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A Newsletter from the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

Member Departments: Beavercreek Twp., Bellbrook, Brookville, Butler Twp., Dayton, Englewood, Farmersville, Harrison Twp., Huber Heights
Jefferson Twp., Kettering, Miami Twp., Miamisburg, Moraine, New Lebanon, Oakwood, Phillipsburg, Riverside, Trotwood, Washington Twp.
Associate and Affiliate Members: Madison Twp., Sidney, Violet Twp., Sinclair Community College, Box 21 Rescue Squad, Germantown Rescue

Joint Entry Testing Meeting and 2006 A Dates

The Training/HR/Support Committee met on Thursday, November 10, 2005. The meeting was well publicized as an opportunity to discuss the joint entry-level testing procedure. Those present were positive about the process and believe that it is an excellent way to develop a pool of candidates. From the Eligibility List, members may select candidates for whatever additional entry process they may use.

Please note the changes for the 2006 A Testing: Registration: Tuesday, January 3 to Wed., January 11, 2006, Orientation: Friday, January 13, 2006, Written Test: Friday, March 10, 2006, CPAT: Friday, March 17, 2006
Also please remember that we still have two current lists with the third expiring December 31, 2005.

Forty-four People Attend Health and Wellness Seminar

In the old days reports of social events in the community usually included the phrase, "A good time was had by all." This phrase fits the Health and Wellness Seminar on November 18, 2005 with the addition of the phrase, "something was learned by all." We had excellent local speakers and our keynote speaker Joe Bonanno's recipe for sausage jambalaya was excellent! The seminar was designed to be a beginning not an end. The work of the Health and Wellness Workgroup is really just starting. Please watch for future meeting dates and encourage participation. No department is too large or too small. The Alliance extends a special thanks to sponsors Corporate Health of Ohio, Total Fire Group and to Moraine Fire Dept. for providing the facilities and support. (Thanks for the coffee!)

Tis the Season

Tis the Season for the jolly old fat man dressed in red to make an appearance (and no we're not talking about the Alliance Director in a red suit.) *Tis the Season* to submit your nominations for the Firefighter/EMS Person of the Year and the Organization of the Year for the Alliance Customer Service Award. Also remember to submit nominations for the GMCFCA Firefighter/EMS Person of the Year. Both award nominations can be sent to the Alliance Director by December 15, 2005. Other *Tis the Season* things to remember: 1.) GMCFCA Christmas meeting at Bullwinkle's on Dec.14. 2.) The Annual Fire Chief/Police Chief banquet at the Dayton Art Institute (there will be mummies and probably some daddies) on January 21, 2006. 3.) The Alliance Office will be closed December 23 - 27 and January 2 for the holidays (please remember to be early with the Director's gifts.)

Here We Go Again

Sylvester Stalone, Bruce Willis, and Arnold Schwarzenegger were asked to play classical musicians to help teenagers to develop and interest in classical music. Sylvester volunteered to be Mozart. Bruce said he'd be Beethoven, and Arnold said, "I'll be Bach." It's kind of like NIMS. You thought you were all done with it but it's "bach." Before September 30, 2006 the new NIMS requirements are IS 100, IS, 200, and IS 800. For 2007 they will add IS 300. To help our members meet requirements and as a part of our IMT Workgroup training, we will be working with MCOEM to offer classes even though just like IS 700, these classes are all available online. Since the newsletter is not 14 pages long we can't print all the information on who needs what class. We'll send out information next month along with a calendar of training dates and locations. If you want some information sooner go to www.fema.gov/pdf/nims/06_training.pdf

Put It On Your Calendar Now

The first quarterly board meeting of 2007 will be on January 18, 2006 at 9 a.m. There will be elections, things to approve, snacks, jugglers and clowns (lot's of clowns.) Please attend. Our track record of attendance at board meetings is not stellar. In 2005 only 55% of our members attended 3 or more board meetings and 45 % attended 2 or less. Remember that the Alliance is your organization and for it to survive and flourish it needs your participation and input.

Hazmat Audit Shows Clean Bill of Health

The State of Ohio finished the audit of Hazmat and found no problems. We thank Denny Bristow, Jackie Leland, and the Hazmat Advisory Board for their good management and accounting practices.

Oh Give It A Home So CPAT Doesn't Have To Roam

One of our biggest problems with Entry-Level Testing is finding a place for CPAT. So far we've been the traveling road show. At this point we have no idea where the 2006 A CPAT will be. Please be on the look out for a permanent (even semi-permanent) home for CPAT. We need about 5,000 square feet and enough height to extend a 24 ft. extension ladder. We don't even need heat or air conditioning. If you have any ideas please contact the office.

Committees and Workgroups

As a part of the updated Strategic Plan the Executive Committee will be looking at our current committee and workgroup structure for the purpose of suggesting needed changes to reflect current and future Alliance projects. In addition we want to ensure that current committee members want to participate. The norm so far is to have many names on the roster but with a much smaller participation. We will be asking all members to make a commitment to their committees or workgroups.

Alliance Marketing Program Ready To Hit The Road

The Director has completed a Power Point road show to market the Alliance to both current member communities and to potential new members. As you are probably aware, the Alliance is not necessarily a household word in the Miami Valley. We want our members' governing bodies to know what they are getting for their money and just how smart their fire Chiefs are for being members of the Alliance. We will have an advanced preview of the road show at the January Board Meeting. In January we will begin contacting you to schedule the "Magical Mystery Tour."

Minutes of Everything For Everybody

One of the requests from the Strategic Planning meetings was that minutes of all the committees and workgroups be e-mailed to all members, not just people on the committees or workgroups. This is an effort to keep everyone aware of what is happening and to offer ideas and input.

Upcoming Events

- 12-13-05 – Training HR Support Meeting, Building 20 Room 241
 - 12-15-05 – 12:00 p.m. – Citizen Corp
 - 12-19-05 – 12:00 p.m. – Hazmat Advisory Board Meeting – Building 20, Room 121 – Pizza!
 - 12-20-05 – 9:00 a.m. – MVFE Corporation Board Meeting – Building 20, Room 244B
 - 12-20-05 – 9:10 a.m. – Executive Committee – Building 20, Room 244B
 - 12-23 - 12-27-05 – Office Closed for Christmas/1-2-06 – Office Closed for New Years Day
 - 1-4-06 – 1:00 p.m. – Jt. Purchasing Workgroup, Building 20, Room 244B
 - 1-4-06 – 2:00 p.m. – Communications Workgroup, Building 20, Room 241
 - 1-5-06 – 9:30 a.m. - EMS Software Workgroup – Building 20, Room 244B
 - 1-10-06 – 10:00 a.m. - OH-TF 1 Oversight Committee – Building 20, Room 241
 - 1-16-06 – Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - 1-17-06 – 9:00 a.m. - Executive Committee – Building 20, Room 244B
 - 1-18-06 – 9:00 a.m. - Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance Board Meeting – Building 20, Room 121
 - 1-19-06 – 1:00 p.m. - IMT Workgroup for Region 3 – Building 20, Room 241
 - 1-23 & 1-24-06 – 8-5 p.m. IS 100 – Building 20, Room 121
 - 1-27-06 – 12-4 p.m. IS 800 – Building 20, Room 121
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Executive Committee

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 - **Chief Mark Thomas**, Vice-Chairperson, Beaver Creek Fire Department, 426-1213
 - **Chief Larry Collins**, Dayton Fire Department, 333-4501
 - **Chief Jim Nickel**, Brookville Fire Department, 833-2345
 - **Chief Robert Bobbitt**, Miamisburg Fire Department, 847-8750
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