

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – December 5, 2024**

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Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
Brownstown Twp.	
Dearborn	
Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
Flat Rock	Councilman Brian Marciniak
Gibraltar	Mayor Garrett Shumate
Grosse Ile Twp.	Trustee Margaret Shelton
Huron Twp.	
Lincoln Park	Mayor Maureen Tobin
Melvindale	
River Rouge	Alternate Karl Laub, Community Development Director
Riverview	
Rockwood	
Southgate	Alternate Dan Marsh, City Administrator
Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
Trenton	
Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
Wyandotte	

Others Present: Chief Jeff Watson, Police Chair and Chief Mike Prinz, Fire Chair

The meeting was opened by the Acting Board Chair, Mayor Lamar Tidwell, at 5:07 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

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

Minutes of 10/10/2024: Motion by Mayor Woolley, supported by supported by Alternate Laub, to approve the minutes of 10/10/24 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 12/04/24 at Wyandotte PD.
- Dispatch consolidation is going well. Work continues on the planning of the new DMA/DCC building with regards to the dispatch work area. You will see on today's agenda a request for approval for the generator. Bob Heck will present for consideration.
- The Chiefs approved the purchase of two new Nikon digital cameras and related equipment from The Camera Shop of Birmingham for \$1,896.86 from the Major Crime Fund.
- Training: DMA Training has been ongoing, and we are planning for 2025. We have Parental Kidnapping legal update training scheduled for January 15th at the Brownstown Event Center, registration will be going out to departments soon.
- SWAT/CNT Team Activity for September 2024. Callouts for July and August included:
 - River Rouge PD Search warrant for narcotics.
 - Lincoln Park Narcotics Search Warrant for MNET.
 - Wayne Downriver related MNET search warrant.
 - Two River Rouge PD Search Warrants in Detroit.
 - Brownstown MNET Search Warrant for narcotics.
 - Wyandotte MNET Search Warrant for narcotics.
 - Southgate Search Warrant for narcotics.

- SWAT Public Relations event: 11-6-24 SWAT assisted in Grosse Ile Sports Team parade with Bearcat.
- The DMA Crash team responded to the following incidents throughout the DMA area: Brownstown, Southgate, Huron, Flat Rock, and Allen Park.
- DMA Major Crimes Task Force
 - No activations.
 - Lincoln Park had a veteran Officer shot in the line of Duty while investigating a wanted fugitive and narcotics activity. The Officer was shot in the knee and expected to recover. MSP is investigating. Chief Lavis would like to thank the multitude of DMA Departments that sent help within minutes. The suspect was shot and is expected to recover as well.
- The DMA 911/Radio System refresh RFP:
 - Wayne County's cyber issue is resolved, and all agencies are back online. The radio and 911 system updates are progressing and in progress.

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Alternate Marsh, to accept the Police Chiefs' minutes of 9-4-2024, and the Police Chief's report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Report: Acting Chair Tidwell welcomed the new Fire Chair, Chief Mike Prinz of Lincoln Park.

Team Reports:

- DERT TEAM (Haz-Mat Team) (17)
 - No Call outs; SRG's are in the final review stage.
- FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team) (28)
 - No Call outs.
- DIVE TEAM (Dive Team) (13)
 - No Call outs; The Team is currently in the process of testing all their equipment.
- LOGISTICS TEAM (13)
 - Final SOG on Drone activations is forth coming.
- HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver). Fire Chief Glenn Owens of Riverview will be the new Rep.

Motion by Mayor Woolley, supported by Councilwoman Sikes, to accept the Fire Chiefs' minutes of 9/18/24 and 10/16/24, and the Fire Chiefs' report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

New Generator for DMA-DCC's new building at 2121 Biddle, Wyandotte: Bob Heck reported. Over the past several months, Bob Heck and Ken Mackey have been diligently working on plans for a consolidated dispatch center to be located at 2121 Biddle Ave, Wyandotte, MI. We are pleased to report that, thanks to the grant secured by Senator Camilleri, this project has received significant support and presents a valuable opportunity to advance 911 consolidation.

One of the critical components for the success of the facility at 2121 Biddle Ave is the installation of redundant power. An RFP was posted on October 14, 2024, and multiple vendors were invited to submit bids for the project. We received two responses:

- **Ancona:** Total Bid of \$346,100.00
- **Jem Tech Group:** Total Bid of \$447,352.00 (equipment available through the MiDeal State purchasing system)

During the site walkthrough, it was determined that additional work would be required to properly position the generator in alignment with DMA's specific requirements. This information was communicated to Ancona, with the expectation that they would amend their bid accordingly. However, to date, we have not received a response.

Given the scope of the project and the technical complexities involved, we believe the Jem Tech Group is the best choice for this installation. They have extensive experience with full-building generators and have provided numerous references that vouch for the quality and reliability of their work. The installation of the generator will ensure uninterrupted power for the DMA 911 consolidated dispatch center, as well as for all DCC and DMA programs operating from 2121 Biddle Ave. It is anticipated that time frame to order, take delivery, and installation will take up to 10 months.

We respectfully request that the generator contract be awarded to Jem Tech Group. The funding for this project will be allocated through the 911 account, with reimbursement from the grant provided by Senator Camilleri.

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Alternate Laub, to approve the generator purchase as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

- 1) 2025 Board meeting dates were included in the agenda packet for reference.

Remarks:

- 1) Carl Stafford from the Treasurer's Office announced that the 8th Annual Veterans Resource fair was held at Crystal Gardens with 400 people attending, and 106 vendors; with Jim Perry as one of the speakers. Jim Perry thanked the Treasurer's team for holding the event – it was very successful. Jim also thanked Mayor Bazzi and Mayor Woolley for attending and for their service to our country.
- 2) Mayor Bazzi announced that Dearborn Heights will be hosting a separate veteran's event, specifically for female veterans at the Richard A. Young Recreation Center from 10am to 2:00pm on Saturday; food will be available for the veterans.

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

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Mayor Woolley, to adjourn at 5:25 pm. The motion passed unanimously.