

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID  
REGULAR MEETING – February 3, 2011**

**Item #4**

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
Brownstown Twp.	Treasurer Barbara Warren
Ecorse	Mayor Pro-Tem Darcel Brown
Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	
Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Brian Loftus
Huron Twp.	Supervisor Elke Doom
Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	
Romulus	Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
Taylor	Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	Councilman Dan Duderstadt
Wyandotte	Mayor Joseph Peterson

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

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Valerie Cadez at 6:10 p.m. Mayor Cadez congratulated Jim Perry for his 30 years at DCC – all those present applauded with a standing ovation. Jim Perry spoke briefly about his work at DCC and thanked everyone for their support. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, along with roll call and introductions.

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

Minutes: Secretary Tim Keyes reported. Motion by Tim Keyes, supported by Mayor Vaslo, to accept the minutes of 12/2/10 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott reported. Activity reports for December and January were included in the packet for information. (1) DRANO's 10-year lease at their current facility is ready for final approval, after attorney's review. He added that the lease rate remains the same, and utilities as well. Discussion followed. Finance Committee to review at their next meeting and report back at the next board meeting

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Police: Police Chair Dan Grant reported. (1) No SWAT Team callouts in January, but in December, there were two callouts: first in Melvindale utilizing the SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiators, and arrest went smoothly; and secondly, in Ecorse with attempted murder – SWAT Team had to deploy teargas into the suspect's home to coax him out. Mayor Cadez commended all those involved in assisting with the incident in Melvindale.

Fire: Fire Chair Bruce Vick reported. (1) The Haz Mat Team had no callouts since last meeting; (2) The Chief of Haz Mat is working with the Downriver Fire Chiefs on the Cost Recovery Plan for the region (Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair Counties); (3) The Dive Team has nothing to report; (4) The Arson Task Force Team has been out three times (in Riverview, Wayne for furniture store explosion; and Lincoln Park); (5) The arson fire at an apartment in Lincoln Park is proceeding to trial; (6) HB 6566 introduced in November 2010 – this bill would prohibit local units of government from charging fees

Fire Report (continued):  
for cost recovery. The bill includes motor vehicle accidents and any emergency response service from police and fire departments, and emergency medical services. He asked that everyone keep tabs on this issue. Mayor O'Reilly asked if there was a hearing held yet and if a report was generated out of that committee.

New Business:

Special Finance - 911 Committee: Councilman Terry Teifer gave an update on the Special Finance Committee meeting held in December to discuss the two options available for the 911 communications system - to continue with our own system or go with the Michigan Public Safety Communications Network. An RFQ was posted in the paper and responses have been received for the purpose of hiring a consultant to look at the best possible option. The Chiefs' Group will review the responses. We anticipate a recommendation will be presented at the March meeting. Kim Donahey said that six companies responded, with bids ranging from \$88,900 to \$300,000. Discussion followed of what will be expected from the consultant.

DMA Agreement Revisions: Mayor Frank Vaslo asked how the revisions were going on the Police and Fire Agreements. Kim Donahey said we are working on combining the agreements and will have legal counsel review it, and then forward to the board for approval.

Remarks from the audience: None

Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Supervisor Loftus, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.