**Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 16, 2016**

Attendance:

Belleville - Loranger

Canton – Stoecklein, Strassner

Dearborn – Murray

Dearborn Heights – Badalow

Detroit Metro Airport – Ellis

Farmington Hills – Panoushek

Garden City - Harman

Inkster – Hubbard

Livonia - Heavener

Melvindale - Murray

Northville City – Ott, Westfall

Northville Twp – Siegel

Novi - Duczyminski

Plymouth City – Ott, Westfall

Plymouth Twp - Phillips

Redford Twp - Absent

Romulus – Krause

Van Buren – McInally

Wayne – Absent

Westland - Absent

Guest(s): Ahonen (Belfor), Dole (Jarvis), Smilnak (MI Fire Training Consultants), Poike (Apollo)

**Hosting Agency: Chief Ott, Cities of Northville & Plymouth.**

Regular Business Meeting – President Murray opened today’s meeting up at 12:01PM

1. Round table introductions followed.
2. Any additional items for the agenda to be named. – N/A
3. Recognition of hosting agency - Chief Ott welcomed everyone.

Public Comments

1. Public comments pursuant to the Open Meeting Act. – No comments.

Report of Officers

1. President Murray
2. SCBA Fit Testing Machines – Murray provided information on purchasing new machines. He explained the need for our Association to purchase two new machines (approximately $10,000 each).
3. USAR Team Request for $1750 for training lumber – necessary for upcoming training.
4. Retirement Reform Task Force Committee – CWW did send out information via email on this topic.
5. Downriver Specialty Teams inquiry – Murray did meet with the president of DR (Jeff Drouillard), per their request. He provided some history and details on their discussions. We are looking at possibly contracting with them, though several issues still to consider. Murray provided details on their budget system. More to come.
6. CTC discussion with the State Fire Marshal – Murray provided detailed information, as there seems to be a breakdown of communication with the current chairman of the CTC. More to come, as Murray is awaiting call from State Fire Marshal. He understands everyone’s frustration and is diligently trying to resolve.
7. Vice President Chris Stoecklein had nothing to report, as this is his first meeting.
8. Secretary Johnson (excused) – No report
9. Treasurer Evans
10. Treasurer’s Report – Stoecklein provided today’s financial report:

Checking Account - $60,987.46

Savings Account - $61,604.07

Raymond James Investment - $139,589.43 (this account will be closed ASAP, and funds will be deposited to Savings Account). Report was received and filed.

1. Overdue Invoice Status Updates
2. Northville City- River Contamination (06/02/2014)- $21, 655.55 – Steve Ott provided an update.
3. Romulus-Tanker Rollover (01/28/2016)- $9,127.00 – Kevin Krause provided an update on this overdue invoice, and the efforts of his community.

Report of Committees and Task Groups

1. Conference of Western Wayne – Chief Harman provided the following report, as she attended the recent CCW/DR event.
   1. She provided detailed information on the Retirement Reform issue.
   2. Opiate issue
   3. Federal bills (HR 584, HR 687)
   4. Fiber Optic demo
2. Emergency Management – Nothing to report at this time.
3. EMS and HEMS –

HEMS - Chief Ott provided a report, as he attended the recent HEMS Board of Trustees meeting.

* 1. EMS exemption status discussion.
  2. Drug Boxes – April or May deadline, and looking at qualifying it as a mass drug distribution exercise.
  3. Continue to use the Plano boxes as Hazmat boxes.
  4. Staffing protocols
  5. Audit presentation – HEMS books are audited annually, and clean audit opinion received.
  6. Medical Specialist – We drafted a letter expressing our opinion that we are not in support of doing away with this requirement. Murray said he will keep everyone posted on this issue.

Stoecklein provided information on fireworks legislation & funding issues. He will keep us informed of activity, though it appears these HB’s will lose traction.

EMS - Dan Phillips had nothing to report, as he did not attend the Nurse Managers meeting

1. Training Report
   1. CTC Updates – Nothing new to report at this time.
   2. Upcoming training courses from the floor. Taylor FD is hosting officer classes. Brownstown is offering Co-Rep training.
   3. See Table for copies of upcoming class flyers.
2. Special Operations Reports
   1. HazMat Report – N/A
   2. MUSAR Report – N/A
   3. New Members were added from Novi & Canton.
3. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report – Nothing new to report at this time. Discussion followed on the status of the PSAP at the airport. Still in process.
4. Other Chief Association Reports
   1. Downriver Fire Mutual Aid Group
      1. Accountability System – Up & running, with a few glitches, which they are working through.
      2. Discussion on Special Team options -
      3. Voting on returning to base numbers – due to several issues, they have a vote out right now to return to base numbers. More to come.
   2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs – March 1st is the Expo.
   3. Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs – Winter Workshop is Feb 28th.
   4. International Association of Fire Chiefs – Nothing to report.
5. Old Business
   1. MDTIMCC – Chief Stoecklein had nothing to report. He will work with Chief Besson to take on this responsibility.
6. New Business
   1. Motions -
      1. Motion to approve the purchase of two fit test machines (not to exceed $22,000 total for the two machines)
         * Motion to Approve -Brian Loranger
         * Supported by – Andy Ellis
         * Motion carried unanimously
      2. Motion to approve training lumber (not to exceed $1750)
         * Motion to approve – Vaskin Badalow
         * Support by – Dan Phillips
         * Motion carried unanimously
7. Good of the Order
   1. Garden City incident – Harman provided information on recent house fire.
   2. Romulus – Krause reported on issue re: CSX/Railroad blockage causing delayed response times.
8. Next Meeting
   1. Hosted by Northville Twp Fire Dept. Thursday, March 16th. 11:30AM at NTFD.

Adjournment – 12:45PM