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The Advisor

A Newsletter from the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

Member Departments: Beavercreek Twp., Bellbrook, Brookville, Butler Twp., Clayton, 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 C.C., Box 21 Rescue Squad, Germantown Rescue

IST/IMT Training

On Wednesday, July 12, from 0800 until Noon the Alliance will present an IST/IMT Class at the Dayton Airport Inn. This class is designed to get us back to the IST concept we began several years ago and to prepare for future IMT type operations. Participants will get a chance to develop an Incident Action Plan (IAP) and to manage a tabletop exercise involving the airport. All those that have participated in past IST trainings are invited to attend. Please call Jackie at the office, 512-5103, so we can make appropriate training plans.

NIMS Classes

If you have personnel that need to take ICS 200 or ICS 300 this year, you are running out of scheduled opportunities through the Alliance and MCOEM. There is a 200 class scheduled for July 19 and 20 at Madison Lakes and a 300 class scheduled for three Wednesdays on August 16, 23, and 30. Call Jackie to register. There are no other classes scheduled for this fiscal year. Tracy Clare from MCOEM said that her training budget from homeland security has been drastically cut for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2006. Therefore, if you would like to host a local class in your own department and allow others to attend please contact Tracy ASAP at 937-224-8939.

If you are a real glutton for punishment the Ohio Department of Health is offering marathon 300 and 400 classes around the state. They will do 300 on Monday and Tuesday, 400 on Wednesday and Thursday and 800 on Friday. They will be holding classes in Akron July 17 – July 21; Toledo July 24 – July 28; Dayton July 31 – August 4; Columbus August 7 – August 11, Athens (Ohio not Greece) August 14 – August 18; and Cincinnati August 21 – August 25. For more information contact Scott Baker at Critical Incident Solutions at sbaker@ci-solutions.net or Dorene Williams at the Ohio Department of Health at Dorene.Williams@odh.state.oh. To register: OhioTRAIN at <https://oh.train.org>.

Entry Level Hiring Lists

We still have two current Entry Level Eligibility Test lists with approximately 50 people. We will be producing a third list in August. The lists simply serve as a pool of potential employees (full or part time) for our members. You may add any additional tests or entry procedures you wish. If you do not have copies of the current lists please contact Jackie and she will get them to you. At the very least, the lists indicate candidates who are serious about getting a job in the fire service. Beavercreek recently gave the Alliance a plug in its summer newsletter announcing that they just hired six part timers through the Alliance testing process.

Captain Walt Conroy Rides Into the Sunset

After 26 years and four months at the City of Oakwood Public Safety Department Captain Walt Conroy retired on June 29. Walt has always been a supporter of the Alliance and we wish him the very best of luck in retirement. He will be available to wash and wax fire apparatus. Just call him at home after midnight. Captain Dave Lentz will be representing Oakwood.

New Kettering Representative

Since Steve Husemann was “fired” as Kettering City Manager and had to take a job as a cable installer for MVCC. The new City Manager, Mark Schwieterman, will be the Alliance delegate. Steve has given us permission to treat Mark as badly as we treated him.

Alliance Quarterly Board Meeting – July 19, 2006

Mark your calendar (or for Gene Lutz, your colander) for the third quarter Alliance Board Meeting. We will be making many high level decisions that will affect the future of the entire free world for decades (or maybe not, but we’d still like a good attendance.)

Membership Drive

Just like PBS we are interrupting your normal programming to bring you a message about our membership drive. The Director has contacted several non-members with an invitation to join the Alliance. The Alliance was a good idea eleven years ago and it’s still a good idea today. In fact, in today’s financial and political climate it may be more important than ever. If you know a Chief that isn’t a member, please give him a call and encourage him to consider Alliance membership.

Maybe We’ll Have a Foam Class After All

It looks like we may have a house to burn for a Class A Foam/CAFS class. It’s a big old 2 ½ story farm house that would be great for training. The good folks at Butler Township Fire Department (What a bunch of great people! They must have had a really, really good boss) and the Alliance are working out the details. At this point it looks like the class will be in late summer or early fall. We may be putting out a call for help to prep the house for the training. We are also considering using the location for a rural water movement training. It’s in a great location back a long farm lane. Watch for details.

Ohio Task Force 1 – The Saga Continues

The Executive Committee is still dealing with reorganization changes to the Task Force. They are finding some curves in the road but are trying to get things straightened out. Despite all the rumblings and grumblings you may hear they are trying to make decisions in the best interest of both the Task Force and the Alliance.

Upcoming Events

- July 4, 2006 – Office closed for Independence Day
 - July 8, 2006 – 8:00 a.m. – CPAT Practice, DESC
 - July 11, 2006 – 10:00 a.m. - OH-TF 1 Oversight Committee, Sinclair Building 20, Room 241
 - July 12, 2006 – 8:00 a.m. – Noon – IST/IMT Training Class, Dayton Airport Inn
 - July 13, 2006 – 10:00 a.m. – EMS Software Sub-Workgroup, Sinclair Building 20, Room 244B
 - July 18, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Executive Committee, Sinclair Building 20, Room 244B
 - July 19, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Alliance Board of Directors, Sinclair Building 20, Room 121
 - July 22 – 26, 2006 – Ohio Fire Chiefs Association Conference
 - July 29, 2006 – 8:00 a.m. – CPAT Exam, DESC
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Executive Committee

- **Chief Ken Parks**, Chairperson, Washington Twp. Fire Department, 433-3083
 - **Chief Stephen Kirby**, Vice-Chairperson, Moraine Fire Department, 535-1120
 - **Chief Larry Collins**, Dayton Fire Department, 333-4501
 - **Chief Bill Ford**, Huber Heights Fire Department, 233-1564
 - **Chief Jim Nickel**, Brookville Fire Department, 833-2345
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