

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID  
REGULAR MEETING – October 5, 2023**

**Item #4 (P. 1 of 3)**

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| <u>Present:</u> | Allen Park      | Mayor Gail McLeod                          |
|                 | Brownstown Twp. | Township Manager Brian Peters              |
|                 | Dearborn        |  |
|                 | Ecorse          | Councilwoman LaTonya Lamb                  |
|                 | Flat Rock       |  |
|                 | Gibraltar       | Councilman Cody Dill & Mayor Scott Denison |
|                 | Grosse Ile Twp. | Supervisor Jim Budny                       |
|                 | Huron Twp.      | Supervisor David A. Glaab                  |
|                 | Lincoln Park    |  |
|                 | Melvindale      |  |
|                 | River Rouge     |  |
|                 | Riverview       | Mayor Andy Swift                           |
|                 | Rockwood        | Mayor Dan Guzzi                            |
|                 | Southgate       | Mayor Joseph Kuspa                         |
|                 | Taylor          |  |
|                 | Trenton         |  |
|                 | Woodhaven       | Councilwoman Jan Sikes                     |
|                 | Wyandotte       | Mayor Rob DeSana                           |

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

The meeting was opened by the Board Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, at 6:03 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

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

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Swift, supported by Alternate Peters, to approve the minutes of 9/7/23 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report: Chair Glaab reported

Executive-Finance Minutes of 9/25/23: Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Councilwoman Lamb, to accept the minutes of 9/25/23 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FY2023-2024 Budget: Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Councilman Dill, to approve the DMA budget for FY2023-2024 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DMA Assessment Dues: Motion by Councilman Dill, supported by Supervisor Budny, to approve the FY2023/2024 DMA Assessment Dues as presented, noting that the 2020 population census numbers for each community have been incorporated/re-calculated in the dues amounts. The motion passed unanimously.

**Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:**

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

The DMA Police Chiefs met early on August 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss preparations for a possible UAW Strike. They also convened a Zoom meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss expectations and readiness. They had their regular meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, with a presentation from Enterprise Fleet Services on their fleet sales program. They also discussed upcoming Training coordinated by their Training Coordinator Chief Krause from Rockwood PD. They have upcoming trainings on Human Trafficking and Active Shooter trainings following the Federal Best practices model.

Dispatch consolidation is still being discussed with Trenton and Brownstown. They have other communities they will be meeting with in the near future to further discuss this issue.

SWAT:

- June search warrant for narcotics from in River Rouge for Ecorse PD.
- September search warrant for narcotics for Southgate PD in Southgate.
- September Search warrant for narcotics in Wyandotte for a Wyandotte MNET case.

CNT:

- Responded with SWAT on the above search warrants.

Crash team:

- June callouts in Taylor, Huron, Allen Park, and Trenton.
- July callouts in Lincoln Park, Grosse Ile, Taylor, Taylor, and Trenton.
- August callouts in Trenton, Ecorse, Brownstown, Wyandotte, Southgate, Lincoln Park, Taylor, and Brownstown.
- September callouts in Taylor, Melvindale, Lincoln Park, and Brownstown.

Mutual Aid support at Southgate fire:

Chief Watson conveyed a message from Director Joe Marsh of Southgate PD: he would like to send his sincere appreciation for the assistance of the responding Downriver Police and Fire agencies with the very large fire at the Southgate Senior Living Complex on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. He described it as tremendous heroism of everyone involved.

Mayor Joseph Kuspa of Southgate expressed his sincere thanks as well, to all the DMA teams who responded to that large Southgate fire. He added that the communities that came to assist prevented fatalities. There were 129 people rescued from the building because of that joint effort; and because Downriver Mutual Aid unity exists, they saved lives! He added that the outpouring of donations has been great! All those present applauded.

Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to accept the Police Report and chiefs' minutes of 6/7/23 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Jeff Drouillard, Fire Chair, reported.

- Two large scale fires this week in Lincoln Park and Southgate. Several mutual aid fire departments were involved. It shows that Mutual Aid is definitely needed! DMA is a big component to have and maintain - they try to ensure all teams are sufficiently staffed and maintained.
- Received support from the chiefs to proceed with a UAV (drone) Team/Program for DMA; they are requesting the purchase of necessary equipment and training; & securing grant monies if possible.
- Several departments have requested state fireworks sales funds to host various fire training classes within downriver to include the DMA logistics team members pilot training for the UAS (drone Program)

DETR TEAM (Haz-Mat Team) (21)

- No call outs
- On- going training

FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team) (22)

- No call outs
- On-going training

Fire Report (continued):

DIVE TEAM (Dive Team) (11)

- Call out to Ecorse for evidence search
- Call out Grosse Ile missing person in River
- Assisted in PR Detail in River
- Continuing monthly Training

LOGISTICS TEAM (11)

- Call out to Southgate Building Fire
- Expanding the team members and roles

HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver)

- Ongoing license renewals

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Supervisor Budny, to accept and file the Fire Team's report and minutes of 7/19/23, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Remarks from the Audience:

- 1) Wayne County Commissioner Cara Clemente commended the DMA cooperative effort with the large fire at the Lincoln Park Youth Center - it is a horrible loss for that community!

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. (NOTE change in time due to the Chamber's Celebration event that same evening.)

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Councilwoman Lamb, to adjourn at 6:19 pm. The motion passed unanimously.