houses next month depending on availability.
- **See Attached Report.**

#### PHCOC

Chief Owens reported that the PHCOC will meet on 09/26 at Good Sam Western Ridge @1430. Next Protocol Committee Meeting will be on 09/20, Zoom only to discuss 2 Paramedic Protocol language.

#### HCFIU

AC Shapiro reported that they have been very busy with investigations. There was a Fire Investigator Class held last week at Colerain, they are planning another one at the end of October.

#### Tri State PEER Support Team

Amy Foley reported that Dr. David Griffin will be in Blue Ash on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for a class titled Honor the Charleston 9: A Study of Change Following Tragedy, on the 24<sup>th</sup> he will do a Principled Leadership class in the morning and a Resiliency is the Way class in the afternoon, lunch will be provided. Their other initiative is the Red Alert Campaign, they currently have 27 trainings set up, please contact her if you are interested in hosting a class.

## UAS 500

No Report

## Health Collaborative

Jill Ernst reported that 7/1 was the beginning of a new grant year and a new 5-year grant cycle. Chem Packs are located at several local hospitals, these are for Organophosphate Poisonings, as part of the grant they are required to have trainings on these. There will be 2 trainings coming up in February, if you are interested, please contact Jill. They are also looking into the possibility of conducting quarterly triage days with local hospitals and emergency services.

## **Officer Reports**

### President

Chief McCabe reported on the following:

- Executive Committee met last week.
- If you have updated your ERS spreadsheet please forward to Chief Campbell.
- Director Knapp has received the HCFA Letter in regards to Dedicated Fire Dispatchers.
- HCPA is currently discussing encrypting radio traffic, more to come as this develops.

### Vice President

No Report: did share information from Pete Bohrofen.

### Treasurer

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

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

Chief McCabe also reminded everyone of the Hamilton County Leadership Training Summit coming up on November 7<sup>th</sup>, please encourage your personnel to attend.

### Secretary

Chief Young shared that the Cincinnati Fire Museum is trying to get more interest from neighboring areas including Hamilton County, NKY and SE Indiana, if you have any suggestions, please let me know. The Cincinnati Fire Museum is also 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 Hursong, second by Chief Wehmeyer. Motion approved.

## **Committee Reports and Teams**

### Communication Committee

Chief Souders reported that the timer for CPR Details will be reset to 30 minutes to match the Protocol. The Committee strongly recommend that departments complete or update their

radios aliases with the Communication Center so that HCCC can easily identify who the radio belongs to, please forward these to Joe Siefert. There is a subcommittee currently still working on Run Types.

#### EMS Committee

Chief Owens shared that the next meeting will be October 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Training Committee

No Report

#### **Old Business**

MCI Plan Updates – Chief Young reported that the Final Draft was sent out to the all Chiefs for review, waiting on 1 committee member for their final input. Plan is to have it approved at the October Meeting. There is a formatting issue with the draft when the watermark was added, official copy will be formatted correctly.

#### **New Business**

Elections – Chief Lawson and DC Camp will head up the Elections Committee, nominations will be at the October Meeting. Positions up for election are President, Secretary and 2 Trustee Positions, please let the committee know if you are interested in running for a position.

Strategic Plan - Chief Wehmeyer asked about the Strategic Plan for the HCFCA and when it needs to be updated, there was some discussion about this. Chief Wehmeyer made a motion to investigate the development / update of a Strategic Plan for the HCFCA and bring it back to the board for approval, seconded by Chief Jetter, motion passed.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chief Hauck, second by Chief Owens. The meeting was adjourned @09:53.

#### **Next Meeting: October 16, 2024**

Respectfully submitted, Chief Bryan Young, Secretary