



BERRIEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Call to Order: 0830-0900

Date: January 18, 2023

Old minutes: Old minutes emailed out. Motion to accept old minutes and seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Starting balance: \$3873.94. Deposits: \$1500.00 (Dues deposits). Ending balance: \$5373.94. Motion to accept treasurers report and seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.

Communications/Bills: None

New Chief/Visitor: Justin Turner from DC Cook.

Committee Report:

Sheriff: Down 3 in jail. Looking for females for the jail. Sending 4 to police academy. There will be a corrections academy coming up. Resource officer for Eau Claire. Information and MOU for hazmat team sent out to fire chiefs.

Red Cross: None

Great Lakes Drone: See attached.

Dispatch/911: Staffing: Lost three more, currently have 7 openings. 911 board openings. 2 advisory, 1 operations. 11BCPAGE will begin February 01, 2023. 11BCPAGE is not a paging channel. 11BCPAGE will be multiselectd instead of 11F911 and dispatches will go out over 11BCPAGE. You do not need 11BCPAGE to be dispatched. You will be paged on your paging talkgroup. March 01, 2023 for EMS to be moved to 11E911. Boxcards coming along. They are in books and are using them. Still need a few signatures. Tower: Motorola to do architectural engineering analysis on property just to the north, adjacent to circle drive property. Just behind the fire department. Also exploring a second alternate.

DNR: None

Funeral: Berrien Springs

Emergency Management: Working on completing the mitigation report.

EMS:

Medic-1: Nothing to report.

S.M.C.A.S.: None

Med Flight: None

Med Control: EMS license appeal hearing on Friday.

LEPC: Meeting February 14, 2023. Tier 2 coming in and are being posted.

BCFA: Meeting at BHDPS on February 01, 2023. No meal offered. Car show will be here again in June 2023.

Training: BHDPS class offerings. See fliers. HS class going through midterms. ST Joe Twp. Station 2 was in dispatch on Tuesday. If anyone interested contact Caitlin or Jennifer.

HazMat: Head on crash in Bertrand between propane tanker and fuel tanker. Could have been worse than it was. Hours to complete transfer and clean up.

MITRT5: New local leader Captain Don Wise from Niles Fire. Finalizing training plans for 2023.

MABAS: Meeting was on January 18, 2023. MI-MABAS now has a seat in the state EOC. New website in the works. Using same web design and hosting as MANAS IL. Working on “fire dept. mutual aid” and MABAS/TF1” videos. Grand Illusion exercise February 21/22, 2023. Plan crash into frozen lake. Have to modify as no ice. Continue to work on wildland firefighter validation. Planning on regional coordinator training, and task force leader/strike team leader training for 2023. Will be offering MABAS 101 to dispatch centers. MIMABAS has received funding for dispatch centers to send personnel and be reimbursed for the attendance. First class March 17, 2023 at the RED Center. There is no cost for the class.

2023 conferences: MABAS IL conference Feb. 20-24; Interop March 07-09, Fire Inspectors March 21-23; MW fire Expo April 11-12; APCO April 18-21; Hazmat April 17-19; GLHLS May 09-11; MABAS WI Sept. 2023; MEMA Oct. 2023.

There was a MIMABAS deployment to a grain elevator fire in Bay City area. Estimated they flowed 7.5 million gallons of water during the multiday event.

Old Business: Structure fire work group correction. Add Chief Jamie Flick and remove Chief Allen Weich. Who is lead of the group. Chief Brandon Chiarello to lead the group. The group is: Brandon Chairello; Jeremy Connell; Brian Kazmierzak; Jamie Flick; Doug Myers, Caitlin Sampsell.

New Business: Chief Jesswein Discussed the need for unified incident command with a command post on the US12 accident. Chief Jesswein thanked dispatch for how they handled the call. Will there be and after action discussion on the call? Caitlin asked if 911 quality assurance meeting should look at this call. Chief Jesswein stated sure.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 15, 2023 0830.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn and seconded. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 0900.



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ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: January 18, 2023

NAME	SIGNATURE	DEPARTMENT
HAROLD HEYN	<i>[Signature]</i>	Koko
EVERETT STEINKE	<i>[Signature]</i>	STFD
CHRIS HUSTON	<i>[Signature]</i>	W.B.C.F.A.
JAMIE FLICK	<i>[Signature]</i>	NBTFD
ALLEN WEICH	<i>[Signature]</i>	Chickaming
BOB HARPER	<i>[Signature]</i>	BCTFD
JENNIFER FLICK	<i>[Signature]</i>	911
AL DUBOIS	<i>[Signature]</i>	COREWELL
BRENDA CHICHELLI	<i>[Signature]</i>	Lincoln
DOUG MYERS	<i>[Signature]</i>	BSOFD
JASON WILEY	<i>[Signature]</i>	Medical
BRIAN KAZMIERZAK	<i>[Signature]</i>	BHDPS
BRIAN DUNN	<i>[Signature]</i>	SSTFD#2
ASHLEY MUNSON	<i>[Signature]</i>	GLDC
GERRY KABELMAN	<i>[Signature]</i>	SJCTFD 1
DAVE FLICK	<i>[Signature]</i>	TDFD
JEREMY CONNELL	<i>[Signature]</i>	SSDPS
JUSTIN TURNER	<i>[Signature]</i>	DE COOK
DAVID ALBERS	<i>[Signature]</i>	BCSO / BSOFD
TIM JESSWEIN	<i>[Signature]</i>	Buch Top / Miles Top
BLU KRISSEL	<i>[Signature]</i>	Bertrand FD
FRANK DELATOURE	<i>[Signature]</i>	MILES
TED CHASE	<i>[Signature]</i>	GALIEN



BERRIEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION **ELECTION MEETING**

Call to Order: 0900-0930

Date: January 18, 2023

Chief Mattix read the ballots:

President:
Brian Kazmierzak

Vice-President:
Jamile Flick
Brandon Chairello

Secretary/Treasurer:
Frank DeLaTorre

Discussion on one of the candidates not having the authorized representation letter.

Sec/Treas: DeLaTorre reminded everyone that the representation letters expire on December 31, of every year.

Chief Allen Weich advised that was correct.

Sec/Treas: DeLaTorre currently only has one authorized representation letter.

Discussion on one of the candidates was not present at the nominations meeting.

Bylaws stated... "must be present to be considered for nomination."

Chief Mattix asked body what they wanted to do.

Decision to nominate a write in candidate.

Motion by Chief J. Flick nominating Chief Myers for president. Seconded by Chief Jesswein. Chief Myers accepted.

No opposition from the body to leave the two candidates in question on the ballot as well.

Chief Mattix advised all to write in choice of three for 911 committee.

The following were interested in the 911 committee:

Frank DeLaTorre
Doug Myers
Brandon Chairello
Jeremy Connell
Allen Weich

Election results:

President:

Doug Myers

Vice-President:

Jamie Flick

Secretary/Treasurer:

Frank DeLaTorre

911 committee:

Doug Myers

Frank DeLaTorre

Allen Weich

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn election meeting, and seconded. None opposed.

Election Meeting adjourned 0930