

**Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2024**

Canton - Stoecklein, Strassner
Dearborn – Murray, Begeman
Dearborn Heights – Brogan, Badalow
Detroit Metro Airport – O'Such, Dunlap
Farmington Hills – Unruh, Balogna
Garden City – Keen
Livonia – Jennison, Clay
Melvindale – Murray
Northville Twp - Siegel, Hughes
Novi - Duczynski

Plymouth Twp – Conely
Redford Twp – Demoff
Van Buren – McInally, Lenaghan
Wayne – Stradtner, Schnieder
Westland – Griffin

Belleville, Inkster, Romulus, Taylor, Plymouth
City, Northville City, – N/A

Guest(s): Jordyn Sellek (CWW), Smilnak

Host Agency: Redford

Regular Business Meeting – President Murray called today's meeting to order at 12:06.

- A. Round table introductions
- B. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – None at this time.
- C. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host. Thanks to Chief Demoff for hosting today's meeting. Food from Kabob Bistro, sponsored by Belfor. Thank you.
- D. Approval of January Meeting Minutes – Motion by Unruh, support by Clay Motion carried.

Public Comments – None.

Report of Officers

- A. President Murray reported on the following:
 - 1. Radio Survey from CWW. Legacy radios not supported after 2025, and will not work on State system in 2026. May be repaired up until then if on system.
 - 2. GMET Medical funding discussion – Murray attempting contact with Sterling Hgts Chief.
 - 3. HEMS – Response protocol returned with recommendation which was provided by Martin last month.
- B. Vice President (Siegel) – Items under other.
- C. Secretary report – N/A. Website updates. Contact Secretary with changes/updates
- D. Treasurer Brogan provided report :
 - 1. Account balances
 - a. Checking \$73,310.81
 - b. Savings \$374,443.61

Motion to accept by Demoff, second by Begeman. Motion carried.

Overdue-Open Invoices:

5/03/2022 \$5,000 City of Inkster non-participation 2021
11/25/2023 incident - Romulus Train Derailment \$3,919.40
Van Buren noted their's are paid

2024 SMAFC

Congratulation to Chief Jennison elected to Sgt-at-Arms. Swear-in next month in Troy. Also congrats to Chief McInally to fill next opening with swear-in in May with installation of entire board in Ferndale.

Report of Committees and Task Groups

- A. Conference of Western Wayne - Jordyn Sellek reported:
 - 1. Radios Survey, end of life radios. Approx. 22+ million needed for WW Fire radios. Senate portal open. More detailed survey coming very soon, as request to Senate must be done by March 12th. Handled through CWW.
- B. Emergency Management - Chief Siegel reported:
 - 1. COVID-19 Updates – N/A
 - 2. EM Updates
 - a. Ballistic gear update. If you haven't picked up, let Siegel know
 - b. Flooding assistance to Canton
 - c. Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference and Expo is May 7-9. Registration will open February 20, 2024.
- C. EMS and HEMS
 - 1. Board of Trustees – Siegel. No concerns with financial report. Linen return topic resurfaced. Follow protocol on linen exchange. New State EMS inspections sheets indicate need for 3.5 inch chest decompression needle. Commercial decompression needles from North American Rescue are only 3.25. Let Siegel know if you had inspection and were cited as not complying
 - 2. Nurse Managers Meeting – Conely and Brogan unable to make last meeting
 - a. Cyano-Kit discussion. Who will pay for replacements. May be removed from use as not seeing need, and replacement costs are extremely high. Hospital does not want to reimburse. Kits expiring
- D. Training Report-Stoecklein
 - 1. FFTC meeting was Tuesday.
 - a. Fireworks monies distributed, encumbered
 - b. 14 Q courses approved
 - c. Science to the State next month in Southfield and Lansing.
 - 2. CTC Updates – Badalow provided report:
 - a. Next CTC meeting scheduled for March
 - b. Elections for new board, CTC chair election
- E. Special Operations Reports
 - 1. General Updates - Chief Siegel reported
 - a. Check Attendance reports. Assessment will be applied for more than three missed trainings per year without extenuating circumstances. Contact Chief Siegel or Unruh with your members absence compliance. More than 1/2 can be assessed fee at this point for missing trainings.
 - b. Assessment fee's and recommendations will be coming.
 - 2. HazMat Report - Chief Unruh reported:
 - a. No responses since last meeting
 - b. Training Feb 27, 9-5, Livonia Library, Topic-Li-Ion Battery
 - 3. MUSAR Report - Chief Badalow reported on the following
 - a. Rope Rescue Training completed at Dearborn FD this month.
 - b. March Training 3/12. Structural Collapse. Contact Badalow if you have a structure being demolished for use.
- F. Mutual Aid Box Alarm – No Report

- G. Other Chief Association Reports
- 1. MAFC –
 - a. Expo – held in Grand Rapids. May 20-22, 2024. Golf outing & awards banquet to happen on Monday, May 20th to kickoff the event.
- 2. SE –
 - a. Next meeting in Troy, at Petruzzello's, March 14th
 - b. Swear-in of Chief Jennison, Sgt-at-Arms
 - c. Chief Robinson presenting-New Michigan FFTC changes.
- 3. Downriver – no report
- H. CLEMIS – Begeman's
 - 1. Letter went out 2/1 with 3% increase in dues and membership

Old Business – N/A New

Business – N/A

Good of the Order –

- 1. Contact your Congressional Representatives & Senators regarding AFG, SAFER, USFA sunset in 2024, and putting it back in Appropriations Bill. Links, Info, Talking points on Congressional Fire Service Institute website.
- 2. Still waiting on information from LEO and LARA regarding Michigan turn-out gear grant funding for career fire departments in 2024. Information may be released in March.
- 3. Congratulations to newly promoted Deputy Chief Tom Hughes at Northville Twp. New position at NTFD
- 4. Any drone policy examples, please forward to Chief Murray.
- 5. CWW. Poor response to AirSpace link survey. Fore responses total. Please make sure FD is doing their own. PD's, DPW's, Assessing, etc. also will need to complete their own based on needs.

2024 Meeting Schedule (11:30AM, third Thursday)

- March 21 – Inkster
- April 18 – Livonia
- May 16 – Plymouth Twp

Adjournment – 12:42PM, Motion by McInally , second Begeman