

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – December 7, 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	
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Jim Budny
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David A. Glaab
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Michael Higgins
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	Mayor William Campbell
	Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
	Rockwood	
	Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
	Taylor	Dan Bura, Chief of Staff
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Mayor Rob DeSana

Others Present: Chief Jeff Drouillard, Fire Chair

The meeting was opened by the Board Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, at 5:00 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Councilwoman Lamb, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Kuspa, supported by Supervisor Budny, to approve the minutes of 10/5/23 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

2024 Board Meeting Dates: Chair Glaab reported. Motion by Councilwoman Lamb, supported by Supervisor Budny to accept the 2024 meeting dates as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

Police Team Report: No report

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

- A drone has been purchased. Eleven (11) of the Logistics Team members have completed the drone flight training and three (3) additional are scheduled for the next couple of weeks. As soon as they are proficient in operating the device, they will take the FAA Flight Exam. We are hopeful to have an active Drone Team available for requests in late January.
- They successfully received notice that they received *Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)* funding of \$109,000 for the purchase of a liquid and solid chemical analysis machine for the Haz Mat Team.
- They updated their fire By-laws, after legal counsel review, and officially adopted them. This also included a title change for Ken Laird to DMA Chief of Operations to better fit his current and expanding roles. A copy will be included in next month's meeting packet.

DERT TEAM (Haz-Mat Team) (21)

- Call out to Taylor for unknown substance in the creek
- On- going training

FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team) (22)

- Call out to Meadows of Southgate Apartments fire to confirm cause and origin
- Call out to Lincoln Park for House fire Investigation
- Call out to Huron Township for Mobile Home Fire Investigation
- Call out to Riverview for House Fire Investigation
- On-going training

DIVE TEAM (Dive Team) (11)

- No call outs
- Continuing monthly Training

LOGISTICS TEAM (11)

- Continued training on the DRONE

HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver)

- Nothing to report

Chief Drouillard said the drone is owned by the DMA Fire but can be used by other DMA teams. Councilwoman Jan Sikes commended Ken Laird, stating he is invaluable to the DMA Logistics Team!

Motion by Mayor Swift, supported by Supervisor Budny, to accept and file the Fire Team's report and minutes of 7/19/23; 9/20/23; and 10/18/23, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Councilwoman Lamb, to accept and file the Police minutes of 8/30/23 and 10/4/23. The motion passed unanimously.

Remarks from the Audience:

- 1) Mayor Andy Swift was sad to report about the hauler driver killed on site at the Riverview Landfill.
- 2) TSA Bracelets: Nikki Hartley from The Senior Alliance (TSA) spoke about the MYID bracelets the TSA is distributing for free to the municipalities in their service area. She explained this service is for communities looking to provide their older residents (60+) with a product to help keep them safe. The Senior Alliance is working with MyID to provide a comprehensive medical ID solution that provides an easy way to access, store, and manage health information. A person's emergency contact information and medical profile can be accessed anywhere and anytime from the bracelet. She will send details to Cari Johnson to share with the Board. Those interested can email Alicia McDole at AMcdole@thesenioralliance.org.
- 3) Mayor Garrett Shumate of the City of Gibraltar introduced himself, saying he is happy to be part of the Board of Directors.
- 4) Friends of the Detroit River: McKenzi Waliczek with Friends of the Detroit River said they are applying for a \$3 million grant to support the design and construction of a green stormwater infrastructure project that meets Ecorse Creek Watershed Management Plan goals like reducing flooding and improving water quality and fish/wildlife habitat. The project proposed for construction will be selected from the list of 91 potential project locations developed in 2023, which will be prioritized in 2024. Project prioritization will take place at Ecorse Creek Committee meetings held on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30pm. For more information, email McKenzi at mwaliczek@detroitriver.org.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1st, 2024, at 6pm.

Motion by Councilwoman Lamb, supported by Supervisor Budny, to adjourn at 5:12 pm. The motion passed unanimously.