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

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 19, 2018**

**Hosting Agency: Livonia Fire Department**

Present:

Belleville – Loranger

Canton – Meier, Stoecklein

Dearborn – Densmore

Dearborn Heights – N/A

Detroit Metro Airport – Kahler

Farmington Hills – Panoushek

Garden City – Harman

Inkster – Hubbard

Livonia – Heavener

Melvindale – Densmore

Northville City – Ott, Westfall

Northville Twp –Siegel

Novi – N/A

Plymouth City – Ott, Westfall

Plymouth Twp – N/A

Redford Twp - Demoff

Romulus – N/A

Van Buren – N/A

Wayne – Stradtner

Westland – Stradtner

Guests: Denny Hughes & Pat Riney (Belfor), John Smilnak (Mich Fire Training), Carol Dole (Jarvis)

Regular Business Meeting – Vice President Chris Stoecklein opened today’s meeting at 12:07PM.

1. Round table introductions.
2. Any additional items for the agenda to be named – None.
3. Recognition of hosting agency and comment from the host – Chief Heavener welcomed everyone to Livonia.

Public Comments – None.

Report of Officers

1. President Joe Murray (Excused) –
2. Working on new chief packet and compilation of all current mutual aid SOPs.
3. Vice President Chris Stoecklein
4. Attended the recent Regional Transport Committee
   1. First Responders workshop coming soon.
   2. The auto show will move from January to August beginning next year.
5. Secretary Jeff Johnson (Excused)
6. Treasurer Mike Evans (Excused)
7. Treasurer’s Report as reconciled against the March 2018 bank statement:

Checking: $45,848.42

Savings: $204,597.43

Motion made to approve & file this report by Ott, supported by Demoff. Motion carried.

1. Membership invoices will be sent out around June 1st.
2. Overdue Invoice Status Updates
3. Grosse Pointe Fuel Leak $5,577.34
4. Northville City (River Contamination) $21, 655.55 – Chief Ott provided a status update.

Report of Committees and Task Groups

1. Conference of Western Wayne - Chief Harman provided report-
   1. Medical Marijuana - Livonia PD hosted multiple presentations on the legalization of recreational marijuana with the CO DEA, LARA and Prosecutor’s Association of MI.  Quite a few CWW communities were in attendance, but those who weren’t may want to reach out to Livonia PD to see if they can obtain a video of the presentations.  Fire needs to be aware of what the legalization of recreational marijuana could bring in terms of fire obstacles.  These grow houses demand a lot of power that often result in electrical fires.  Not to mention the issues with butane when making the hash oil.  Fire chiefs may want to look into taking an official stance on the ballot proposal that will likely be on the ballot in November.  There is a formal opposition campaign—Healthy and Productive MI.    If you want more information, contact Jordyn Selek.
   2. House LARA Budget
      1. Annualize First Responder Presumed Coverage Fund. The Governor included an increase to this program to reflect a full year of revenue and expenditures to and from this program, totaling about $5.5 million. The program provides worker's compensation benefits to first responders with certain diseases that are presumed to have been caused by hazards experienced in the line of duty. The Fund is capitalized with excise tax revenue from retail medical marihuana sales. The Senate concurred.
      2. Fire Protection Grants. The Governor proposed removing $773,900 in GF/GP support for these grants and the elimination of Driver Responsibility fees resulted in the removal of the remaining $8.5 million in funding for these grants. However, the Governor recommended a statutory change that would allocate the first $6.5 million from excess personal property tax reimbursements be distributed through the Fire Protection Grants formula, which would effectively increase Fire Protection Grants to a total of $15.0 million, but that increase would not be reflected in the LARA budget and would be done off-budget through the LCSA. The Senate concurred but included a $100 placeholder for fire protection grant funding.
2. Emergency Management – Chief Densmore reported Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference still has slots available. Some communities are recovering from the recent ice storm. Web EOC training and FOIA requests.
3. EMS and HEMS - Chief Ott reported that the board of trustees met last month.
   1. Providence Park has closed their in-patient pediatric care
   2. Annual Golf outing coming up July 24th
   3. Transfer of care protocol status – make sure you’ve signed up for your free American CME membership.
   4. New protocols were distributed – changes were highlighted, which take effect June 1st.
4. Training Report - Chief Stoecklein reported
   1. CTC Update – re-election of the board members. Still approximately $50,000 due back to communities. Working with Chief Allison. All payments approved at recent meeting.
   2. Revising bylaws and making changes to streamline processes.
   3. Final list of approved classes is available
   4. Reminder to update SMOKE system if class canceled. Discussion followed on the current process.

1. Special Operations Reports
   1. General Updates - Director Meier reported
      1. Trench training finished last month. Looking at another in May.
      2. Continue to work on drone certifications.
      3. Grosse Pointe incident occurred last month, which should be paid soon.
      4. Canton will be donating heavy rescue to the team in the next few months.
   2. HazMat Report - Chief Lee Panoushek reported
      1. Physicals were finalized back in March
      2. FAA UAV school was this week, with ten students taking an exam next week.
      3. Workgroup meeting held at the MOB center yesterday was lightly attended
   3. MUSAR Report - Chief Kahler reported on the excellent trench training last month.
2. Mutual Aid Box Alarm Report – Stoecklein reported:
   1. Testing – continue to receive excellent results.
   2. Three MABAS channels – contact Chief Unruh if you need help setting up.
3. MAYDAY Committee Report – no report.
4. Other Chief Association Reports
   1. Downriver Fire Mutual Aid Group – No report.
   2. Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs
      1. Expo was well-attended.
      2. May 10th Installation Luncheon – Yankee Air Museum. SMAFC.org
   3. Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
      1. Michigan Fire Chiefs – Summer Leadership Conference held at Boyne Mountain Resort. July 10-11, 2018. As a reminder, one member from each Western Wayne community will be paid for, including hotel & registration fees. Details: [www.MiChiefs.org](http://www.MiChiefs.org).
   4. International Association of Fire Chiefs – FRI being held in Dallas the week of August 7, 2018.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Next Meeting – hosted by Plymouth Twp on May 17th. 11:30AM. Will be held at Plymouth Twp Park (46640 Ann Arbor Trail, East of Beck Rd), Four Season Pavilion at the rear of the park.

Adjournment – 12:30PM.