

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID  
REGULAR MEETING – November 4, 2010**

**Item #4**

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
Brownstown Twp.	Treasurer Barbara Warren
Ecorse	Mayor Pro-tem Darcel Brown
Flat Rock	Councilman Paul Gagne
Gibraltar	Mayor James Gorris
Grosse Ile Twp.	
Huron Twp.	
Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	Mayor Daniel Guzzi
Romulus	
Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
Taylor	Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	Mayor Pro-tem Jeffrey Harris
Wyandotte	Mayor Joseph Peterson

Others present: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott, Police Chief Dan Grant & Fire Chief Bruce Vick

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Councilman Terry Teifer, at 6:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Treasurer Barbara Warren, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Secretary Frank Vaslo reported. Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to accept the minutes of 10/7/10 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report: Mayor Durand reported in absence of Treasurer Tim Keyes.

Finance Minutes of 10/7/10: Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Cadez, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Checks over \$5,000: Mayor Durand said the Finance Committee met just before this board meeting regarding checks over \$5,000, which required detailed explanation:

Transfer funds to Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit housed in Canton Twp.:  
D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott explained why the Downriver Auto Theft Team (DRATT) relocated operations to the Western Wayne unit, due to lack of participation. Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to transfer \$34,555.05 in DRATT funds to Canton Township. The motion passed unanimously.

Motorola: Kim Donahey said she and Chief Dan Grant want to look at other service and maintenance options for the E911 system, to help save money. Discussion followed on maintaining the old system while checking into cost for a new system. Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Treasurer Warren, to approve payment of \$143,192.22 to pay for the E911 system service agreement with Motorola for six months as presented. The motion carried.

AccuMed: Chief Bruce Vick explained the State's requirement for all emergency vehicles to utilize specialized software for communicating details to the State. Any ambulance not in compliance by 12-31-10 will not be licensed. Discussion followed of efforts to seek funding to cover costs. Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Treasurer Warren, to approve payment of \$25,114.00 to AccuMed Web to meet the State's mandate. This software cost is the same for the DMA communities if one or eighteen participate. Further, that the total amount of \$75,342 may be divided into three payments of \$25,114.00 over the three-year agreement. Kim Donahey said this will be paid out of dues and cost recovery. The motion carried.

Executive Committee Report: Chairman Teifer reported.

Joint Executive/Finance Committee Minutes of 10/7/10: Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Mayor Cadez, to approve the joint minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed about litigation – all funds have been collected.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott reported. Activity report for October was included in the packet for information. (1) Seizure of 200 pounds of marijuana; (2) Seized weapons as a result of a search warrant in Melvindale; (3) Reminder of the Annual School Liaison meeting in November – educational training material will be provided to the schools; (4) DRANO's 10-year lease at their current facility will have an addendum with an "out" if loss of funding occurs; (5) River Rouge has left DRANO, so they now have \$80,000 to give to an agency willing to commit an officer to DRANO at \$40,000/year for two years. Money must be returned to the grant if not spent.

Police: Police Chair Dan Grant reported. (1) The Police Technical Committee will make a presentation at the December meeting on the 911 radio system proposal; (2) The dive team had a call out for search and recovery in Trenton; (3) They held physical agility tryouts for the SWAT Team in October, for four openings; nine candidates passed successfully – they will continue with interviews and background investigations.

Fire: Fire Chair Bruce Vick reported. Fire Chief minutes of 9/22/10 and 10/20/10 were included in the packet for information, along with the fire activity report for September-October 2010. (1) Haz Mat Team had no call outs, but had joint training on explosion monitors with the ATF; (3) Haz Mat's new training officer is Mike Stanton with Metro Airport; (4) Arson Investigation Team had one call out to Wyandotte; (5) Dive team held a training this past month in Wyandotte.

New Business:

Procedure for activating legal counsel for Police and Fire Litigation: Jim Perry distributed this procedure for board information.

No remarks from the audience. Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Cadez, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.