

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID  
REGULAR MEETING – May 5, 2022**

Item #4 (P 1 of 2)  
(may)

Present: Allen Park  
Brownstown Twp. Brian Peters, Township Manager  
Dearborn  
Ecorse  
Flat Rock  
Gibraltar Mayor Scott Denison  
Grosse Ile Twp. Trustee Carl Bloetscher, III  
Huron Twp. Supervisor David Glaab  
Lincoln Park Mayor Tom Karnes  
Melvindale  
River Rouge  
Riverview Mayor Andy Swift  
Rockwood Mayor Dan Guzzi  
Southgate  
Taylor Dan Bzura, Chief of Staff  
Trenton  
Woodhaven  
Wyandotte Mayor Rob DeSana

Others Present: Police Chair, Chief Jeff Watson

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, at 6:33 p.m., followed by roll call – noting no quorum present.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

Police: Police Chair, Chief Jeff Watson reported

- 1) At the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Police Chiefs had a short presentation from Wayne County Sheriff's Candidate Walter Epps, no action was taken.
- 2) At the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Bob Heck updated the Chiefs on the status of the Dispatch Consolidation Project reporting that it is moving along well and most of the requested data had been gathered and forwarded to Mission Critical. They are expecting a final draft of the report in late June or July. Special thanks to Bob Heck for his help with these 911 consolidation efforts.
- 3) The Chiefs approved to pay for half of a quote from the DMA Police Fire Dive Team for Aqua Eye portable sonar equipment contingent on the teams testing and evaluation of the device. The police cost is \$2,995.00 The other half to be paid by DMA Fire.
- 4) The Chiefs approved a reimbursement to Dive Team member Todd Brozek in the amount of \$85.41 which was half of the cost of a dive equipment repair kit. The other half to be paid by DMA Fire.
- 5) SWAT had the following callouts for March, April, and the beginning of May
  - Lincoln Park for a barricaded subject.
  - Assisted MNET with two high risk search warrants in Taylor for narcotics.
  - Taylor for a barricaded subject.
  - Assisted MNET in Allen Park with two high risk search warrants for narcotics.
  - Lincoln Park for a barricaded subject.
  - SWAT tryouts are scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at Elizabeth Park.

The Downriver Crash Team had the following callouts: For March, April and beginning of May

- One callout in March for Allen Park
- Three callouts in April (one each for Southgate, Flat Rock, and Woodhaven).

They are finalizing the documents to get the DMA Major Crimes Task Force up and running. At the April Meeting, Brownstown Lt. Andrew Starzec was selected as Commander of the Unit and Woodhaven Lt. Jeff Brusik as Assistant Commander. They expect to have this Unit up and running after the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Ray Basham thanked Chief Watson and the DMA board for the resolution against texting and driving.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Jeff Drouillard was not present

DMA Audit Report: Kristin Hunt, Plante Moran, reported

Kristin reviewed the DMA audit highlights. This audit resulted in an “unmodified opinion;” the highest possible audit opinion. All funds ended the year with a positive fund balance, except for Highway Safety had a deficit of (\$61,768), which was due to a GASB 33 timing difference. A federal program audit was not required. There was a financial statement finding related to journal entries that were required during the audit. Kristin said that overall, programs are good shape. She thanked the staff for their support with working with them during the audit. Jim Perry thanked Kristin and her staff for their support.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor DeSana, to table the audit approval until we can obtain a quorum. The motion passed unanimously.

Remarks from the audience:

- 1) Robert Pawlowski: Noted the SMART issue is on the ballot this year and asked everyone to vote. He believes it is very important to bring in regional transit for growing communities.
- 2) Tony Guerriero, representing Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy: reported that the Case Management System that Kym Worthy has been working on for five years, is operational. The approved \$2.8 million is now being configured. This will allow communities (policing agencies) to communicate electronically (remotely) with ability to upload evidence to a secure cloud. It's scheduled to go live the end of September. If all goes well, beginning January 2023, the system will be able to interface with all Wayne County agencies.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm (later moved to September 8<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday).

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor DeSana, to adjourn at 6:48 pm. The motion passed unanimously.