

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
Brownstown Twp.	
Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
Flat Rock	Alternate Albert Frond, Councilman
Gibraltar	Mayor Garrett Shumate
Grosse Ile Twp.	Joseph Porcarelli, Supervisor
Huron Twp.	
Lincoln Park	Mayor Maureen Tobin
Melvindale	
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
Rockwood	
Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
Woodhaven	Jan Sikes, Councilwoman
Wyandotte	Alternate Larry Stec, City Clerk

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

The meeting was opened by the Board Chair, Mayor Lamar Tidwell, at 5:01 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Swift, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of 10.02.2025: Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Mayor Tobin, to approve the minutes of 10.02.2025 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

Police Chief Report: Police Chair, Chief Jeff Watson of Brownstown, reported:

New Business: October, November, & December 2025

- Chiefs approved: 50% to Sea the World Scuba of \$ 6,361.86 (\$3,180.93) for dive equipment for a new dive team member and \$10,035.00 (\$5,017.50) for annual inspection and update costs; also approved 50% of \$296.00 (\$148.00) to Ocean Technology Systems to cover costs to repair a broken underwater mic.
- Presentations from Dave Edwards on Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team (DRCIRT) and VFW Commander Brian Martin on Veteran and First Responder Resources.
- Chiefs voted to add the DRCIRT response procedures to the DMA Manual.

Significant DMA Police Events:

- October 24, 2025 a massive fire at American House Senior Apartments in Southgate in which all residents, many of which are disabled, were safely evacuated with no significant injuries.
- November 26 & 28, 2025 officer-involved shootings in Trenton and Brownstown involved various DMA Agencies. The DRCIRT is currently assisting DMA personnel who were involved in both incidents.
- Thank you to all the DMA Agencies and Public Safety Teams for their responses in all incidents.

Division Reports:

- Dispatch Consolidation Project: The build-out of the DMA Dispatch Center is coming along. The furniture is installed, the generator is on-site, and work continues on the IT infrastructure and related software.
- 911/Radio Projects: The 911 and Radio system updates are ongoing. State mandated training for the radio system is being scheduled for March or April on MPSCS operational procedures. Four volunteers from Downriver Public Safety Agencies are being sought to attend as train-the-trainer instructors.

DMA SWAT/CNT Teams:

- October Activations: MNET Search Warrant-Narcotics, Ecorse Search Warrant-Narcotics, and River Rouge Search Warrants-Shooting incident.
- November Activations: Ecorse Search Warrant-Shooting incident, Assisted IRS/BORTAC on large multi-location warrant, and MNET Search Warrant-Narcotics.

DMA Crash Team Incidents:

- October: 3 incidents; 1 in Huron, 1 in Brownstown, and 1 in Taylor
- November: 2 incidents; 1 in Grosse Ile and 1 in Brownstown

DMA Dive Team: deferred to DMA Fire Chair for report.

Fire Chief Report: Fire Chair, Chief Mike Prinz of Lincoln Park, reported:

Hazmat Team:

- No Call outs
- October training:
 - Training at Meijer cold storage warehouse in Berlin Twp. Team set-up wet decon and assisted facility Tracer Team in proper decon techniques.
 - A couple team members participated in tabletop exercise at BASF as part of unified command structure to mitigate a hazardous leak with victims.
 - Chief Prinz attended the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference in St. Joes, Michigan at the request of Wayne & Monroe Emergency Management.
 - The HazMat, Logistics, and SWAT teams will be major participants in a Fermi live Hostile Action Drill in November 2026 after both Palisades and DC Cook shared lessons learned from this drill.
- Approval was received to purchase a 1-year warranty for \$12,480 Gemini Monitor

Fire Investigation Team:

- 2 Call outs to Southgate for American House fire – partial team call out and apartment fire full team call out.
- October training at WCCC MIPSE with DTE for electrical and gas service.

Dive Team:

- 1 Call out to Taylor for a vehicle in a retention pond.
- October training:
 - Annual swim test certification at Gibraltar High School pool.
 - A multi-agency 3-day exercise in Sault St. Marie for a submerged passenger aircraft.
- November training- a 3-day certification training on Dri-Suit Encapsulation
- Approval for equipment purchase of \$9,400.00.

Logistics Team:

- No Call outs
- November training-Drone training in conjunction with Dive Team Training

Fire Chair-Chief Prinz would like to acknowledge all participating mutual aid fire departments for their exceptional efforts under extremely stressful and intense fire conditions, which was coordinated seamlessly with minimal complications, during the Southgate American House fire. He is extremely grateful that all occupants were accounted for and only a few minor injuries were sustained by fire personnel. Their professionalism, teamwork across multi-jurisdictions, and commitment to protecting lives and property were evident throughout the incident.

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to accept the Police Chief's report and the Police Chiefs' minutes from 10/01/25 as presented, along with accepting the Fire Chief's report and the Fire Chiefs' minutes of 10/15 and 11/19/25 included in the meeting packet with a comment from Mayor Kuspa thanking all the communities who assisted with the fire that day and was grateful there was no loss of life. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Informational Items:

- a. 2026 Board Meeting Dates
- b. News Herald Article – Re: American House Fire

Remarks: Mayor Woolley commented on fire safety and the importance of checking your fire alarms every year, after he lost a brother in a house fire. Possessions were lost, but no loss of life in the Southgate fire.

We welcomed Dearborn Heights Chief of Staff, Hussein Saad to his first meeting.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Mayor Woolley, to adjourn at 5:19 pm. The motion passed unanimously.