

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – May 9, 2024**

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<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	Supervisor Edward Smith
	Dearborn	
	Ecorse	
	Flat Rock	Mayor Steven Beller
	Gibraltar	Mayor Garrett Shumate
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Jim Budny
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David A. Glaab
	Lincoln Park	
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	
	Riverview	
	Rockwood	
	Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
	Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Mayor Rob DeSana

Others Present: Chief Jeff Drouillard, Fire Chair; and Chief Jeff Watson, Police 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 Supervisor Budny, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Supervisor Budny, to approve the minutes of 3/7/24 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

Police Team Report: Chief Jeff Watson reported.

- The DMA Police Chiefs meeting was held on 05/01/24 in Wyandotte.
- Had a Presentation from the Dearborn Police Department Bomb Squad to discuss their assistance to DMA should it ever be required.
- The DMA 911/Radio System refresh RFP process is ongoing. The RFPs are in, and the Radio Committee will be scoring them soon.
- Dispatch consolidation is going well with Trenton and Brownstown. They have been meeting every few weeks to monitor the progress and make adjustments as needed. He thanked Bob Heck and Ken Mackey for their continued support in this effort.
- The Chiefs approved half of the payment on two DMA Dive Team invoices to Sea the World Scuba Canter for equipment, totaling \$379.00, the other 50% was approved to be paid by DMA Fire.
- Training:
 - A Police and Fire Rescue Task Force Training is scheduled for the end of June at Patrick Henry Middle School, this is open to DMA Police, Fire, and Dispatch personnel.
 - Working on training on Sovereign Citizen encounters with our State and Federal Partners, the dates will be announced when it is finalized.

Police Team Report (continued):

- SWAT/CNT Team Activity:
 - Callouts for April 2024: Narcotics Search Warrant in Taylor; P.R. Event on 04-26-24 for 33rd District Court Law Day; P.R. Event at Wyandotte Yack Arena for an exchange student event.
 - SWAT is running a Basic SWAT School in late May with 10 new SWAT recruits.
- The DMA Crash team responded to the following incidents throughout the DMA area:
 - Three Callouts (Lincoln Park; Brownstown; and Rockwood)
- DMA Major Crimes Task Force
 - No activations.
- DMA Dive Team assisted with the NFL Draft on the riverfront with preventative sweeps on the shoreline.

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Mayor Rzeppa, to accept the Police Chief's report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The Drone project is still progressing. There are now 11 FAA certified operators. The team has completed the policies and procedures and legal has reviewed with some change recommendations that the team is working on as well as an operator clearances requirements check list which they anticipate having completed on their operators by their June 18th meeting. At which time if the policy changes clear legal, they are good for full operation and responses.
- A few fire departments have entered into another regional Assistance to Firefighters grant in the amount of \$1.89 million for the purchase of radios as part of the larger upcoming DMA radio infrastructure update; Allen Park, Brownstown, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Riverview, Rockwood, Woodhaven, Southgate, Trenton, Wyandotte and Lincoln Park who is the host.
- Approved six (6) licenses for Crew Force Software (Fire Mobile CAD) for Riverview Fire
- Food Truck Inspection Program is continuing with some recent training held in Ecorse and upcoming in Wyandotte.

Team Updates:

- DERT TEAM (Haz-Mat Team) (23): Call out to Flat Rock for Ammonia Odor release; Conducting on-going training
- FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team) (34): No call outs; Conducting on-going training
- DIVE TEAM (Dive Team) (13): Call out to assist Detroit for missing person; Standby for NFL draft in Detroit; Call out to Grosse Ile - vehicle in the water; Call out to Dearborn to retrieve evidence; Continuing monthly Training
- LOGISTICS TEAM (16): Call out with Hazmat to Flat Rock; Continued training on the DRONE
- HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver): No updates to report.

Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Supervisor Budny, to accept the Fire Chief's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Steven Beller commended the Downriver Mutual Aid Fire responders for all their support during the recent incident in Flat Rock. He thanked everyone for this DMA effort!

Presentation by Airspace Link:

Airspace Link: Michael & Ana Healander with Airspace Link shared background information about Airspace Link; it's like Google Maps for airspace. Michael provided a Power Point presentation. They work with the Federal Highway Systems, with 45,000 drone pilots, headquartered in Michigan, building airspace and an air traffic control tower for drones. Creating tech jobs and drone manufacturing. Drones can provide air taxis for delivery. The Ontario Police department (in California) uses this unmanned aerial system to get 'eyes' on site early for emergency calls. Airspace Link works with the FAA, using The Fly Safe Program, and Michigan wants to be number one in drone advanced operations. Drones can also be used for police/fire emergency response. With the Fly Safe program, they can create a road map for a community's specific needs. CWW has approved Airspace Link to do assessments in their 18 member communities. Tim Keyes said communities need to understand policy of drone capability. Romulus is already drone-ready and prepared for emergencies. They want to help educate communities about drone technology and capabilities: Drones are used for medical deliveries, and the hope is for Michigan to be the leader in drone technology. Some drone manufacturers are here in Michigan already. Discussion followed. Chair Glaab thanked Michael and Ana Healander for presenting.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6pm.

Motion by Mayor Kuspa, supported by Supervisor Budny, to adjourn at 6:34 pm. The motion passed unanimously.