

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor William Matakas
Brownstown Twp.	Deputy Supervisor Barbara Warren
Dearborn	
Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	Mayor Pro-tem Denis Boismier
Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Brian Loftus
Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
Melvindale	Mayor Pro-Tem Wheeler Marsee
River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
Riverview	Mayor Andrew Swift
Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
Romulus	
Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
Taylor	
Trenton	
Woodhaven	
Wyandotte	

**Others Present:** Fire Chair, Chief Jeff Drouillard; D/F/Lt. Mary Kapp & D/F/Lt. Ken Dilg, DRANO

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Dan Guzzi at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence for Las Vegas shooting victims, roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Pro-tem Boismier, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Tidwell, to accept the minutes of 9/7/2017 board meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

Fire Team Update: Chief Jeff Drouillard, DMA Fire Chair, reported that the Fire Teams are lacking member participation. He reviewed the spreadsheets provided to board members for reference, including the various fire teams, participation by community, current fire dues, projected fire dues, and amount of proposed increase. He explained the challenges facing the various teams with coverage and expenses. He explained how mutual aid fire call-outs occur, with standard mutual aid along with specialty teams. He hopes to get participation to a Level II Response Team for HazMat Standard. We could implement a mandatory training requirement. We are looking at different opportunities to help offset our teams' needs/costs. He reported that the \$186,000 remaining in the fund balance will not carry the group for long. He suggested using this as a capital improvement fund, having a separate operating account. We are dealing with equipment needs for the future, offsetting with grants. UASI is now restricting funding, and requiring more match monies. DMA Fire equipment is currently stored in the former HQ building in Southgate. This building belongs to Wayne County and they have been moving in some of their trade services. Also, Wayne County may be selling the building, so we have been researching available options in the area. Anticipated \$400,000 cost for a new 10,000 square foot building (i.e. purchase/rent/building a new facility), with \$45,000 for yearly maintenance. Anticipated \$523,000.00 is needed for capital. We have been collecting \$.18 per capita for years, but that is no longer enough. Suggesting \$.432 per capita. Discussion followed regarding minimum Fire team participation and timeline for rate increase. Kurt Kobiljak said we will need to schedule a special Board Study Session to further discuss this.

Presentations (continued):

Blocked Railroad Crossing: Supervisor David Glaab explained that Huron Township experiences many delays at railroad crossings, hindering emergency response capability and general lack of appropriate daily traffic flow. He introduced Public Safety Director Everette Robbins who explained Huron Township's new video system that was implemented to help with notifying police and fire personnel, along with residents of blocked rail crossings. This application can be downloaded into your phone. There are cameras in place at each of the rail crossings. The application/program allows access to the live video at the crossing. The XG Vault Series of IP access control systems (ACS) has advanced security measures with Excaliber camera systems. No internet required. It works off a solar powered battery system. Software can be programmed specifically to a community's needs. XG offers Cloud storage as well. It has 24/7 – 365 day monitoring, with service and repair. Each staff member has seven to eight years of experience. Direct service provided by XG employees – no subcontracting. Supervisor Glaab said Huron Township is pleased with their product. He thanked Everette Robbins for securing the system and for working with XG. Discussion followed of cost and the overall frustration with blocked railroad crossing. Supervisor Glaab said they have been working with Congresswoman Dingell's office, as this is a federal issue.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports.

DMA Fire Report: Chief Drouillard reported.

- New reporting method for mutual aid activity has been issued beginning October in an attempt to improve data reporting
- DMA Fire has applied for another UASI grant
- Executive Elections were held for the next two-year term, all positions stayed the same: Chair Jeff Drouillard, Vice Chair Joe Murray, Secretary/Treasurer Dean Creech.
- DERT TEAM (HAZ-Mat Team) had one call out (Flat Rock); will be seeking cost recovery; Continuing to take training to area departments.
- FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team): Fire Marshal Hager and Captain Teifer retired from Taylor, Team Leader and Training Coordinator, Capt Shawn Williams was appointed from Huron Fire to replace Fire Marshal Hager as team Leader; Four call outs (Romulus, Ecorse, Allen Park & Rockwood)
- DIVE TEAM (Dive Team): One call out (Trenton); holding monthly training
- LOGISTICS TEAM: No Call outs
- HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver): No updates

DRANO Report: D/F/Lt. Mary Kapp reported on the stats this year: The DRANO team has been working in 13 communities, confiscated 4,000 opiate pills, 150 guns, large amounts of cocaine and heroin; and was involved with a large case with a doctor prescribing a half million opiate pills. She is retiring and expressed her pleasure in working with and serving the Downriver communities. Mary was presented with a plaque of thanks for her service, by Jim Perry. Everyone applauded and wished her well! Mary introduced D/F/Lt. Ken Dilg who replaced her as the DRANO Commander. Ken Dilg said he looks forward to working with everyone and gave background about himself.

Police Report: Chief Matthews reported for Police Chair Jeff Smith. No Dive Team or SWAT Team call-outs.

New Business: None

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Matakas, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Boismier to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.