



June 2019 Edition

## Members

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Bethel Township  
Brookville  
Clayton  
Dayton  
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Jefferson Township  
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Miami Valley Fire District  
Moraine  
New Lebanon  
Oakwood Public Safety Department  
Phillipsburg  
Sidney  
Trotwood  
Troy  
Washington Township  
West Carrollton  
Wright -Patterson Air Force Base

# Alliance Advantage

## The Alliance Welcomes A New Executive Director

We are happy to announce that the Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance has hired Michelle Fitzgibbon, President of The Fitzgibbon Group, to provide Executive Director and Association Management services. Michelle and her team have many years of association management experience as well as government relations, lobbying and strategic planning experience. The Fitzgibbon Group team includes: Kelly Barr, Director of Government Relations and Alexandra Adams, Director of Legislative Affairs. We thank the entire Alliance for a very smooth transition thus far. Please feel free to reach out at any time:

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## Customer Service Awards – Congratulations Captain Tim Howells & Wright-Patt Fire



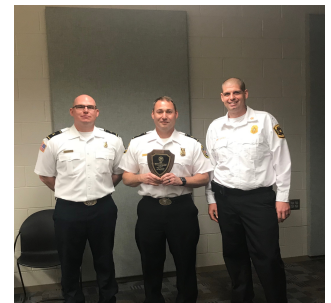
*Captain Tim Howells and  
Chief Brian Garver*

Each year, the Alliance presents two Customer Service Awards. The first award, the “Customer Service Award for Outstanding Individual,” is presented to a person who has demonstrated exemplary performance and contribution to their community and/or the fire service. The 2018 Outstanding Individual award went to Captain Tim Howells with the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Fire Department.

Congratulations on your

dedication and service to the community.

The second award, the “Customer Service Award for Outstanding Organization,” is presented to a group, committee or department who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and contribution to the Alliance Member Departments and/or communities. The 2018 Outstanding Organization award went to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Fire Department. Congratulations and thank you for your professionalism, dedication and service to our membership and community.



*District Chief Duane White, Chief  
Jacob King, WPAFB-FD and Chief  
Brian Garver*

## June OH-TF 1 Exercise

OH-TF 1 is proud to be participating and leading Operation Unified Response Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) System full-scale exercise on June 1-2, 2019 at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Central Indiana. This exercise is a continuous 24-hour urban search and rescue operation to include canine searches, concrete breaching, wide area search, water rescue operations, tunnel rescues, helicopter sling-load and hoist operations and cache movement by aircraft.

This exercise will include six of the FEMA US&R System task forces and a seventh non-FEMA team from Illinois, five different task forces from five Canadian provinces, and Australia's internationally deployable INSARAG task force. Helicopters from the Tennessee Army National Guard will be exercising the movement of equipment and personnel into the disaster area. This exercise has been organized and coordinated over the last two years with our partners at the local, state, federal, and international levels and will involve an estimated 1,500 US&R and supporting disaster response personnel conducting search and rescue operations twenty-four hours a day over the course of the exercise.

We are proud of Evan Schumann and his team at OH-TF 1 for many hours of planning and preparation and wish them success in this important exercise. For more information, please contact the office at (937) 512-2030.

## CPAT Update

CPAT is working on finding a new home. With the loss of our testing venue in Kettering, Ohio, due to planned demolition of the structure, we are diligently working to find a new and improved space. The Alliance is working with Chief Payne, Rob Hogeland, a local attorney and others involved to find the best location for CPAT, and we are working to have the program back up and running in August of 2019. If you have questions, please contact CPAT Coordinator, Rob Hogeland at [rhogeland@mvfea.com](mailto:rhogeland@mvfea.com) or (937) 673-1056.

## National Testing Network Update

The Alliance and the National Testing Network will host the next Fire Team Test on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 9:00am at Sinclair Community College, Building 20.

## Calendar of Events

**MVFEA Executive Committee:** June 17, 2019 at 10:30am – Sinclair, Building 20, Ste. 121

**MVFEA Board of Directors:** July 17, 2019 at 11:30am - Sinclair, Building 20, Ste. 121

**Hazmat Advisory Board:** June 17, 2019 at 12:00pm – Wright Patterson Air Force Base Fire Department

**R3RST Advisory Board:** January, 2020 – Date and Location TBD

**R3RST Executive Committee:** July 18, 2019 at 10:00am – Sinclair, Building 20, Ste. 244b

**Communications Committee:** June 6, 2019 at 9:00am – Sinclair, Building 20, Ste. TBD

**Training Committee:** June 11, 2019 at 9:00am – Sinclair, Building 20, Ste. 244b

## Alliance Membership Benefits

The Alliance, a Council of Government, strives to serve its Voting members as well as its Affiliate and Associate members through new initiatives and programs. The Alliance was founded to encourage cooperation among the fire departments, allowing them and their communities to save both time and money. While joint purchasing was the initial endeavor, The Alliance offers a number of growing membership benefits:

- The Alliance is a ***Testing Center for National Testing Network (NTN)***. The new initiative was a request from members to test entry level firefighters. When fire departments tested on their own, the cost was \$5,000 per testing cycle. By the Alliance administering the *Fire Team* test it saves the departments both time and money.
- In the near future The Alliance will again begin administering a ***Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)*** which is approved in cooperation with the International Association of Firefighters and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFF/IAFC).
- Another benefit of membership is the ***Alliance Assessment Centers*** for fire officers. The centers are proctored by the Alliance staff. Assessors have been well-trained and are fire department members. The Assessors volunteer their time and expertise. Working with the fire department personnel, Assessment Centers are designed to include exercises such as an in- basket, a presentation, and/or dealing with troubled employee. Reports from the Assessment Center Coordinator include scoring and feedback for each candidate as well as feedback suggestions for the Fire Chief. Most Assessment Center fees from other companies range from \$3-5,000 and fees can increase based on the number of individuals tested. Alliance members pay \$500 for any number of candidates. There is also a non-member fee of \$2,500.
- Through the work of several workgroups, committees, and advisory boards, the Alliance fosters cooperation with area departments by training and information sharing. The State of Ohio requires firefighters to obtain ***Continued Educational Units (CEU's)***. The Training Committee provided a solution for cost-effective training. Working with our partner Sinclair Community College, the Alliance has bi-monthly webinars and other video-based trainings. They are archived on the Alliance website [www.mvfea.com](http://www.mvfea.com). This allows departments to access the training on their schedule.
- The Alliance is the owner of a truck towable Confined Space Training Trailer and a ***Mayday Training Trailer***. The Mayday Trailer is larger, and a towing company transports it to a department's chosen location.

For a complete listing of membership benefits, please visit: [www.mvfea.com](http://www.mvfea.com)

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