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# The Advisor

A Newsletter from the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

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Associate and Affiliate Members: Madison Twp., Sidney, Violet Twp., Sinclair Community College, Box 21 Rescue Squad, Germantown Rescue*

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## Customer Service Awards

Susan Halter, Trotwood Fire and Rescue Department, received the *Outstanding Individual* award at the April Alliance Board meeting. She dedicated many hours to her department and her community over the last year, also finding time to complete her Masters Degree in Human Resource Management.

The Beavercreek Township Fire Department received the *Outstanding Organization* award. They were recognized for their service to their citizens and to the region. Beavercreek Lieutenant Leigh Brewer was singled out for her work on the inaugural Regional Entry-Level Testing Process, serving as CPAT Administrator last year.

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## Entry-Level Testing Program – An Update

We gave a written examination to 78 candidates on Saturday, April 24. We will send a letter out to each candidate the first week in May, letting him or her know if they passed or not. If so, they will be scheduled to take the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) on Saturday, May 22. Another twenty-four candidates from Madison Township (Franklin County) will also be scheduled for the CPAT. Feel free to attend one of the practice sessions if you would like to see this equipment and process up close – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 4 or 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 8. (See *Upcoming Event* list below for details.)

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## Incident Management Team (IMT) Workgroup – Update

The IMT Workgroup is working to expand their activities and to provide additional training opportunities. For example, they plan to bring in members of the Arlington (VA) Fire Department in October to discuss their operations at the Pentagon after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. This will be a regional presentation to a cross section of emergency responders and support agencies and organizations.

The IMT Workgroup would like to expand their membership base to include representatives from all areas of the Miami Valley. If you would like to participate on this Workgroup, give Chief Larry Shields a call at (937) 884-7620 or call the Alliance offices at 512-5103. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11.

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## Ohio Task Force One – Update

FEMA is making many changes to the national Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) system. They have expanded our fleet for over-the-road activations and responses; Ohio has the most complete fleet in the system. And in addition, they are going to more than double the equipment cache. These changes mean that our current storage facilities on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will no longer be adequate for our needs. After numerous meetings and discussions, we discovered that Wright-Patt does not have space on-base for our expansion. We are investigating other options at this time. The most likely appears to be at the Kettering Business Park, the old Defense Electronics Supply Center (DESC), off Wilmington Avenue. We'll send out more information as it becomes available.

Chief Scott Hall continues to work on the local rescue response capability. We already have a vehicle, some rescue equipment and a storage/response location, but there is still much work to be done. He, too, would like to have representation from all areas of the Miami Valley. If you are able to assist in this initiative, give Scott a call at (937) 848-3272 or call the Alliance offices at 512-5103.

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## Alliance Incident Command System (ICS) SOP – Revision Needed

The Alliance needs to revise its ICS SOP, to bring it up to date and to make sure it is compatible with the new National Incident Management System (NIMS). We would like to do this as soon as possible. If you are able to assist in this process, please call the Alliance offices by Friday, May 14, or send me an email at [mcaudill@voyager.net](mailto:mcaudill@voyager.net). We will set up a meeting schedule at that time. It shouldn't take long to complete this process.

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## Fire/Law Enforcement Cooperation

The above ICS update is just a first step. The next phase will be to get together with law enforcement personnel in the area to address broader public safety incident management/incident command issues, focusing on related topics such as unified command. This is just one component of a wide-ranging program we want to build with local law enforcement. A draft proposal for a public safety cooperation has been completed and is being reviewed in the area. More information will be sent out as the process develops.

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## Homewood Suites – Distressed Family Program

Homewood Suites, an extended stay facility near the Dayton Mall, has established a program where they provide one night's free accommodations for families forced from their homes due to fires, floods, or other unexpected circumstances. They have already partnered with the Miami Township Fire Department to offer this service and they are looking to expand this program to the entire Miami Valley area. More information will be distributed shortly. This is a public/private initiative that benefits all involved.

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## Training Opportunity

The Huber Heights Fire Department is hosting a train-the-trainer session on hybrid cars on Tuesday May 11, 2004. Call Chief Ford's office for more information (937) 233-1564.

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## Upcoming Events

- 5/3/04, 1:00 p.m. – Alliance Training/H.R. Committee, Sinclair C.C., Room 20-244B.
- 5/4/04, 6:00 p.m. – CPAT Practice Session, Old Furrows Building, Troy Pike and Taylorsville Road.
- 5/8/04, 9:00 a.m. – CPAT Practice Session, Old Furrows Building, Troy Pike and Taylorsville Road.
- 5/10/04, 2:30 p.m. – Fire/Police Cooperation meeting, Sinclair C.C., Room 20-244B.
- 5/11/04 – Hybrid car train-the-trainer, Huber Heights, Call Chief Ford's office for more information (937) 233-1564.
- 5/11/04, 1:00 p.m. – Alliance I.M.T. Workgroup, Sinclair C.C., Room 20-244B.
- 5/12/04, 2:00 p.m. – Fire Chaplain Group, Huber Heights – Call Chief Wiltrout for information (937) 890-2491.
- 5/14/04, 1:00 p.m. – OH-TF-1 Administrative Workgroup Planning, Sinclair C.C., Room 244B.
- 5/18/04, 11:00 a.m. – Alliance Executive Committee; Sinclair C.C. Room 20-244B.
- 5/21/04 – Hazmat functional exercise – Call Dennis Bristow for more information – (937) 901-5112.
- 5/21/04, 9:30 a.m. – Alliance Communications Committee, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-241.
- 5/22/04 – CPAT Administration, Old Furrows Building, Troy Pike and Taylorsville Road.
- 5/25/04, 9:00 a.m. – Alliance G.I.S. Workgroup, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-244B.
- 5/25/04, 1:00 p.m. – Alliance Training/H.R. Committee, Sinclair C.C., Room 20-244B.
- 5/31/04 – Memorial Day, Alliance Offices Closed.
- 6/4-6/04 – Ohio Task Force One Mobilization Exercise – Call Evan Schumann for information – (937) 512-5103.

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## Executive Committee

- **Chief Larry Collins**, Chair, Dayton Fire Department, 333-4501
- **Chief Paul Hutsonpillar**, Vice-Chair, Trotwood Fire & Rescue, 837-7771
- **Chief Ken Parks**, Washington Twp. Fire Department, 433-3083
- **Chief Jim Nickel**, Brookville Fire Department, 833-2345
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