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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 Community College, Box 21 Rescue Squad, Germantown Rescue

A Good Time Was Had By All

The Alliance would like to thank the OH-TF 1 Cache Manager and crew for setting up, hosting and giving a guided tour of the OH-TF 1 warehouse at DESC. In addition, we would like to thank Scott Hall, Region 3 Rescue Strike Team, for the opportunity to look at the truck and equipment. And, of course, we want to thank the *church ladies* for providing us with breakfast. (For those of you that didn't think we would really have breakfast the Director says, "Oh ye of little faith. How can ye doubtst me?") The 2005 Annual Report was distributed at the meeting. If you would like an additional report or one on a CD please contact the office.

CodeRED Notification System Demonstration

If you need an emergency evacuation of a five-block area around a hazmat spill how do you notify those homes in a timely manner? How do you let your community know of an approaching dangerous storm in time to save lives? If your police department needs to put out an urgent message about a missing person can they do it quickly and easily? How can your community contact your citizens with last minute changes in meetings and other important information? CodeRED is a web based notification system that requires no special hardware systems. You access it from any computer, use the map to select the area you want notified, record your message and push send. CodeRED can make 60,000 calls in an hour. There are several communities in the Miami Valley now using the CodeRED systems and others are interested. The Alliance will host a demonstration at Sinclair on May 18, at 9:30 a.m. Invite your elected officials, police chief, manager/administrator or anyone that would like to see the system. It really is pretty nifty!

Moving On

We congratulate Steve Husemann on his retirement as the Kettering City Manager. Steve was one of our original Founding Fathers. We wish Steve the best of luck in his new job as a cable installer for the Miami Valley Communications Council, and thank him for all his work with the Alliance. (He says he will give free cable TV to all Alliance members!)

Changes to Delegates and Alternates

At the April 19, 2006 Board meeting the following changes were made to the membership - Harrison Township: Delegate-Ron Casey, Alternate-Randall K. Brooks; Huber Heights: Delegate-William Ford, Alternate-Robert Maimone; and Phillipsburg: Delegate-Douglas Woolf, Alternate-Brad Herr. We welcome Randy, Bob, Doug, and Brad on board. (The other goobers have been around for a while.)

CPAT

The CPAT exam is on May 5, 2006 beginning at 8 a.m. in Building 2 at the Kettering Business Park. We will be testing approximately 70 people so it should continue for the good part of the day. You are welcome to stop by to observe the test and to bring anyone that might be interested in learning about the process. The Alliance testing procedure is a good way to save money on entry testing. If you have any personnel that would be interested in helping with the testing, please call Lt. Brewer at 937-426-1213.

Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation Webcheck

The Alliance, helped by OH-TF 1 is in the process of becoming a BCII Webcheck Site. The Alliance finger print scanner and a driver's license swipe reader are used to run an Ohio BCII background check for applicants in our entry testing and for OH-TF 1 as needed. We also will offer the service to member departments and their communities. Many background companies charge \$45-\$50 for the service. We will do it for \$25. Watch for details as we receive the equipment and are trained.

Ohio Task Force 1

By Alliance Board action, Don Cooper has been appointed the Interim Operations Section Chief. Cooper is the Assistant Chief of the Cuyahoga Falls Fire Department. Chief Cooper will be working directly with the Task Force Leaders to help OH-TF 1 fulfill its mission in an ever-changing environment. The Task Force has been busy gearing up for the hurricane season that officially begins in June.

Joint Purchases

Currently, the only interest in joint purchase appears to be for hose. Rather than try to bid a hose purchase the Alliance will contact several vendors and try to negotiate a cost savings on a large purchase. Washington Township has an open purchase order for hose that will allow other departments to purchase from their bid. Details will be sent out by e-mail. If you are going to make any purchases that you think others may be interested in please contact the office so we can help spread the word and perhaps save some money.

Class A Foam/Compressed Air Foam Class

We are busy planning for a Class A Foam/CAFS Class in June. The class will be two-day event, one with classroom work and one with a live burn. We would like to have an acquired structure to burn. If you have anything in your community please contact the Alliance as soon as possible.

Peer Fitness Trainer Class

The Peer Fitness Trainer Class begins May 2, 2006 and runs a three-platoon shift schedule of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for six weeks. The Alliance thanks the Health and Wellness Workgroup for all their hard work to bring this class to the Dayton area. We have 47 people that have registered to take the class.

MCSO Still Looking For People For Communications Van

Here's a great opportunity for all your "techie radio-head people". Major Mike Nolan is still looking for fire service personnel that would be interested in helping with the BSSA Communications Van. If you or any of your people are interested please contact Major Nolan at 225-4456.

Upcoming Events

- May 2-3-4, 2006 - 8-4 p.m. – Peer Fitness Training – Room 121
 - May 2, 2006 – 1:00 p.m. – IMT Activation Workgroup – Room 244B
 - May 5, 2006 – 8:00 a.m. – CPAT Exam – Kettering Business Park, 2E-4
 - May 8, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Training/HR/Support Committee – Room 244B
 - May 9, 2006 – 1:00 p.m. – IMT Workgroup – Room 121
 - May 9, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. – Region 3 Rescue Strike Team – Room 244B
 - May 11, 2006 – 1:30 pm – Communications Workgroup – Room 234
 - May 12, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – EMS Workgroup – Room 244B
 - May 16, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Executive Committee – Room 244B
 - May 17, 2006 – 11:30 a.m. – GMVFCA – Koehler Banquet Center
 - May 18, 2006 – 9:30 a.m. – CodeRED Notification System Demo – Room 234
 - May 26, 2006 – 10: a.m. – EMS Software Sub-Workgroup – Room 244B
 - May 29, 2006 – all day – Memorial Day (the old timers called it Decoration Day) Office Closed
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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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