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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

The Training/HR/Support committee is meeting on Thursday, November 10, at 1300 hrs. at Sinclair. The main topic at this important meeting will be the Alliance entry testing procedure. The committee wants to re-exam the procedure and make any needed changes for a better product for our members. Please have someone attend if you have any interest in joint entry testing.

Health and Wellness Seminar – November 18, 2005

Does your department have a wellness program? Do you want to start one? Do you want to improve the one you have? Do you want a free lunch? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions please attend the Health and Wellness committee’s seminar on Friday, November 18, 2005, at the Payne (Moraine) Recreation Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Joe Bonanno, Jr. (ret. NYFD) author of The Healthy Firehouse Cookbook will be our Keynote Speaker. This seminar is designed to generate interest in firefighter wellness for all fire departments so invite anyone in your community that has an interest in the subject. There is no cost for members and cost for non-members is \$20/person. Please RSVP to the Alliance office by Nov.10, 2005.

7-8 Medics Possible For Joint Purchasing

At the October 24 Joint Purchase Workgroup meeting, interest was expressed for as many as eight medic units for a joint purchase. The next meeting is November 7, 2005 at 2 p.m. at Sinclair to discuss medic features. The next step will be to meet with vendors and to award contracts no later than Jan. 2006. If you have any interest in participating in this joint purchase please have someone at the Nov. 7, 2005 meeting.

IMT Workgroup Seminar Draws People From Four Counties

Forty people attended the IMT Workgroup Seminar on October 20, 2005. Departments from Montgomery, Greene, Miami and Warren counties were represented. The consensus of the group was to continue with our plan of trying to develop Type V Incident Support Teams for local events and a Region 3 Type IV Incident Management Team for larger scale events. We will be sending out surveys to determine existing levels of training and what instructors we may have. We will also begin planning for future training. We hope to use large-scale community events such as fairs, festivals, and even the Dayton Air Show as training exercises for the teams. Notice of the next IMT Workgroup meeting will be coming out later.

Please Note: Larry Shields has resigned from the Phillipsburg F.D. and will no longer serve as the chair for the IMT Workgroup. We thank Larry for his hard work and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors.

New Entry Level Eligibility List

CPAT Testing was completed on Saturday, October 22, 2005. The Director thanks all fire departments that sent proctors and helpers to the test. Everything went well. The list will be made available after it is certified at the November 10, 2005, Training Committee meeting. Our list may be getting smaller but we believe it is getting better. The people on the lists have shown, at the very least, that they are serious enough about a job in the fire service that they are willing to spend their own money and to follow our testing rules. They have also shown a level of fitness that probably most of our fire chiefs (and Director) can only vaguely remember. We believe that they are an excellent source of potential new hires for our member departments. Candidates have been informed that each department may have additional testing that he/she may have to pass. Please consider the Alliance Eligibility Lists in your hiring process.

Ohio Certified Public Manager Program

Check your e-mail for information about the Ohio Certified Public Manager Program. It appears to be a fantastic program for any public managers including fire service chief officers and those who want to be chief officers. Mark Thomas and Dave Vandenbos from Beavercreek are both enrolled in the program.

Region 3 Rescue Strike Team

Chief Scott Hall is working hard with the Region 3 Rescue Strike Team. He is buying equipment, updating the team vehicle, and developing an organizational structure. What he needs most are more people. The Strike Team is not the same as OHTF-1. They are two completely separate organizations. OHTF-1 is a federal resource and may or may not be able to deploy to a local emergency. The Strike Team is a state resource and is designed specifically for local emergencies. If you have people that are really into specialized technical rescue but do not have the time or interest in OHTF-1, the Region 3 Strike Team is a good fit. Have them contact Chief Hall at (937) 848-3272 or chief@bellbrookfire.org.

Citizen Corps Soiree

The Citizen Corps will hold a soiree on November 29, 2005 (changed from the 17th) at 1830 hrs. at the Levin Family Foundation Office at 111 First Street. For those of you ignoramuses who don't know what a soiree is, look it up. (It took us two dictionaries, a computer and 10 minutes just to spell it!) It will be a fun informal evening and a chance to learn about Citizen Corps. Invitations will be coming in the mail.

EMS Workgroup/GMVEMSC/GDAHA Joint Project

One of the suggestions to come out of our Strategic Planning Sessions was the idea of common reporting software, especially for EMS reports. GMVEMSC has an interest in the project and so does GDAHA. To get all the groups together to make a plan of attack we will meet on November 16, 2005 at 0930 at Sinclair. Please have someone at this meeting if you are interested in this project.

Alliance Tests Promotional Test

The Training/H.R./Support Committee has been working on the idea of offering promotional testing as another menu item for our members. As a part of this effort on October 7, 2005 we conducted an Assessment Center for the position of Assistant Chief for Clayton. It was done for Clayton because they submitted a letter of intent to join the Alliance in 2006. Public Safety Director Rick Rose was pleased with the process and thinks we have the potential for a good product. We are working with Trotwood for a possible procedure for Lieutenants after the first of the year. Watch for more details and feel free to contact the Alliance office if you have any interest in our promotional procedures.

Upcoming Events

- 11/7/05 – 2:00 p.m. - Joint Purchasing Workgroup, Sinclair Building 20 Room 134
- 11/10/05 – 1:00 p.m. – Training HR Support Committee, Sinclair Building 20 Room 134
- 11/11/05 – Veterans' Day – Office Closed
- 11/15/05 – 9:00 a.m. - Executive Committee, Sinclair Building 20 Room 244B
- 11/15/05 – 2:00 p.m. - Communication Workgroup Sinclair Building 20 Room 121
- 11/16/05 – 9:30 a.m. – EMS Workgroup – Common Reporting Software Building 20 Room 134
- 11/18/05 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Health & Wellness Seminar, Payne (Moraine) Recreation Ctr
- 11/24/05 & 11/25/05– Thanksgiving -- Office Closed
- 11/29/05 – 6:30 p.m. – Citizen Corp at Levin Family Foundation Soiree
- 12/19/05 – Noon – Hazmat Advisory Board Meeting
- 12/20/05 – 9:00 a.m. – MVFE Corporation Board Meeting, Sinclair Building 20 Room 244B
- 12/20/05 – 9:10 a.m. – Executive Committee, Sinclair Building 20 Room 244B
- 12/23/05 & 12/26/05 – Christmas Holidays – Office Closed

Executive Committee

- **Chief Ken Parks**, Chairperson, Washington Twp. Fire Department, 433-3083
- **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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