Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance Annual Report

2012

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Executive Director's Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2012 Annual Report for your review. I am pleased to share the many activities undertaken and accomplishments realized by the Alliance.

I am excited by the work of the Alliance and the relationships with our members and other organizations in the region. I have had the pleasure of working with the current and new members of the Alliance. I have been impressed with the degree of devotion shown for the success of the Alliance and its mission.

It is true that all organizations change. Some grow; some dissolve and others strive through challenges. The Alliance is no different. A needs assessment was conducted, resulting in the hiring of a Part-time Executive Director. The Board of Directors felt that this was the best way to remain fiscally responsible. The Alliance is moving forward to assist our members manage change; continue to look for best practices, best bid pricing, and more services. The Alliance Board of Directors has placed great emphasis and support of the Alliance's mission. The Executive Committee has taken a very active role in the promotion of the Alliance Advantage. Today's challenges also require the Alliance to be successful in its mission of providing services and assistance to its members. For, in doing so, the member agencies succeed and the people of the Miami Valley region benefit.

The activities and accomplishments in the pages that follow demonstrate the continuation of services provided in the here and now; while also setting the stage for providing greater levels of assistance and influence within the Miami Valley.

There is no doubt that 2013 will present additional challenges, both to individual member jurisdictions as well as to the Alliance as an organization. The Alliance staff is committed to serving its members. Opportunities are being identified and pursued that would present new directions, new challenges, and solid ground for our future.

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Kimbler
Executive Director
Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

April 17, 2013

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance, a Regional Council of Government, was established under the Ohio Revised Code 167 with the Board of Directors as the governing body. The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance or as it is referred to "The Alliance" was founded in March 1995. Eighteen years later, the vision, mission and philosophy of business have evolved making the Alliance a premier organization that is truly unique.

Vision Statement
High quality, cost effective Fire and EMS services throughout the Miami Valley.

Vision Proclamation
The Alliance will be the premier organization that others will emulate. The Alliance will offer core products and provide value-added services to our increasing membership throughout the region and state. We will be THE location for testing of new recruits and promotions throughout the region. These offerings will be technically advanced and offer many clear-cut advantages and improvements.

Mission Statement
The Alliance assists members in enhancing their Fire and EMS services through optimal resources utilization, operational efficiencies, information sharing and regional cooperation while striving to maximize cost effectiveness.

Philosophy of Business
The Alliance is committed to the safety and well-being of the citizens of the Miami Valley. The primary responsibility of the member departments is to provide an outstanding level of protection and service to its citizens. The Alliance supports these efforts by promoting regional cooperation and efficient use of public funds. The Alliance recognizes and respects the local identity and control of member departments while striving toward a vision of high quality, cost effective Fire and EMS services throughout the Miami Valley.

Administration

Board of Directors

The governing body of the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance is the Board of Directors. Each full membership from one of three counties: Montgomery, Greene or Warren Counties has a Delegate and Alternate with full voting rights. The Board of Directors meets quarterly. Meetings are scheduled for January, April, July and October. In 2012 there were four meetings and one special meeting.

A current Delegate and Alternate listing is attached to this report. There were several additions to the Board of Directors.

- Jacob King, Representative for Bethel Township Fire Department
- Ronda Potter, Representative for Angler Construction
- Brad Jones, Representative for Sidney Fire Department
- Matt Queen, Delegate for Miami Valley Fire District
- Andrew Harp, Alternate for Miami Valley Fire District
- Daryl Meyers, Delegate for Xenia Township Fire Department
- Jacob King, Delegate for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Fire Department

In addition to the general oversight and direction of the Alliance, the Board of Directors acted on specific issues including:

- Election of William Gaul, Washington Township Fire Department as Board of Directors and Executive Committee Chair
- Election of Rick Rose, City of Clayton Public Safety Department as Board of Directors and Executive Committee Vice Chair
- Election of Stephen Milliken, Trotwood Fire Department as a member of the Executive Committee
- Election of Anthony Trick, Moraine Fire Department as a member of the Executive Committee
- Approved an Extension of the Executive Director's Contract
- Accepted the 2011 Alliance Annual Report
- Authorized the hiring of a part-time Assessment Center Coordinator
- Approved the membership for Angler Construction, Bethel Township, Sidney, Xenia Township and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
- Approved the Customer Service Award Policy
- Approved the Financial Reports for each quarter
- Approved the Year-end Financial Report for FY 2011-12
- Adopted the Alliance Budget for FY 2012-13

Customer Service Awards

The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance Board of Directors recognized an organization that exemplified the proud fire service tradition of customer service. The 2012 Customer Service Award for "Outstanding Individual" was presented to Assistant Fire Chief Brian Garver, City of Clayton Public Safety for support of fire service in the region with special emphasis on his leadership and humanitarianism. His commitment to the Alliance Communications Committee where he took on one of the lead roles in the development of the county wide system for common terms designating aliases for the identification of each radio in the entire 800 MHz system. The new alias system is monumental in providing clear accountability to incident commanders and dispatchers during possible "May Day" situations. Assistant Fire Chief Garver worked on several Alliance Assessment Centers; various committees for Clayton developing a Universal Leave Policy and his commitment to humanitarian project "Convoy of Hope". The program involved months of planning and many different community service organizations that massed to assist those less fortunate by offering job fairs, health screenings, haircuts, job interview appropriate clothing and other services. Assistant Chief Garver is the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance Outstanding Individual and an outstanding individual in many areas of his life.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee oversaw the Alliance activities. The Committee included five members elected by the Board of Directors from its members. One member represented the City of Dayton, one represented full-time departments, two represented combination departments and one represented volunteer departments. The Chair for 2012 was William Gaul, Washington Township Fire Department. The Vice Chair was Rick Rose, City of Clayton Public Safety Department. The Dayton representative was Michael Caudill. The other members were Robert Bobbitt, Miamisburg Fire Department; Stephen Milliken, Trotwood Fire Department; and Anthony Trick, Moraine Fire Department. The Committee held 12 regular meetings and three special meetings. In addition, the Executive Director and two of the Executive Committee members did a special presentation to the Greater Miami Valley Mayors and Managers Association. The Executive Committee, a very dedicated group, worked many

hours. The Board of Directors greatly appreciated their effort. The Executive Committee acted on specific issues including:

- Recommend for approval by the Board of Directors membership for Angler Construction, Bethel Township, and Sidney
- Recommend for approval by the Board of Directors the membership of Xenia Township and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
- Recommend for approval by the Board of Directors the Customer Service Award Policy
- Recommend for approval by the Board of Directors the 2011 Annual Report
- Recommend for approval by the Board of Directors to proceed with the hiring of a part-time Assessment Center Coordinator
- Recommend for approval by the Board of Directors the extension of employment of the Part-Time Executive Director from July 1 to December 31, 2012
- Recommend for approval by the Board of Directors the A-133 Single Audit final version for 2011
- Recommended for approval by the Board of Directors the Proposed Budget for FY 2012-13
- Approved expenditures to the health insurance provider and OPERS
- Reviewed procedures for Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance Administrative Manual presented by Paychex, Inc.

The Executive Committee has been a valuable asset for the Alliance through their guidance, knowledge and loyalty.

Alliance Administrative Staff

The Alliance administrative staff consists of the Executive Director, David Kimbler who began in 2011 and the Office Manager, Jacqueline Leland who has been with the Alliance since 2002. In 2012 there were several part-time CPAT Proctors and a Part-time Lead Proctor employed to conduct the regional CPAT mandatory orientations, practice sessions and exams. The Executive Director and Office Manager managed the day-to-day operations, served as support staff for the various committees and Advisory Boards. In addition, they managed and maintained all financial records for not only the Alliance, but also all of the entities under the Alliance umbrella. The Executive Director and Office Manager were the primary contacts and facilitators for the annual A-133 Single Audit conducted by the State of Ohio. The Executive

Director, an Ex-officio member of all committees, workgroups, and advisory boards represented the Alliance at various community groups and meetings. They included:

- Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management Technical Advisory Committee
- Montgomery/Greene County Local Emergency Response Committee
- Greater Montgomery County Fire Chiefs Association
- Greene County Fire Chiefs Association
- The Mayors and Managers Association
- Dayton Area Managers Association
- Red Cross Emergency Services Department Advisory Committee
- Sinclair Community College FST Advisory Board

Funding and Budget

The Alliance is primarily funded through annual per capita contribution rate that has not changed since the Alliance was founded in 1995. The contribution rate has been $0.24 per capita. The Alliance continues to be in a strong financial standing by being good stewards of public funds. The Alliance has no future plans to raise the price of membership. Associate and Affiliate member contribution will remain at $500 per year. Affiliate members are municipalities outside of the three counties of Montgomery, Greene and Warren. Affiliate members can enjoy the benefits of membership without voting rights. The Alliance has been able to maintain a positive budget through careful fiscal management and oversight.

The Alliance is the Sponsoring Agency for OH-TF 1, Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team, Region 3 Rescue Strike Team and the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Corporation. The Auditor of the State of Ohio conducts an annual A-133 Single Audit.

Alliance Advantage Programs

Alliance Saving Programs

The Alliance acquired numerous savings programs for our membership in 2012. Bid information can be found on the Alliance website at www.mvfea.com. The Alliance has discounted pricing for EMS Supplies, Medical Gas, Physicals, and Ladder Testing. In 2012, Ladder Testing for Alliance members was completed for many departments. EMS Supplies from Midwest Medical Supply were a savings of 28%, allowing EMS Supplies grant budgets to be extended by 28%. In 2013 Midwest Medical Supplies again received the bid for 2013 at a savings of 27% to even further extend EMS Supplies budgets.

Assessment Centers

The Alliance Assessment Centers are a great benefit for members. Assessment Centers are conducted for a nominal fee of $500 for members, thus saving $5,000-10,000 per each center. Assessment Centers require considerable preparation, work with local community HR departments and fire service members. Without the numerous volunteer hours by fire officers, the Assessment Centers would not be reviewed with as high a level of integrity and quality assurance. Feedback from candidates felt that the Assessment Centers were very well done, based on real world situation and testing documents and exercises that were very appropriate for each rank assessed. Thanks to Frank Clay, Sinclair Community College for conducting two Assessor Training events.   In 2012, the Alliance conducted two Assessment Centers for ranks and departments listed below with more centers planned for 2013:

- Huber Heights – Lieutenant
- Trotwood – Lieutenant

Background Checks

During the hiring process, the Alliance can administer a background check through the State of Ohio's BCI & I. This is a web-based process. Member agencies can choose to pay for the test or have the candidate pay. Background checks were conducted from 2008-2012 for 147 candidates.   Background checks will be discontinued as of December 31, 2012 due to an excessive increase in price of over $4,000 for the new model of equipment and computer used to scan finger prints.

Alliance Website www.mvfea.com

The Alliance website is host to numerous templates, SOG's and SOP's. When future documents are either updated or initiated they will be posted to the website as well. The Health & Wellness Template is complete with a video of exercise programs. Employment opportunities, CPAT information, special training events and a calendar are important for communication to members as well as employment for candidates. The 800 MHz Communications Template and Radio Aliases is the product of many hours of hard work and regional collaboration. It has been posted on the website along with the "Cheat Sheet" to help municipalities' fire, police, public works, hospitals and medical helicopters make the transition between the old and new templates less complicated and to help insure public safety while re-banding proceeds. MCOEM has been a leader and partner with our members to insure communication coverage during normal operations and extraordinary events such as high wind, ice and snow storms. The Alliance Communications Committee and agency members appreciate the cooperation of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and all of the dispatch centers.

Entry Level Testing

Entry level firefighter testing was conducted by the Alliance six times in 2012. Testing on an approximately every other monthly basis, allows candidates to test on different week days to make it more efficient and effective for the candidates and their work schedules. In 2012 Alliance continued the relationship with National Testing Network, previously known as Ergometrics, Inc., to register candidates and accept their test fees. At the conclusion of the test, test sheets were scanned and scored by NTN. The Alliance list is available online at www.nationaltestingnetwork.com. The process includes a written test comprised of human relations, mechanical aptitude, reading and math. Candidate Eligibility Lists are sent electronically to all members. The list includes candidates test scores, Ohio Registry certifications, CPAT, prior military service and contact information. The NTN diagnostics data on the human relations portion is also distributed. The Alliance does not set hiring practices for members, but it can proctor the initial testing while saving members thousands of dollars.

E-Comm – Call Taker/Dispatcher Testing

The Alliance conducted Call Taker/Dispatcher Tests for not only candidates registered through NTN, but also conducted a specific test for the City of Moraine. The E-Comm test was conducted on a Saturday with numerous candidates that required two test sessions. The cost of proctoring the test was nominal compared to what the City would have spent. Feedback from Moraine was very positive.

Promotional Testing

As part of the Assessment Center, several departments have used the NTN Promotional Test. Each department sets their hiring and promotional standards. It is another *Alliance Advantage* that we are able to assist in the process and do it in a very cost effective manner.

CPAT

With a designated, consistent location for CPAT at Kettering Business Park, the Alliance with support from a cadre of CPAT Proctors and Lead Proctor Lt. Muhl, Huber Heights Fire Department was able to conduct several CPAT exams. The CPAT Exam or Candidate Physical Ability Test has been approved by and developed in cooperation with the IAFF and IAFC. It has been reported that CPAT has played a part in reducing Workers' Compensation claims; thereby, lower premiums were paid for this coverage.

Lt. Muhl taught several CPAT Proctor training classes to ensure the quality of the test. In 2012, the Alliance hosted dedicated CPAT exams for Dayton, Huber Heights, Piqua, St. Mary's, Xenia Township and Sidney. In addition, there were six sessions for individuals that needed a CPAT certificate for future employment with over 300 registered to test. The Alliance would like to thank all the Proctors that helped to make CPAT 2012 a successful operation.

Alliance Standing Committees

Training Committee

The members of the Training Committee were very active in 2012 meeting 11 times. Jeff Buerschen, Huber Heights is the new Chair until his retirement. As a result of their effort, the fire services of the Miami Valley were able to participate in many exciting training opportunities. While not every firefighter may participate in the on scene training, those that do can bring the training back to their departments.

Officer Development Classes

The Training Committee launched a new initiative in 2012 – Officer Development. With such a broad spectrum of topics, the committee decided on several topics. In 2012 they presented, "Tactics", by Mark Ashworth, "Core Values of Leadership", by Dan Stitzel, and "Labor Relations", by Gaye Jordan. Future plans include "Blue Shirt to White Shirt", by Bradley Jones. Other topics will be communication – both oral and written, and legal issues.

Webinars or Online Training Presentations

Thanks to a partnership with Sinclair Fire Academy, the Alliance is able to host critical training for the region online. In 2012 there were several opportunities to log-in. In addition, if participants were pulled away from training due to emergency calls, the webinars are archived on the Alliance website www.mvfea.com. The webinars were:

- How to Do a Flow Test
- Just How Much Water Do You Need to Put out a Fire?
- Fire Code Practices
- The Care and Feeding of your Fire Department's Image
- Who is David Graztz and Why Should I Care?
- Fire Codes: New Manual on Alarms
- Ohio Fire Codes and Storage
- How to Build Positive Morale
- What if You Had to Be the PIO?
- NFPA 30 – Flammable & Combustible Liquids
- Ohio Ethics

- NFPA 1584 – Firefighter Rehab

- Fire Case Studies and New Fire Code Standards

- RECEO VS A Tactics and Strategy Model

- Fire Pumps and Fire Safety Inspector

Mayday Training Trailer

The committee acquired a donated 53' trailer ideal for conversion into the Mayday Training Trailer. Many members worked on the design, the drills and the installation of the training props. The committee developed a Mayday Policy, acquired instructional DVD's with hard copy classroom instruction and testing. One Train-the-Trainer class was conducted in 2012. Having a qualified trainer at the Mayday Trailer is very important for the correct instruction and safety. The Mayday Trailer is delivered to user agencies. At the close of 2012, hundreds of firefighters during several days have received the live saving training. The departments listed conducted the training onsite for their fighters: Brookville, Dayton, Englewood and Oakwood.

Confined Space Trailer

The trailer was acquired several years ago with funding from the Greater Montgomery County Fire Chiefs Assn. Since 2008 the trailer has been used by 13 departments.   The Alliance wishes to thank Englewood Fire Department for storing and maintaining the trailer.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee was very active in 2012, meeting ten times. Dayton Fire Department District Chief Mike Stewart served as Chair. Fire service, law enforcement, and Montgomery County Communications, Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management (MCOEM), Regional Dispatch Center comprised the Communications Committee. Cooperation from vendors and other Montgomery County agencies has been very beneficial. Their goal is to facilitate interoperability for public safety personnel so that they may easily communicate with one another across jurisdictional boundaries for day-to-day operations and large-scale emergencies.

Following the enormous effort of re-banding the radios in Montgomery County, in 2011 a new MVFEA Communications SOG, "Miami Valley Public Safety Interoperability Plan –

Standard Operating Guidelines – 800 MHz Radio System Operations in Montgomery County" was developed and posted to the Alliance website. The county system was tested in the fail safe position for backup plans in case of radio dispatch failure and post re-banding drive tests. Other issues the committee worked on were the use of radio emergency buttons, call list of radio aliases, weather warning systems, Careflight radio talk groups, the hospital radio talk groups and loaning of radios.

A subgroup of the Alliance Communications Committee continues to lead the planning process for the next generation of radio communications in Dayton and Montgomery County. The current Dayton and Montgomery County radio communications systems are "aging out" and will need to be replaced in the relatively near future. The new system will most likely combine the two systems into a single county-wide P25 system for the future. This is a critical process for the county and the region, and the Alliance is intimately involved in every aspect of the planning process.

Future plans for 2013 include the committee hosting a regional table top exercise using the communications template and SOG. In 2012 the committee developed Radio Aliases to help ensure safety on the fire ground with less confusion in the case of a Mayday call or during operations. By using consistent naming for each position, more effective communication between dispatch centers, firefighters and their command staff is accomplished.

Safety is Job ONE!

The Alliance Communications Committee is very dedicated to regional cooperation through a joint effort by many departments and disciplines. Working together by sharing knowledge and expertise, the committee has been able to save tax payers money and secure better communications by fire service, EMS, law enforcement and public works departments.

Miami Valley Professionals

A new group in 2012 was formed to facilitate communication among the Administrative Assistants for the fire service – Miami Valley Professionals or MVP's. The job of a Fire Admin is complicated with varied duties in support of the Fire Chief as well as the entire department. The MVP's started meeting in 2012 with two meetings. At the initial meeting, they discussed several topics of interest and resource sharing. Steve French, City of Moraine was the first

presenter on Records Retention.   Other future topics may include: EMS Billing, Common Work Assignment, Retirement Information, Computer Software, Fire Prevention Week and Car Seat and CPR Classes and Certifications. The MVP's are planning to meet every other month at different member locations in 2013.

Alliance Sponsoring Agency Affiliations

The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance serves as the sponsoring agency for many entities. Under the Alliance sponsorship is the Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team, the Region 3 Rescue Strike Team and OH-TF 1. As the sponsoring agency, the Alliance employs all full and part-time personnel and is responsible for financial management which includes funds from local, State of Ohio and/or Federal cooperative agreement funds. The Alliance maintains all financial instruments, creates financial statements and reports, performs budget management, makes payments of Federal, State and local taxes, maintains all records required by law, and facilitates the annual Single A-133 Audit.

The Alliance is also affiliated with the Miami Valley Firefighters EMS Memorial Association. While financial management is conducted by the Dayton Foundation, the Alliance has helped to promote and encourage the completion of the memorial. The Alliance from time to time, will receive funds on behalf of the Memorial Association and pass the funds onto the Coordinator.

The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Corporation is affiliated with the Alliance as well. The purpose of the corporation is to support fire service in the region. In 2012 effort began to request donations. Funding would support CPAT repairs, training and possible distribution of equipment.

The Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team

The main purpose of the Dayton Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team (Hazmat) is to be of assistance to the Fire Departments located in Greene and Montgomery Counties. The mission of the team is to provide assistance in bringing all incidents to a safe conclusion with minimum negative impact on the environment and property.

The team consists of volunteer members who are highly skilled and well-trained from fire departments in Greene and Montgomery Counties, along with representatives from private industry, who act in an advisory capacity to the team. The six Hazmat response vehicles are housed in several locations. Each vehicle is equipped with support materials, testing meters and equipment.

The Hazmat Advisory Board had four quarterly meetings. The Board authorized the purchase of six Scott Cylinders that had expired. The Board also approved the revised Travel Policy and the Cell Phone Policy. In addition the Board approved the A-133 Audit for FY 09 and FY 10.

The Hazmat Coordinator manages the team and provides training on a monthly basis. The training is always relevant and well received. The hazmat training is very beneficial to the local departments in both counties.

In 2012 the Coordinator's Report outlined the incidents, inspection, regular monthly team training, special training, meetings and special presentations. The Coordinator, Dennis Bristow, is very active and involved with entities, businesses and municipalities of both Greene and Montgomery Counties. Listed below are the statistics of a very active year for the Hazmat Team and the Coordinator.

- Responded to 31 Hazmat incidents
- Attended 31 days of regularly scheduled training and specialized training sessions
- Signed contracts for Hazmat response to Tipp City and Monroe Township, Miami Co.
- Conducted SERC Exercise in May 2012
- Attended scheduled meetings: Hazmat Advisory Board, the Montgomery and Greene County Fire Chiefs Associations, the MVFEA Board of Directors, Montgomery Co. TAC, MCOEM, and MCGLERC.
- Developed Contingency Plan with Back-up Coordinator
- Purchased: Four-4 Gas Detectors and Eight In-suit Communications Systems

The Hazmat Team not only responded to incidents, but also educated and trained many individuals, businesses and police and fire personnel from many municipalities to be better prepared if and when a hazmat incident occurs. The Miami Valley and neighboring counties are

very fortunate to have a very active and well-informed Coordinator Dennis Bristow and dedicated professional Hazmat Team members.

Ohio Region 3 Rescue Strike Team

The Region 3 Rescue Strike Team is a volunteer team serving Ohio's Region 3. The team provides equipment resources, training and personnel that may be required for specialized rescue incidents within an eight county area. The counties are Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby. This arrangement provides area fire departments the ability to summon equipment needed for large or complex incidents. There are approximately 20 local fire agencies participating in the Ohio Homeland Security – Region 3 Rescue Strike Team. The team is capable of performing many specialized disciplines that include: confined space, high-angle rescue, surface swift water, lost person search along with structural and trench collapse. In December 2012, there were approximately 103 members; 19 trained to the Structural Collapse Technician Level, 58 Structural Collapse Operations Level and others are trained to many of the prerequisites. Members are distributed mostly over four counties: Darke, Miami, Montgomery, and Greene Counties. Ohio's Regional Rescue Strike Teams are designed to provide assistance to their designated counties during the first 12 hours of a rescue event or disaster situation.

The R3RST Advisory Board is comprised of two representatives from each county, the Alliance Executive Director and the team's Coordinator. The Board met once in 2012. In January 2012, the Board met to elect an Executive Committee, Chair and Vice Chair, per the revision of the By-laws. The Board would meet only once a year to hear an annual report and elect members and officers to the Executive Committee. The R3RST Executive Committee met three times in 2012. The team has been funded through the Greater Montgomery County Fire Chiefs Association and State funds have been made available through MCOEM for training purposes.

The Coordinator Scott Hall conducted an extensive recruitment drive. Brochures and emails were sent out to the eight county fire departments. The recruitment efforts were helpful, but as always new members are appreciated and needed.

Special funding was designated for classes. The team conducted monthly training providing valuable training for fire departments throughout the eight county regions. The volunteers of the Region 3 Rescue Strike Team worked together to provide the next level of help in an emergency. Should the need arise the Rescue Strike Team is ready and prepared to help. Call 937-333-USAR for assistance.

Ohio Task Force 1

Ohio Task Force 1 (Task Force) entered 2012 maintaining the momentum and synergy developed over the past several years. Even with the transition to a new Executive Director and a new Task Force Leader, the team remains a powerful asset; namely the membership, cache, fleet, and the staff of the Task Force.

OH-TF1 currently rosters over 210 team members and 190 are deployable. The Task Force has two deep staffing in all 19 deployment positions in the FEMA Type I Task Force matrix. OH-TF1 maintains staffing levels above that of most of the other task forces in the National System in the critical positions of doctors, engineers, and canines. The Task Force rostered 14 new team members in 2012: four logistics specialists, two medical specialists and a doctor, two each haz-mat and rescue specialists, and one each of comm., canine, and tech info specialists. Additionally, OH-TF1 added 12 newly deployable team members to the Task Force in 2012: three technical search specialists, two each of rescue, canine, technical information, and medical specialists, and one comm. specialist. Also, the Task Force had 21 existing team members cross train to a second deployment position.

Calendar years 2010 and 2011 were very active for the Task Force with a combined total of nearly 29,000 team member contact hours. Feedback from the team members and staff was to slow down in 2012. This we did but we were not idle. In 2012 the Task Force trained a combined total of 118 days; over 32% of the calendar year. Additionally, the Task Force attended 19 FEMA sponsored trainings, canine evaluations, Corp of Engineer's trainings and several trainings outside the FEMA US&R System, but consistent with our mission.

A sampling of our activity includes 11 days of joint training with our military partners that encompassed wide area search, helicopter operations, convoy movement, and structure collapse. Additionally, we had two 2-day Task Force quarterly trainings (included refresher

trainings for team members to remain deployable), three days of IATA training, and a four day 30-person FEMA HERS class. The Task Force deployed a Type I team to Lima, Ohio, for a 72-hour joint exercise with the Lima Correctional Institute and in October a Type I Task Force deployed to Hurricane Sandy for ten days. The combined total of the Task Force's activities in 2012, excluding the Sandy deployment hours, were 16,520 personnel hours. The associated cost of these activities was approximately $859,000. However, by spreading it over 63 Participating Agencies and 43 independent team members, the Task Force has been successful at completing this impressive effort to maintain operational proficiency and keep OH-TF1 available for the citizens of Ohio and the nation.

In October, OH-TF1 was activated by FEMA to deploy a Type I Task Force as part of the National US&R System's response to Hurricane Sandy. The Task Force was deployed for ten days; engaging in one day of operational searches in New Jersey State and two days of humanitarian support in New York City. Following the day of search in New Jersey, OH-TF1 engaged with seven other FEMA System task forces to perform door-to-door health and welfare checks and commodity (food, water, and basic needs) distribution in portions of Queens and the Bronx. The total cost of the deployment was $1,004,971.83. The Alliance had to exercise the Task Force's line of credit with Security National Bank in the sum of $275,000. FEMA fully reimbursed the Alliance within 15 days of submitting the final reimbursement request; noted as the fastest reimbursement for a hurricane deployment in FEMA history. All Participating Agencies were paid before the end of December 2012.

The Task Force continues to maintain its training facility on the grounds of the City of Dayton Fire Department training facility. Beyond Task Force usage, the training building and grounds were used by the City of Dayton Fire Department, Ohio National Guard, and other Regional Rescue Strike Teams.

Federal and State funding for 2012 remained strong for the Task Force (combined funding was approximately $1,300,000), which in turn has provided purchasing power used to buy from many local vendors. Federal fiscal year 2012 funding for the National US&R System was the highest since 2003 – $41.25M. Funding from FEMA in FY12 was just over $1.25M to OH-TF1. OH-TF1 is fully funded through January 2014. With current funding under contract, and

with a carryover of approximately $150,000 in FY11 FEMA funding, the Task Force has sufficient funding on hand to meet administrative, training, equipment, storage and maintenance requirements, and continue with planned Task Force activities for all of calendar year 2013 and into calendar year 2014.

FEMA US&R funding for FY13 from Congress should have been completed by October 2012. As of this report, the 28 US&R task forces should have been notified of the funding award amount for the federal FY 13 fiscal year. However, sequestration and the continuing budget resolution that ends 27 March 2013, leaves the issue of funding for the National US&R System in FY13 unspecified. There is concern that following the expiration of the FY12 federal funding to OH-TF1 there may be insufficient funding to maintain OH-TF1 at current operational levels and tempo. The Program Manager is closely monitoring Congressional activity, and has initiated discussions with key staff for contingency planning should FEMA FY13 funding for OH-TF1 be significantly reduced from previous years or eliminated altogether.

As indicated above, 2012 was a very busy year for the Task Force even though there was a concerted effort to scale back activity from 2011. Calendar year 2013 is going to be a very interesting year for the Task Force. We have a new mission – Water Rescue – to procure equipment and train personnel. Additionally, there are several mandated Haz-Mat focused trainings and exercises to complete. The following are some of the events and training courses that the Task Force will be completing in calendar year 2013:

- Support team members to numerous FEMA US&R System Work Groups
- Complete the Task Force yearly refresher trainings and an updated CBRNE mission training that is required of all US&R System personnel
- Host a three day IATA/AFMAN Logistics course for OH-TF1 and other US&R System task forces in September
- Host a two day Canine Evaluation for OH-TF1 and other US&R System task forces in October
- Host a four-day HERS Class for OH-TF1 and other US&R System task forces in November
- FEMA Technical Site Visit (Grants) in April
- FEMA Readiness Evaluation (Administration) in July

Additionally, a work plan was put together to ensure that paid staff remained focused on issues of Task Force development or improvement. The Task Force's work efforts for calendar year 2013 are divided into three categories: Administration, Logistics, and Operations.

Category	Project	Assigned To
Administration:		
	1) Deployment Reimbursement Manual	Schumann & Wilson
	2) Database Implementation	Murphy, Bourquin, Wilt, Wilson
	3) Update TF Strategic Plan	Schumann
	4) Update Paid Staff Position Descriptions	Schumann
Logistics:		
	1) Complete Second Cache Inventory	CM & ACM
	2) Complete Standard Cache Inventory	CM & ACM
	3) Complete Training Center Cache Inventory	CM & ACM
	4) Bus or Tractor Procurement	CM & Murphy
	5) Training Cache Build Out	CM & Rescue
	6) Rebuild Wood Rubble Pile	CM & Cope
Operations:		
	1) Implement 2013 Training Plan	McNeil, Wilt, Team Mgrs
	2) Task Force Training Policy	McNeil, TLFs, Team Mgrs
	3) Develop Relationship w/ military SAR partners	Cayse, Schumann
	a) Plan and Conduct 2014 ONG Exercise	Schumann, Wilt, Hanifen, Smith
	4) TF Deployment Support Center moved to Hamilton County	Cayse, Lakamp, Grove

The Task Force celebrated its 15th anniversary on April 4, 2012. Throughout these 15 years, the Task Force has changed significantly. However, at its core still remains the dedication and commitment of the team members and the cooperative partnership between the Alliance, the Task Force Participating Agencies, and the State of Ohio. During this period, OH-TF1 has had 20 deployments of individual team members or Type I or Type III Task Force configurations, putting this Task Force at the forefront of System teams leading search and rescue efforts to save lives. On behalf of the 213 team members of OH-TF 1, as the Program Manager, Evan Schumann, I am proud to present the report for OH-TF 1.

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance Looking to the Future

The Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance is in a strong position for 2013 and beyond. The dedication of the Alliance staff will enable new initiatives, projects, cost-savings and programs to become part of the *Alliance Advantage*. The clear threat to the Alliance is the economy, but it is also the Alliance's strategic strength. Now is the time for communities to work regionally, as demonstrated so well with the Communications Committee "Communications Template" and re-banding issues and cost-savings. Working together, the members of the Alliance can solve problems, overcome obstacles and break new ground in the public safety sector.

The Alliance Training Committee worked on several projects. Highlighted in their continuing efforts were the Webinars and the Officer Development Classes. In 2013 a comprehensive Officer Development Program will be developed. The Webinars save departments collectively thousands of dollars in continuing education requirements.

The Alliance website www.mvfea.com has enabled the Alliance to be on the forefront of the web. All entry level testing information, bids, newsletters and Board Meeting minutes are posted on the site. In addition, a calendar is available to keep track of upcoming events.

The Alliance is expected to be the leader in regional cooperation and cost reduction through coordination of many activities, cooperative sharing of resources, and enhanced member benefits, for many years to come. We wish to thank the committees, workgroups, Advisory Boards, the Executive Committee and the Alliance Board of Directors for their guidance and participation in 2012. We look forward to many years of "Serving Those Who Serve Others".

Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance

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