

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
Brownstown Twp.	Deputy Supervisor Greg Mahar
Ecorse	
Flat Rock	Councilman Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	
Grosse Ile Twp.	Alternate William Krauss
Huron Twp.	
Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	
Romulus	Delegate Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
Southgate	Mayor Norma Wurmlinger
Taylor	
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	
Wyandotte	Mayor Joe Peterson & Alternate Todd Drysdale

Others present: Chief Dan Grant and Chief Bill Vack

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Councilman Terry Teifer, at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions. The new mayor of Wyandotte, Joe Peterson, introduced his new alternate, Todd Drysdale.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Alternate Mahar, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Mayor Durand, to accept the minutes of 3/5/09 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation:

NIMS (National Incident Management System) Compliancy:

Ken Laird with Flat Rock Fire Department gave a presentation (with NIMS brochure and FACT sheet from FEMA distributed) on NIMS compliancy guidelines and implementation objectives. He recommended that each elected official take the IS700 class, which gives an overview of NIMS requirements. This three hour class explains what elected officials' responsibilities are and how government will interact with communities (to be scheduled in the near future at the DCC building). He said he keeps the fire and police chiefs apprised of NIMS compliance issues, adding the importance of being NIMS compliant for funding reimbursement.

Mark Hammond with Wayne County Homeland Security advised how Wayne County monitors events and how their support starts when the jurisdictional area has been compromised (i.e. large scale issues with weather; oil spills, explosions, etc.) Public Act 390 specifies how they get involved. Their office is liaison with the State for financial and logistical assistance; FEMA Support with rules & regulations; types of incident management; training exercises; resource management; and training assessment needs. Please e-mail Mark if you have any questions (see back of brochure).

COPS Bill: Jim Perry reported how the COPS grants have assisted the region. A resolution was distributed asking board support to expand the program to help local police departments hire and retain 50,000 officers over the next five years. The House passed the bill and it is now in the Senate for review. Motion by Alternate Mahar, supported by Mayor Durand, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Detailed discussion followed of the actual percentage of funding that goes to the communities.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: Chief Grant reported for D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott, who is at a State Police Command meeting in Grand Rapids. The DRANO Board approved a new officer being added to the DRANO unit from River Rouge.

Police: Chief Dan Grant reported that there were two drug raids in the past month (Taylor and Lincoln Park) which included the recovery of evidence in the Ecorse Creek. The Downriver Police group elected officers again (Chair is Chief Dan Grant and Vice Chair is Chief Dale Tamsen of Taylor). Mayor Frank Vaslo commended the SWAT team and Dive team for recovery of \$15,000 worth of jewelry.

Fire: Chief Bill Vack reported that a comprehensive review was done of the DMA vehicles for necessary upgrading of emergency lighting and other required safety equipment.

Information Items: Jim Perry reported on the resolution from Wayne County approving the 911 surcharge increase to \$.42, which was included in the packet for information. He thanked Marsha Bianconi with the Conference of Western Wayne for all her work and support in getting this approved.

New Business: Mayor Gary Burtka of Allen Park thanked everyone for sending resolutions of support for the Unity Studios project to be located in Allen Park. He added that Allen Park has created a database of their empty buildings for possible spin-off businesses to locate there as well, and suggested that other Downriver communities do the same – if they have more need than buildings available, they will tap into other buildings within the Downriver area. He suggested this be done thru DCC – this movie studio project will benefit all of the Downriver with jobs. Mayor Wurminger congratulated Allen Park for getting the studio to move into their community.

Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Alternate Mahar, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.