

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – March 2, 2023**

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<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	Supervisor Edward Smith
	Dearborn	
	Ecorse	Councilwoman LaTonya Lamb
	Flat Rock	
	Gibraltar	Councilman Cody Dill
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Alternate David Nadeau, Township Treasurer
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David A. Glaab
	Lincoln Park	
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	Alternate Karl Laub, Community Development Director
	Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
	Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Councilman 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 A. Glaab, at 6:02 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Swift, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Councilwoman Lamb, supported by Supervisor Smith, to approve the minutes of 2/2/23 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

Police Team Report: Police Chair, Chief Jeff Watson reported.

- DMA SWAT presented to the group their training plan for the year for Active Shooter Response Training to include Combined Police and Fire personnel. They also advised on their plans to expand the team from its current 22-member level and appealed to the Chiefs to try and participate in recruiting new members. They are planning a physical agility test in the Fall, and then a two-week basic SWAT School in Spring of 2024. There will be a change in Command in the coming months with the pending retirement of SWAT Commander McCaig. The SWAT Committee will meet soon to recommend his replacement from the current Command team.
- The Chiefs were updated with the South Downriver Dispatch Consolidation project with 5 South Downriver communities committing to the project.
- Per the DMA Chiefs By-laws, elections for officers were held with the following positions all being elected for another 2-year term: Chairman: Chief Jeff Watson of Brownstown; Vice Chair: Chief Brian Zalewski of Wyandotte; Operations Director: Chief Chris Egan of Allen Park; and Training Director: Chief Ray Watters of Lincoln Park.
- The Chiefs approved payment on invoices for half of the cost of repairs of the Dive team trailer for \$792.05, and BA Shields for the team for \$625.00.

- Following DMA Teams callouts for February:
 - SWAT/CNT: No callouts.
 - DMA Crash Team: two in Taylor; one in Brownstown; and one in Huron Twp.
- Wayne County Sheriff Chief Dunlap reported the County will be working with DMA Communities for enhanced access to information on tether unit absconders which will significantly enhance investigations in our respective Police Departments.

Jim Perry spoke about the grant that DMA-DCC received. He thanked Congresswoman Debbie Dingell for all her support, and he thanked Bob Heck, DMA System Administrator.

Motion by Mayor Kuspa, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to accept and file the Police Chief's minutes of 1/4/2023, and the Police Team's report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Report: Fire Chair, Chief Jeff Drouillard reported

Second Half of 2022 Team Training Reimbursements have been disbursed totally \$18,337.50

DETR TEAM (Haz-Mat Team) (21) - had no call outs

FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team) (22)

- Call out to Lincoln Park
- Call out to Huron Fire
- Ongoing training

DIVE TEAM (11)

- No call outs
- Continuing monthly Training

LOGISTICS TEAM (11)

- Call out cancelled to Huron Fire

HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver) - Nothing to report

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Councilman Dill, to accept and file the Fire Chief's minutes of 1/18/23, and the Fire Team's report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Tribute to Bob Heck: Jim Perry thanked Bob for his years of service as the DMA System Administrator and congratulated him on his retirement. The Tribute read *"in celebration of his retirement as System Administrator for the past eleven years, and for his commitment and dedication to ensuring the safety of our Downriver residents and communities. **Bob Heck** has been an exceptional advocate for DMA-DCC and its 911 and public safety efforts, addressing a multitude of issues and concerns. On behalf of the Downriver Mutual Aid and Downriver Community Conference, we are proud to offer this special thanks and tribute to **Bob Heck** and wish him all the best in this very special celebration of success and service."* Bob thanked everyone for their support and said it has been a pleasure working together to help support the Downriver. All applauded.

Recent cyber security threats: Ron Goff, DCC's Director of Information Technology, spoke about the recent hacked e-mails, including some of our member communities. He shared how DCC staff are required to take cyber security training called KnowBe4 and said he can make this available to the member communities as well. Please feel free to contact him for more information.

Upcoming Cyber Security Training: Ron Goff announced that DCC is hosting a cyber security training in April or May. We will be sending notices to all the board members – he encouraged everyone to attend and to send key IT personnel as well. This special meeting will be with the State of Michigan Cybersecurity Team and will include our Board of Directors, IT Directors, Police and Fire Chiefs, and other interested community personnel. Andy Brush, with the State of Michigan, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, will be discussing recent cyber threats, ways to protect from them, resources and tools available to our communities, and government grants available for Cyber Security, etc.

TRAIN DERAILMENT WITH HAZAROUS WASTE TRANSPORTED TO ROMULUS INJECTION WELL:

Mayor McCraight of Romulus thanked everyone involved who supported the City of Romulus with the Deep Injection Well issue with the transporting of hazardous materials to the Deep Injection Well located in Romulus, due to the recent train derailment in Ohio. He emphasized that Romulus has no agreement with the Deep Injection Well located in Romulus. He encouraged everyone to contact their State Legislators.

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell spoke on the deep injection well issue with hazardous waste materials. She recommended that the board adopt a resolution to reopen the public comment period with EGLE. Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to re-open the public comment period with EGLE about the Deep Injection Well. The motion passed unanimously.

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Downriver Mutual Aid and Downriver Community Conference (DMA-DCC) Board of Directors calls for the EPA to implement a permanent halt of these shipments to the injection well located in Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DMA-DCC Board of Directors formally requests that the Public Comment Period regarding the Romulus facility be re-opened to hear the concerns of the chief elected officials of the Downriver area.”

Remarks from the audience:

Brian Merlos with Senator Erika Geiss’s office, thanked Congresswoman Debbie Dingell for her advocacy in the effort related to the Deep Injection Well.

Steven Grady with the County Executive’s Office

- o Thanked Congresswoman Dingell for stopping the waste from coming Downriver.
- o The State of the County address is scheduled for March 21st at the Dearborn Performing Arts Center at 7:00 – register on Event Brite.
- o Active Shooter Training is being conducted by Wayne County Homeland Security and Emergency Management. You can contact Nour Aljanabi (naljanabi@waynecounty.com) or call 734-858-1916 for details and to schedule a session.

Batch 2 ARPA funding was approved for the Downriver communities of: Centennial Community Plaza in River Rouge for \$325,000; Melvindale Kessey Fieldhouse Capital Improvements for \$4,344,721; Southgate Tower Park and Pedestrian Bridge for \$54,800,000; Downtown Capital Improvements and Infrastructure Project in Wyandotte for \$13,302,928; and Huron Charter Township Downtown Development Project for \$5,375,000.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th (moved from May 4th) at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Councilman Dill, to adjourn at 7:04 pm. The motion passed unanimously.