



# Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Board of Directors Meeting

January 10, 2018 9:30AM

Saginaw Twp Fire Dept

3211 McCarty Road, Saginaw, MI 48603

Present: Chad Tackett, Martin Erskine, Bill Forbush, Brian Ball, John Kramer, Adam Carroll, Mark Hoglebe, Chris Coughlin, Bob Walker, Andy Pless, Gregg Ginebaugh, Steve McKellar, Pat Parker, Dave Glotzbach, Mark Cleveland, Mike O'Brian, Ryan Burtka (KRKM), Josh Mosher, Jim Peterson, Linda Stone

## MINUTES

1. Welcome/Introductions – President O'Brian opened today's meeting at 9:36AM. Roundtable introductions followed.
2. Overview – O'Brian provided his expectations of today's meeting, and reviewed the agenda.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. Firefighter Training Council – Tackett provided an update on their activity, and the makeup of the current board. All appointments are up this year, so there will be a major turnover expected. SMOKE update provided and county allocations. Discussion followed on how many rounds of fireworks funds and related allocations happened. O'Brian asked about the status of the FFTC Year-End Report.
  - b. FFTC Curriculum Committee – Kramer & Erskine provided an update. He recapped 264/265. Hoping to have a meeting at the end of January in order to formulate a game plan for 2018. Kramer confirmed the allocated funds. He reported on the issues surrounding FF1 & FF 2 Hazmat Ops exams, and that the problems related to "bad questions" seems to have been resolved. Kramer detailed the process to online testing. Discussion followed on students with special needs. Much discussion followed on the processes. O'Brian offered our assistance to this committee for anything. Coughlin stressed the importance of us placing the right people on that committee. Ryan mentioned the legislative rules process, and related deadlines. Discussion followed on the actual process for submitting names. Erskine provided update of the Company Officer curriculum. Much discussion followed on NFPA. It was unanimously agreed that we are looking forward to raising the bar of our testing curriculum.
  - c. EMS CC – Forbush reported the following:
    - i. QAAP – affects those that transport. Continue to work our way through this issue.
    - ii. Federal Issues – access to medication, supplemental payments Medicare,
    - iii. O'Brian recommended that you go utilize the IAFC template to send a letter to legislator.
    - iv. Shortage of EMS providers (particularly paramedics) – Forbush provided detailed information on this issue. Discussion followed.
    - v. Elimination of Practical CE's vs. competency assurance – discussion followed on the downside of this, and what may happen in the future. O'Brian proposed the drafting of a position paper. More to come as this is a hot topic.
    - vi. Critical Care standards – ad hoc committee formed to review this curriculum. Forbush provided background and the effects.
    - vii. Community Paramedic – Forbush reported that the state is looking to standardize.
    - viii. EMS CC reps and importance of relationships
    - ix. Bay College – EMS Conference in Escanaba at the end of this month in the UP.
    - x. Narcan & Opioid Crisis – discussion on this epidemic.
  - d. Legislative Committee – Glotzbach reported on the following:





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- i. Reviewed the current reps on this committee.
- ii. OPEB update – our connections and relationships were very beneficial. Much discussion followed on the process. O’Brian reminded us as an Association that we must continue to help fire chiefs understand OPEB. Much discussion followed on this healthcare issue and how it affects communities. Glotzbach reminded us that this issue is not over. We must remain vigilant, as this issue will resurface. Pless stressed that we make them look at the true numbers.
- iii. Glotzbach stressed the benefits of our relationship with KRKM.
- iv. Glotzbach reviewed the “wish list” – Committee Future Activities/suggestions. Coughlin & Pless asked that you respect all time-sensitive issues, and provide feedback quickly when requested.
- v. Side discussion on memberships, email blasts
- vi. SB 400 (911 surcharge fees) – update provided
- e. Joint Fire Service Council
  - i. Alternate position (Glotzbach is main rep) will be filled in the near future.
- f. MI-MABAS – Brian Ball is incoming President, replacing Styles. O’Brian explained our relationship with MI-MABAS. Brian reported on the following:
  - i. Executive director position was filled by Trent Atkins. Will focus on Trent’s future workplan.
  - ii. Ball & Atkins will be meeting with MSP in a few weeks hoping to mend fences and streamline working relationship.
  - iii. FEMA Type Rating System – Ball reported on issues surrounding this rating system. More to come.
  - iv. Closest available asset issue – discussion followed on Potterville incident(s).
  - v. ESF 4, 7 & 9
  - vi. Mutual Aid Net – Adam Carroll reported that this software will be going through a major overhaul.
- g. Michigan Wild Land Prevention Committee – O’Brian reported that Chief Dave Pratt serves as our rep.
- h. PAC – Pat Parker provided a report. The PAC checking account has \$5,802.90. Marcy Lay (KRKM) is managing the reporting requirements for us.
- i. State 911 – O’Brian reported that Mark Barnes provided his report electronically (find in google docs file)
- j. Michigan Residential Fire Sprinkler Coalition – O’Brian reported that Mike Evans agreed to chair this group. If you have someone who would like to get engaged, please contact O’Brian, as there are openings. Erskine questioned the relationship to insurance rates. There will be a National Fire Sprinkler day sometime in May. More to come.
- k. Michigan Public Safety Frequency Advisory – Carroll suggested that we encourage our members to coordinate through this committee. See detailed report that was handed out to attendees, also available in google docs.
- l. Mental Health – Gregg Ginebaugh reported on the status of this newly formed committee. Will roll out the initiative/training program at the July conference in Boyne. Requested to design a logo, and will purchase a pin or a challenge coin. Linda will work with Gregg to move forward. O’Brian stressed the importance of this committee, and the chiefs’ support.
- m. Michigan Public Safety Broadband – Carroll provided handout with detailed notes, and highlighted main bullet points.
- n. FirstNet – Carroll provided a handout with notes. Please review. Next step with this group is to roll out the educational process. Much discussion followed. More to come.





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- o. MPSCI Board – Governor appointed position. See handout with detailed notes. Adam’s position on this Board appears to expire at the end of April 2018. He will do some research re: the position, and keep O’Brian informed.
  - p. Great Lakes IAFC Constitution & ByLaws – Pless provided a status report of this committee. Next meeting will be held via teleconference in March.
  - q. Michigan Residential Building Code – Mosher reported that this committee is no longer a committee. He provided a brief report on the status of past work performed. Discussion followed.
  - r. Adhoc Committee for Underground Storage Tanks & Hydrogen – Coughlin
  - s. 9-1-1 Dispatch Training
4. Request for Endorsement of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Mike O’Brian has submitted his name to run for this position. He requested the MAFC’s endorsement. Unanimous approval. Discussion followed on the financial obligations of the candidate.

Next meeting will be held in February.

Meeting adjourned – 1:30PM

