

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID  
REGULAR MEETING – March 3, 2022**

**Item #4 (P. 1 of 2)**

<u>Present.</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	Brian Peters, Township Manager
	Dearborn	Bill Irving, Asst. Corporation Counsel
	Ecorse	
	Flat Rock	
	Gibraltar	Mayor Scott Denison
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Jim Budny
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
	Riverview	Councilman Chuck Norton
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Southgate	Dustin Lent, City Administrator
	Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Mayor Rob DeSana

Others Present: Police Chair, Chief Jeff Watson; Fire Chair, Chief Jeff Drouillard

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, at 6:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Denison, to accept the agenda as presented, with one addition – Prosecutor Kym Worthy to provide an update. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of 12/2/2021: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Bowdler, to accept the Board minutes of 12/2/2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Prosecutor Kym Worthy: Provided an update about activity in her department, indicating communication between all police departments is essential. She looks forward to visiting all communities to keep the flow of communication going. Things have been extremely backed up in her department, and in some cases even as far back as 2018. She thanked all law enforcement personnel for being patient with them during this time. Her main concern is to ensure everyone is kept safe. Chair Glaab thanked Prosecutor Worthy for the update.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

Police. Police Chair, Chief Jeff Watson reported

- 1) Held chief's meeting on Wednesday.
- 2) The Chiefs met had a visit from Sheriff Washington.
- 3) They held several trainings in February including cyber investigating, training related to school threats; Lincoln Park police hosted training which was well-attended
- 4) SWAT Team held an Active Shooter Training at the Southgate Anderson High School, which was well-attended.
- 5) Downriver Crash Team has been busy; incidents included – 2 in Brownstown; 1 in Melvindale, 1 in Trenton, 1 in Gibraltar, 1 in Southgate and 1 in Woodhaven
- 6) The Chiefs spoke to Prosecutor Kym Worthy regarding drug recognition experts – special training needed
- 7) Governor's visit went smoothly with all the DMA teams on stand-by at the DCC Building. He thanked Public Safety Director Marsh of Southgate for his support and his officers.
- 8) SWAT Team Training was held Feb 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- 9) Call out to Allen Park for a barricaded gunman – the CNT Team negotiated and settled without incident.
- 10) Sgt. John Sterns passed away from cancer– he was part of the SWAT team. A fundraiser is set for the family at Indian Lanes – they welcome any support. He was a great man and team leader.
- 11) Held a successful dispatcher consolidation meeting – Focus group session went very well with mission critical partners.

Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to accept the police chief report along with the Chief Watson's Report for January 2022; and minutes of 12/1/21, 1/5/22, and 2/2/22.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Jeff Drouillard was not present

- 1) Gave a brief overview and history on DMA Fire Dues and the Training Dues increase that occurred in late 2017; with reimbursement for training participation up to \$7,000. Quality of trained personnel is up so this new process has been successful.
- 2) Fire Teams:
  - a) DERT TEAM (Haz-Mat Team)(21): One call out to Flat Rock for an oil spill in the river, looking to add members to Haz-Mat Team.
  - b) FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team)(22): No call outs; Ongoing monthly training
  - c) DIVE TEAM (Dive Team) (11): No call outs; Continuing monthly training
  - d) LOGISTICS TEAM (11): One call out to Flat Rock.
  - e) HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver): Continued EMS license renewals.
  - f) Fire Chair update of 2/3/22; Chief minutes of 11/17/21 & 1/19/22; and Incident response report (were all included in the agenda packet)

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Supervisor Budny, to accept the Fire Chief's reports and minutes of 11/17/21 and 1/19/22 as presented The motion passed unanimously.

Remarks from the audience:

- 1) Thank you for all who assisted with Governor Whitmer's visit: Chair Glaab thanked everyone for helping with the meeting with Governor Whitmer on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. The meeting with DCC Board members showcased DCC/DMA in a positive light and we were able to convey issues of importance to this region.
- 2) Robert Pawlowski: Introduced himself; he is a student in Southgate, and he is running for Southgate School Board. He encouraged any efforts that promote bus service between Dearborn and Trenton. He believes it is very important to bring in regional transit for growing communities.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 00pm.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Budny, to adjourn at 6:22 pm The motion passed unanimously.