



The Advisor

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

New Organization Ready To Help

At the last GMCFCA meeting the Fire Assistance Foundation (FAF) made a presentation. FAF (not to be confused with the FFA, the FAA, the FCC, or the FBI) is a non-profit organization designed to help Miami Valley families who have had a fire. FAF provides timely, on-scene assistance through experienced firefighters including acting as the liaison between the homeowner and fire department. They provide, at no cost to the homeowner; board-up, tarps, boxes, assistance with removal of personal items, security for the property, and temporary housing. The FAF only responds when called by a dispatcher. For more information, contact Tim Schreadley at the FAF at (937) 608-1290.

CPAT

CPAT for the Alliance testing process was conducted on Saturday, May 7, 2005. Twenty-five people tested with 20 passing. Many thanks to Lt. Mike Muhl, Lt. Leigh Brewer and Assistant Chief Mike Caudill and all the proctors for their work on the May test. Results from the test have been sent out to participating members. Efforts are being made to maintain an active proctor list and to also recruit and train additional proctors. If you have personnel that are interested in becoming a proctor, please have them contact the Alliance @ (937) 512-5103.

Please note: You do not have to take the CPAT test to be a proctor.

Alliance Entry Level Testing

The 2005B Alliance Entry Level Testing process will begin in July. The schedule is:

- DDN Advertisement -- 24 and 31 July
- Registration – 1-5 August
- Orientation -- 20 and 21 August
- Written Test -- 17 September
- CPAT -- 22 October

The Director has been speaking to the current Sinclair Fire Academy classes to encourage the students to participate in the testing for both full and part-time positions. If your department is not using the testing process as a hiring tool, please consider it. While the eligibility list does not commit the participating departments to hire, it does provide members with a pool of tested candidates.

OH-TF 1 Has FEMA Doing the Happy Dance

On May 17 and 18, FEMA Program Office personnel paid a visit to OH-TF 1. The purpose of the visit was to review the administration of the TF in the areas of grant documentation, personnel issues, accounting, procurement practices, property accountability and tracking. Ms. Grimm and Mr. Smalley were very impressed with the administration of the team. Congratulations to Program Manager, Evan Schumann; Grants Manager, Angela Murphy; Training/Personnel Coordinator, Darrel Wilt; and Administrative Assistant, Erla Wilson. Special congratulations to Cache Manager, Tom Bourquin. FEMA was so impressed with his inventory system that they may adopt it for all FEMA teams!

NIMS Until You Scream

If you've gone longer than five minutes without hearing about NIMS, you're very lucky. Usually, six e-mails a day arrive with the same important NIMS information. The name of your NIMS person should be sent to MCOEM by 31 May. Key personnel in your community should be trained in IS 700 by 30 Sep. There is no certification necessary to be an instructor but it is recommended that they have completed the course before teaching it. The Alliance will be offering a "Train-the-

Trainer” class in June while working with MCOEM to provide ample training opportunities. The course is also available online. More details will be coming shortly.

Get Down and Dirty

All right boys and girls it's time to get down and dirty for a good cause. The Epilepsy Foundation of Western Ohio is sponsoring MUDfights on July 9, 2005. A MUDfight is mud volleyball played *dirty*. The MUDfights will be held in the field behind the Wegerzyn Garden Center in Dayton. Challenge your Police Department, the other platoons, your city management, etc. to come out, get dirty and raise money for a worthy cause. For more information contact Rob Alexander of the Epilepsy Foundation, (937) 233-2500, or visit the MUDfight web site at <http://www.daytonmud.com/Mudfights.cfm>

Plan To Plan

One of the goals for the Executive Committee this year is to update our Strategic Plan. The Alliance is at a very important crossroad concerning the future. The dates of August 31, and September 14 have been scheduled to discuss future plans. The Director will remind you 65 times of these dates in the next few months so you won't forget. A copy of the current plan will be mailed to all members before the July board meeting. **Speaking of the board meeting on July 20, please attend so the Director does not have to come visit you and call you names.**

Joint Bids Not Out Of The Picture

When the state began their joint purchasing program, the Alliance assumed that there was no longer any benefit in joint purchasing. After checking with several vendors, it appears that there are still ways to save money on joint purchases, especially large items such as fire apparatus and EMS vehicles. We will look into this situation and have a report at the July 20 Board Meeting. Members have expressed interest in the possibility of a joint bid for EMS Billing. The Alliance is investigating the process.

Decade Report

The Alliance is working to put together a 10-year anniversary report/presentation. We are highlighting all the projects of the Alliance over the last ten years, and explaining where we would like to go in the next ten years. We will be soliciting input and pictures from the membership. More details soon.

Citizen Corp Strategic Planning Session

The Montgomery County Citizens Corp is holding a strategic planning meeting on July 19, 4-7 p.m. at the Levin Family foundation at 111 First Street. A meal will be served. The Corp would appreciate input from the fire service and law enforcement communities. Please put this date on you calendar and watch for more details.

Upcoming Events

- 6/2/05, 9:30 a.m. – Health & Wellness Workgroup, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-241
 - 6/3/05, 9:00 a.m. – EMS Workgroup, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-241
 - 6/8/05, 1:30 p.m. – Training H.R. Support Committee, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-244B
 - 6/11/05 & 6/12/05 – OH-TF 1 MoBex
 - 6/20/05 Noon – Hazmat Advisory Board Meeting Sugarcreek Township
 - 6/21/05, 9:00 a.m. – Miami Valley Fire EMS Corporation Board Meeting, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-244B
 - 6/21/05 9:10 a.m. – Executive Committee, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-244B
 - 6/25/05 & 6/26/05 – OH-TF 1 MoBex
 - 7/4/05 – Office Closed for 4th of July
 - 7/12/05, 10:00 a.m. – Rescue Committee, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-241
 - 7/19/05, 9:00 a.m. – Executive Committee, Sinclair C.C. Room 20-244B
 - 8/1/05 to 8/5/05, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Entry Level Testing Registration @ Alliance Office
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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
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