

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID  
REGULAR MEETING – April 7, 2011**

**Item #4**

Present: Allen Park Mayor Gary Burtka  
Brownstown Twp. Deputy Supervisor Greg Mahar  
Ecorse Mayor Pro-Tem Darcel Brown  
Flat Rock Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski  
Gibraltar Mayor James Gorris  
Grosse Ile Twp. Trustee Pamela Frucci  
Huron Twp.  
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 Police Chief Dale Tamsen  
Trenton Councilman Terry Teifer  
Woodhaven Mayor Pro-Tem Jeffrey Harris  
Wyandotte

Others present: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott & Fire Chief Bruce Vick

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Valerie Cadez at 6:03 p.m. D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott asked for a moment silence in memory of a State Police Trooper killed in the line of duty. The Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions followed. Mayor Cadez thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers last meeting when she had to leave for a family emergency.

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

Minutes: Secretary Tim Keyes reported. Motion by Tim Keyes, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to accept the minutes of 3/3/11 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report: Treasurer Jack O'Reilly reported.

Finance Minutes of 3-3-11 and 4-6-11: Motion by Councilman Teifer, supported by Alternate Mahar, to approve the Finance Minutes of 3-3-11 and 4-6-11 (hand-out) as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Audit Presentation: Mayor Valerie Cadez introduced the Auditors, Beth Bialy and Kristen Hunt, of Plante & Moran.

2010 DMA Audit: Beth Bialy, Audit Partner and Kristen Hunt, Audit Manager of Plante & Moran, distributed a summary overview of the DMA audit for the FY 2009-2010, with a full report included in the board packet for further information. DMA was given an 'Unqualified Opinion' which is the highest opinion. The Highway Safety Fund had a deficit but this was only a timing difference. They thanked Kim Donahey and Nicole Chavez for having everything together to allow for an easier audit.

There were no financial statement findings and no federal award findings (COPS grant was reviewed). Motion by Mayor O'Reilly, supported by Alternate Mahar, to accept and file the DMA audit as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott reported. Activity report for March was included in the packet for information. (1) The State Police is downsizing from 62 to 29 posts – Downriver will be utilizing the Metro South Post (which will now become the headquarters) on Telegraph Road – downsizing is expected to be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>; (2) DRANO's 2010 Annual Report is available if anyone is interested – Cari will have a couple of copies in the office, and he will forward the electronic version to the board members for reference; (3) DRANO officers assisted Huron Township with a two-day surveillance on home invasions occurring in Huron Township and Brownstown Township that resulted in two additional arrests.

Police: Police Vice Chair Dale Tamsen reported. (1) No SWAT Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, or Dive Team callouts in March; (2) They are proceeding with the purchase of eleven of the thirteen E-lights slated (Advance Warning Device for transmitting signals from emergency vehicles approaching an intersection) – discussion followed of when this initially began as a pilot, communities currently using them (Dearborn Heights and Grosse Ile Twp.), and public education to be implemented; and (3) A meeting is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> with RCC Consulting Services regarding 800 MHz radio system.

Fire: Fire Chair Bruce Vick reported. (1) Thanked the Police Chiefs for working on the COPS grant with the Fire Chiefs for the E-Lights that assist the emergency vehicles; (2) The Haz Mat Team had no callouts since last meeting; The Haz Mat Team received their physicals on April 6-7; and they are still working on a regional cost recovery program; (2) The Arson Task Force Team had two callouts in Taylor and one in Ecorse; (6) The Dive Team had no activity since last meeting.

New Business:

Mayor Frank Vaslo: Asked about the possibility of a government shut down and how it would impact the DCC programs. He said the Senior Alliance sent out a notice today about their funding situation. Discussion followed that health and safety programs will not be shut down even if the Government does shut down. Kim Donahey said we cannot incur expenses if there is a shutdown.

911 Answering Position Purchase: Scott Hayes and Lt. Bob Heck reported on the current 911 system and the need for adding one additional microwave dish to the current design; giving a Power Point presentation explaining details of how the 911 answering positions at each PSAP system will be linked through the microwave dishes. There will be 11 answering station positions needed for the dispatch centers for \$640,000. The COPS grant will cover \$400,000, with \$240,000 to be paid from the 911 fund. Discussion followed of how the COPS grant funds work and concern that most of the communities are at the end of life with current equipment. Motion by Councilman Teifer, supported by Mayor Durand, to approve the answering position equipment/software purchase not to exceed \$700,000 total, to be paid first from the COPS grant and then from the 911 funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Mayor Durand, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.