

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – September 7, 2023**

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<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	
	Dearborn	
	Ecorse	Councilwoman LaTonya Lamb
	Flat Rock	
	Gibraltar	Councilman Cody Dill
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Treasurer David Nadeau
	Huron Twp.	
	Lincoln Park	
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	
	Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Southgate	Dan Marsh, City Administrator
	Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Larry Stec, City Clerk

Others Present: Ken Laird, representing the fire chiefs

The meeting was opened by the Board Secretary, Mayor Dan Guzzi, at 6:01 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Councilman Dill, supported by Mayor Rzeppa, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Rzeppa, supported by Mayor Swift, to approve the minutes of 5/11/23 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

Police Team Report: No police report.

Fire Chief Report: Ken Laird reported for Chief Jeff Drouillard

- 1) First half 2023 training reimbursement checks have gone out to various departments totaling \$26,730.00
- 2) Received Cost reimbursement check from Taylor for Hazmat response \$25,497.81. Still waiting for the Logistics' response reimbursement.
- 3) Reviewing and updating the Fire Chief By-laws
- 4) Will be instituting a UAC (drone) Team/Program for DMA and requesting the purchase of necessary equipment and training, securing grant monies if possible.
- 5) Will be moving forward with the next purchase of PPE for the fire team members meeting their training requirements.
- 6) Received additional UASI funds to purchase Ballistic equipment for fire departments (\$102,955.00 for 58 sets). This is a county-wide program, not just Downriver. He thanked the county commissioners for their support.

DERT TEAM (Haz-Mat Team) (20)

- Call out to Taylor Ammonia for a leak
- Attended a full-scale train derailment exercise
- On- going training

FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team) (25)

- Call out to Grosse Ile for a house fire
- On-going training

DIVE TEAM (Dive Team) (12)

- Call out to Van Buren to assist with recovering items from air crash.
- Attended a large-scale Southeast Michigan dive training of a plane crash into the water.
- The dive team hosted an FAA class on plane crashes into water ways and debris fields in waterway.
- Continuing monthly Training

LOGISTICS TEAM (11)

- Call out to Taylor Ammonia for leak to assist HazMat Team
- Call to Grosse Ile for house fire to assist fire investigation team
- Participated in multi teams' exercises and drills.
- Evaluating changes to the team with adding the UAC program
- Continuing with their team training.

HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver)

- Nothing to report summer break

Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Councilman Dill, to accept and file the Police Chiefs' minutes of 5/3/23 and the Fire Chiefs' minutes of 4/19/23, 5/17/23; and 6/21/23, and the Fire Team's report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Remarks from the Audience:

Chris Green Hutchings gave details about the Michigan Moonshot initiative, asking communities to complete a survey. The leadership of Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties have joined together to plan and conduct a regional survey to identify where high-speed internet is available, where gaps exist, and what barriers prevent residents from accessing broadband. The three counties have partnered with the nonprofit Michigan Moonshot to create a 5-minute broadband survey to gather this information. She will send the survey to Cari Johnson to share with the board. The website is: www.MichiganMoonshot.org/Tri-County-Broadband. The goal of this survey initiative is to gain a clearer picture of connectivity in the tri-county area and support planning and possible broadband expansion efforts. The data collected in this survey will help them seek to expand the locations in the tri-county area that are eligible for federal (and possibly, state) grant funding.

Dennis Richardson with the Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree's Office:

- 1) The Romulus Chamber Luncheon is scheduled for September 19th and Treasurer Sabree will be speaking.
- 2) They are completing the Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund project (with four months remaining).
- 3) The 7th Annual Veterans Resource Fair is scheduled for Nov. 16th at the Greater Grace Temple Church in Detroit – fliers were available at the meeting.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th at 6:00pm.

Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Mayor Swift, to adjourn at 6:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.