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# The Advisor

A Newsletter from the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

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## **No Free Lunch (At least not on a continual basis at the same restaurant)**

That's one of the things we learned is a *no-no* at the Ohio Ethics Commission Workshop on May 10. We had a good turn out of members and non-members representing a wide range of public service (fire, police, public works, administration and a city manager). The Training Workgroup is always looking for topics of interest for training workshops. If you have an idea for a future topic/speaker please let us know. Currently we are working on a two-day High-Rise Fire Workshop and a Hybrid Vehicle Extrication Class for the fall. The next Training Workgroup meeting is June 20, at 9:30 a.m. at Sinclair 20-244B.

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## **Media Class – June 4 & 5, 2007**

The Media Class that has been advertised for the last four months will be held on Jun 4 and 5 at Sinclair Building 20. We may be able to squeeze in a few last minute people if you let us know by June 1. The class will also be a good mixture of members, non-members and various public services.

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## **2007 B Entry Testing**

Forty-four candidates took the written test on May 4. CPAT exam is on Saturday June 16. The 2007 B list will be certified and sent out after the Training/HR Committee meeting on June 19. There are still three current lists available. If you or H.R. people need these lists sent again, please contact the office.

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## **Entry Testing Problems**

On June 30, 2007 Kettering will terminate our lease for the use of the DESC building for CPAT. This means that once again we have no "home" for CPAT. This could put our whole entry testing procedure in jeopardy. Therefore, the dates for the 2007 C testing procedure will be put on hold until we know more about the future of CPAT. If you know of any suitable space for CPAT (a minimum of 5,000 sq.ft.) at price we can afford (currently paying \$1,750/year) please let us know. If another home for CPAT cannot be found we will have to take a hard look at whether or not to stay in the entry testing business.

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## **Dirty Bomb Table Top Postponed Until August**

The GDAHA Dirty Bomb Table Top Exercise scheduled for July 11, 2007 has been postponed until some time in August. We will announce details as they become available.

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## **Health and Wellness Template Ready For Release**

The Health and Wellness Workgroup, under the very dedicated leadership of Lt. Rob Hogeland, DFD, will distribute copies of the Health and Wellness Template at the July 18 Alliance Board Meeting. The workgroup has been working very diligently on this worthwhile project. The template is a guide to help start of a wellness/fitness program or can be used to evaluate a current program. Included with the template will be a CD showing recommended exercises and how to properly perform them. The workgroup will meet again in August and begin planning wellness/fitness events and programs for the fall and 2008.

This workgroup is one of our most active groups. If you have people interested in health and wellness who would like to be involved, please have them attend the August 7 meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Sinclair 20-244 B.

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## **Communications Workgroup**

The Communications Workgroup will meet on June 12, at 1:30 p.m. in Sinclair 20-244 B to review radio templates in reference to the current joint dispatch planning and discuss common classifications of calls for dispatching.

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## **Fire Corps and Long Term Incident Workgroups**

Just as the Health and Wellness Workgroup has been working on a template, the Fire Corps and Long Term Incident Workgroups are also working to develop templates for their programs. We will be making presentations at the July 18 Board Meeting and hope to have the templates and an action plan ready to go shortly after that. If you have anyone interested in helping with either of these projects, please have them attend one of our next meetings: Fire Corps – June 12, 10:00 a.m. at Sinclair 244B & Long Term Incident – June 13, 2:00 p.m. at Sinclair 244B.

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## **Ladder Testing**

John Sanderson from Consolidated Fleet Services contacted the office and indicated that he has been in touch with most of our members about ladder testing. If you have not heard from him yet and are interested in participating in our joint testing bid, please contact the office.

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## **Beam Me Up Scotty!**

Imagine being transported about 50 years into the future. Would you know how to do simple day-to-day things like operating the food replicator? (Heck, the guys in Farmersville are just getting the hang of how to use the new flushies!) Refugees from counties all over the world who have never had an indoor oven, central heat or even electricity move into our communities every year. Each year there are fires and injuries to refugees living in our strange new world. The Alliance, The Red Cross - English As A Second Language Program and the Dayton Area Catholic Social Services has been meeting for several months to discuss development of a safety program. In February we ran a test class with several groups of refugees, some of who didn't speak English! However, through the use of visual aids, a lot of hopping around and making funny faces, Fire Marshal Mike Blakesly, Butler Twp., got his fire safety message across. The people in attendance were very happy with the information they received. At the July 18 Board Meeting we will have a brief presentation to explain the program we would like to develop and see what kind of interest there is from our membership. Please mark the date on your July calendar.

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## **Got Any Purchases Coming Up?**

If you are planning to purchase anything this summer or fall and would like to explore a quantity purchase price please contact the office with the item(s) that you're interested in. We will then try to get everyone together and explore the best prices we can find.

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## **Upcoming Events**

- June 2, 2007 – 8:00 a.m. – CPAT Practice, DESC Building 2
  - June 4, 5, 2007 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Media Class, Sinclair 20-121
  - June 12, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. – Fire Corps Workgroup, Sinclair 20-244B
  - June 12, 2007 – 1:30 p.m. – Communications Workgroup, Sinclair 20-244B
  - June 13, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. – Long Term Incident Workgroup, Sinclair 20-234
  - June 16, 2007 – 8:00 a.m. – CPAT Exam, DESC Building 2
  - June 18, 2007 – Noon, Hazmat Advisory Board - Miamisburg
  - June 19, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. – Executive Committee, Sinclair 20-244 B
  - June 19, 2007 – 1:30 p.m. – Training/HR Committee, Sinclair 20-244 B
  - June 20, 2007 – 9:30 a.m. – Training Workgroup, Sinclair 20-244B
  - June 20, 2007 – 11:30 a.m. – GMCFCA Meeting, Koehler's Banquet Center, Kettering
  - June 20, 2007 – 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Retirement Reception for Chief Ken Parks
  - July 17, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. – Executive Committee, Sinclair 20-244 B
  - July 18, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. – Alliance Board Meeting, Sinclair 20-121
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## **Executive Committee**

- **Chief Bill Ford, Chairperson**, Huber Heights Fire Department, 233-1564
  - **Chief Stephen Kirby**, Vice-Chairperson, Moraine Fire Department, 535-1120
  - **Chief Larry Collins**, Dayton Fire Department, 333-4501
  - **Chief Jim Nickel**, Brookville Fire Department, 833-2345
  - **Chief Mark Thomas**, Beavercreek Twp. Fire Department, 426-1213
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