



BERRIEN COUNTY
FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Call to Order: 0832-

Date: April 19, 2023

Old minutes: Old minutes emailed out. Motion to accept old minutes By Sodus FD. Seconded Benton Township. Motion passed. None opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance: 6473.94. Deposit: \$300.00. Check for 215.61 for half of the food for FF that covered in Van Buren for the funeral. Motion to accept treasurers report by Chickaming. Seconded by New Buffalo City. Motion passed. None opposed.

Bills: Receipts for the Dispatcher appreciation food.

Communications: None

New Chief/Visitor: Medic-1/Dispatch

Committee Report:

Red Cross: None

Great Lakes Drone: See attached.

DNR: None

EMS:

Medic-1: Introduced new Operations Managers: Lisa Fleming. No staffing issues. Full staff. Changes coming in the future. Education team willing to come to departments, show ambulance, etc... Chief Myers stated hearing good things about Medic-1.

S.M.C.A.S.:

Med Flight: Assisted in mock crashes. Send pictures of apparatus to Mark with permission to use them. LZ classes available.

Med Control: None

Funeral: Berrien Springs.

Dispatch/911: Jennifer Introduced Sydney Bleich, new PSAP technology Specialist. Point of contact for rip and runs, active911, etc.... Building out response plans in CAD. 269-983-7111 ex 7319.

sbleich@berriencounty.org. Continued staffing issues. Appreciated the food for telecommunicators appreciation week. Still working on tower locations. Surveys have started. Results not due until around September.

BCFA: Bridgman May 03, 2023. Last one at Bertrand with Great Lakes Rescue went well. Car show still need sponsors. Expecting 500-700 cars. Would like one firetruck from each department.

Training: Adult and HS class testing: Written April 27. Practical April 29. Need help with proctors. Must be FF1 and 2 for proctors. Still need help for practice on April 22. EVOC May 13, 2023 at Berrien Springs.

HazMat: Fit tester available. If anyone wants it take it or it goes into dumpster. At least \$700.00 for annual maintenance.

Emergency Management: All municipalities have signed onto the mitigation plan.

LEPC: Next meeting in June.

Sheriff: None

MITRT5: None

MABAS: With the MSU active violence MIMABAS discovered most divisions have not built ambulance strike teams. Had to go several divisions to find ambulance strike teams. Will be working on creating out of division ambulance strike teams. Most divisions have limited EMS, much like us with only 1 or 2 EMS agencies.

MIMABAS has created private agreement for private EMS agencies. MMR has signed on up north. Frank has asked for a meeting with S.M.C.A.S and Medic-1 following this meeting.



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MIMABAS has received copy of IL-MABAS Active Threat plan, for us to review and use as a template to create for MIMABAS. Will share once that is completed. Chief Myers stated Berrien Springs Fire and PD and EM have created active assailant plan and if would like a copy let Chief Myers know and he will share once completed. Frank also stated Police Departments in MI have inquired about joining MIMABAS. Troy PD has expressed interest in joining MIMABAS so MIMABAS is looking into that as well.

Other Comments:

Old Business: HART update. Chief Myers stated he contacted Troy from HART a call and discussed status of HART. They are dead in the water, need a vehicle and does not have the time to keep up the 501C3. He would be interested in continuing the service, but he needs a vehicle, and under someone's 501C3 umbrella. So what do we as the Fire Chiefs association want to do? The firefighters association is a 501C3 but there are some concerns with money movement. Insurance issues as well. If anyone has any ideas please contact Chief Myers. Can an agency take on HART? That is a possibility, but again questions arise.

Telecommunicators week went well and dispatchers appreciated it.

Cook drill: EOC drill on Tuesday. Public reception center drill Wednesday. Berrien Springs coming up in June.

New Business: Discussion on Chief Chase association purpose. Thank you to Chief Chase and please get in touch with Chief Chase if you have any thoughts. Chief Weich appreciated Chief Chase taking this on and anything that can help coordinate efforts for department is appreciated.

Communications:

Discussion from ASST. Chief Remmo about the NVFC documentary video about volunteer fire departments across the USA. Tonight, is discussion panel. If anyone here watched the documentary he would like to have a discussion before the discussion panel tonight. Chief Mattix stated there are also recruitment tools as well.

Chief Jesswein has Niles Twp challenge coins available \$20.00.

Buchanan TWP fish fry May 06, 2023 from 1500-2000

Bertrand pancake breakfast May 06, 2023 from 0800-1100

Sodus pancake breakfast this weekend.

Rail car class May 20, 2023 from 0800-1700. Room for 15 more. Need registration by May 06.

Traffic safety management at SJCDPS May 30-31.

BHDPS fire academy coming up as well.

All posted on the web as well.

NFIRS Reminder.

Discussion on cache radios. Who is taking ownership of radios. The BC Fire Chiefs association has an MPSCS account. If use BCFCFA MPSCS account radios will show ownership belonging to BCFCFA. If ownership under BCFCFA will/could that affect grant since BCFCFA does not submit NFIRS reports. If ownership to BSOTFD, written agreement that BCFCFA covers maintenance/replacement etc... on cache radios. Chief Myers to discuss with retired Chief Stover for best solution. Cache radios to be held at BSOTF.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 0830.

Adjourn: Motion by BCTFD to adjourn. Seconded by NCTFD. None opposed. Meeting adjourn:0910

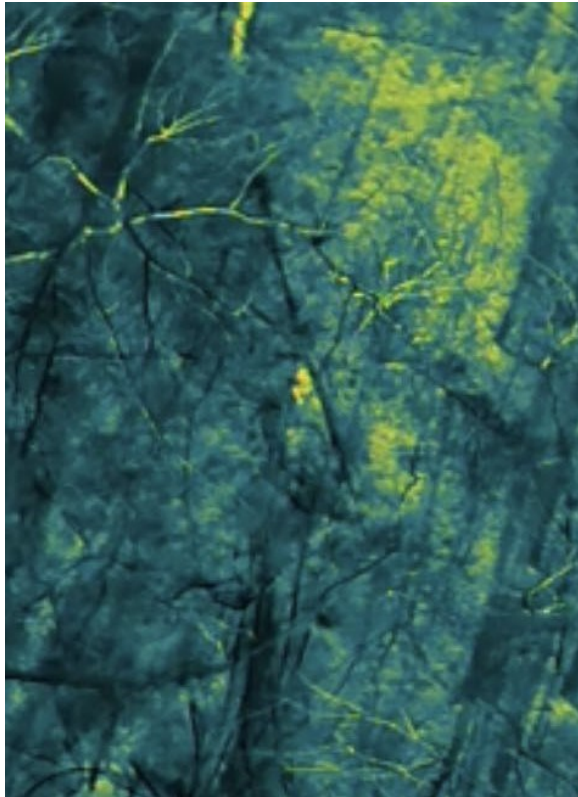


Great Lakes Rescue

April 2023 Report

Response Review

UPDATES



On April 6th, GLR was dispatched to assist Coloma Twp Police on an endangered missing minor. This minor was known to be injured and was on foot in a 20 acre wooded area lot. GLR had two drones airborne and located the minor within 20 minutes of arrival deep in the woods. GLR was able to direct PD and EMS personnel to the subject for care.

1. Total calls in Berrien County 2023: 19
2. Total Calls in 2023 to Date: 88
3. March 13th, 2023—Coloma City signed a 5 year agreement for MFR services.
4. April 12th, 2023—Coloma Twp signed a 5 year agreement for MFR services
5. GLR provided a demo at the April Firefighter Association meeting in Bertrand.
6. If your agency has any training events or PR events you want us to participate in, please let us know to get on our 2023 calendar.
7. Reminder we have 3 State licensed Medical First Response units, one is always staffed 24/7 within the county.
8. Unit 4585 (the command center) is out of service due to mechanical parts availability and will not return to service.
9. Our director presented at the National Public Safety UAS Conference in Virginia last month, specifically on Fire/Rescue integration of UAS along side Norfolk FD and NYFD.
10. Remember early activation is key, we can always be disregarded enroute.
11. Now respond in Berrien, Van Buren, Allegan, Barry, Kalamazoo, Calhoun & St. Joseph Counties for UAS.

Employment Opportunities Available

Lifeguard/Water Rescue—Full Time and Part Time Seasonal Positions—Starting Pay \$15/Hr—Paid Training

Medical First Response—On-Call Positions - Coloma Area

UAS Response Team—On-Call—Berrien, Van Buren, Allegan, Barry, Kalamazoo, Calhoun & St. Joseph Counties