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A Newsletter from the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

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Unified For Safety Workshop Is a Success!

The Highway Safety Workshop on October 26 that the Alliance co-sponsored with the Miami Valley Region Planning Commission and ODOT was a success. There were 76 people that attended from fire, law enforcement, public works, ODOT and towing and recovery. ODOT presented its QuickClear Program. Representatives from the other groups shared their roles, concerns and tips. It was determined quickly that we must get over the idea of any responder thinking of a scene as "my scene," but rather as "our scene." As in all cases, frequent and open communications among the groups involved is critical for success and safety. If you and/or your police are not familiar with QuickClear, or you need help to set up a Highway Safety Program or Policy, contact the Alliance office. We thank all that helped make the workshop possible including Washington Twp. F.D., Miami Twp. F.D., Butler Twp. F.D., Sugarcreek F.D., Washington Twp. Public Works, Sandy's Towing and Recovery, OSP, ODOT and MVRPC.

Criminals Beware!

There is a chill running down the backs of all criminals because there's a new Sheriff in town. Well, not really a new Sheriff and probably the criminals aren't too chilly, but the Alliance can conduct Web Check background checks from OBCII. We have checked new hires for Harrison Township and have interest from several other members. Here are the details:

1. Cost is \$25.00 per candidate for members to be paid by money order payable to "MVFEA" (or we can work out a billing arrangement for departments.)
2. The check requires a fingerprint and driver's license scan. (Each candidate must supply digits.)
3. The candidate has to sign a waiver.
4. The Web Check checks only Ohio criminal records, not out of state records or driving records.
5. If there is "no hit" the information arrives in 24 hours or less.
6. If there is a criminal record the information is sent by mail.
7. We will let you know any results.
8. Have the people call us at 512-5103 to set up an appointment.

County Wide Dispatch Information Meeting

Those of us who have been around the block a time or two have been talking about regional dispatching since Rover was a pup (actually since Rover's grandpa was a pup!) It now appears that there is a serious effort for Montgomery County to offer dispatching service to surrounding communities. Plans are being made, prices are being set, oversight committees are being formed, etc. Mike Ratcliff, Executive Director of the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association will be at Sinclair Building 20, Room 121, on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at 9 a.m. to update fire personnel about the plan and to hear your input. I consider this an important meeting for our members.

Fire Act Grant Recipients

Congratulations to Phillipsburg F.D. on a grant for a new fire engine and to Huber Heights for a grant for traffic signal control devices. If you have received a grant let us know and we'll share the good news.

Entry Level Testing

The 2006 Alliance Entry Testing Cycle is over. The 2006 C list has been published and there are four Eligibility Lists available with various ending dates. Please use the lists as a candidate pool to fulfill your various entry procedures and hiring. The Training/HR/Supply Committee has set the dates for three testing cycles for 2007. That information will be posted on the Alliance web page later this week (<http://mvfea>). However, the Committee also thinks the membership should take a very serious look at the process to determine whether it should be continued or not. This will be an agenda item for the January 17, 2007 Board Meeting.

Data Collection/Management Class

Information was distributed at the October Board Meeting about a three-day class that teaches fire personnel what data to collect, how to use the data for future projects and how to sell the plans to your boss. The Director was given the green light to look into the class. He did and here's the deal: The three-day class with a maximum of 15 people would cost members about \$300 per student, non-members approximately \$350. We have tentatively set a January 2007 date. We need to know rather quickly if there are 15 people willing to take the class. We will send an email with more information but if you are interested in someone attending please contact the Alliance ASAP.

Confined Space Rescue Simulator

Our Confined Space Rescue Simulator is ready to roll. It has been used once and received rave reviews (the exact quote was, "It's much better than crawling down into a poop hole.")

What's the 411?

Just thought you'd like to know some of the things we're working on:

- ◆ EMS Workgroup – a February hot topic/new product workshop
 - ◆ Health and Wellness – a health/wellness template to help F.D.'s develop programs
 - ◆ Training Committee – developing a training resource guide and a TIC workshop
 - ◆ Communications – developing legislation to limit radio inference by new building
 - ◆ IMT – meeting in response to IMT survey to plan next steps
 - ◆ Bidding process for 2007 EMS supplies bid
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ORC Dealing with Data in Computers

If you haven't checked out ORC 1347, the law dealing with information in your EMS laptop you need to. Go to <http://onlinedocs.andersonpublishing.com> Then in the search box enter ORC 1347.

Upcoming Events

November 6, 2006 – Jan. 12, 2007 – Registration for 2007A Entry Testing, Alliance Office 8:30-4:30 p.m.
November 7, 2006 – 1:30 p.m. – IMT Workgroup, Sinclair Building 20, Room 241
November 9, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – County Dispatching Information Meeting, Sinclair Building 20, Room 121
November 10, 2006 – Armistice Day – Alliance Office Closed
November 15, 2006 – 11:30 a.m. – GMCFCA Meeting, Anticolis
November 16, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – EMS Workgroup, Sinclair Building 20, Room 244B
November 16, 2006 – 1:00 a.m. – Communications Workgroup, Sinclair Building 20, Room 244B
November 20, 2006 – 9:30 a.m. – Health and Wellness Workgroup, Sinclair Building 20, Room 244B
November 21, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Executive Committee, Sinclair Building 20, Room 244B
November 23-24 2006 – Alliance Office Closed – Gobble, Gobble
November 30, 2006 – 2:00 a.m. – Training (only) Workgroup, Sinclair Building 20, Room 244B

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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