



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 2-15-17

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0840 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported a total balance of \$2,551. (While typing the minutes it was noted that I reported the wrong balance from the statement. The 1-31-17 balance was actually \$2541.50.)

MINUTES – Minutes from the January meeting were approved. Added discussion relating to the Landing Zone Channels. Reinforce with all staff where specifically each agency has the LZ 1&2 channels on their template. Some have it in their C zone while others have it only in the E. VCALL 10 AKA Mayday Channel secondary.

Print	Signature	Dept.
Mike Davidson	[Signature]	CTFD
Bob Fyfe	[Signature]	CTFD
Chief Davidson	[Signature]	B.P.D.
William Bora	[Signature]	Noble 1
John Lamb	[Signature]	NFD
J. Davis Agens	[Signature]	B.C. 911
Carlin Sampell	[Signature]	BC 911
Ken Newby	[Signature]	MCD/High
Bruce & Steve	[Signature]	BSU F.D.
John Jones	[Signature]	WFD
Frank DeLoraine	[Signature]	S.M.C.A.S.
Steven Schradner	[Signature]	MI DNR FIRE
Gerry Karshman	[Signature]	S.3 C.T.F.D. 1
Tom Chase	[Signature]	G.T.F.D.
Gary Estreich	[Signature]	N.T.F.D.
Dennis Sinter	[Signature]	BC 911
Paul Baily	[Signature]	BCSD

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –None

PRESENTATION - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – .

DNR – Stephen Schrader was in to give us a report on DNR Fire Division. He doesn't get down to us often as we don't have large tracks of State land. With that said they remain willing to help with tools and equipment when needed. He stated to call right away if needed. He has 2 in Allegan a task force consisting of a dozer and water unit, possibly a brush unit. He reported that the division helped to safe 500 plus structures in 300 plus fires las year. They also performed countless planned burns to benefit the ecology. Training was conducted for over 1000 firefighters. Grants and surplus equipment programs are available. Check deadlines for 50/50 grants. He wanted to specifically thank the departments that assisted on the recent Warren Dunes Fire. Slower season last year. Discussed preburns in Berrien. Some 6000 acers have been requested to be burned but all won't be selected.

He also wanted to remind us that Smoke Bear is still available. There was a brief discussion on Red Card. He didn't think that it was used in Michigan. Fire Wise was also discussed. He suggested that we contact the Fire Wise folks directly for materials. He did say that he didn't think the program was as prevalent but the information remains important.

Gerry reminded the group that the DNR will be at the March 1 BCFF meeting at Lake Twp.

Funeral Protocol – Berrien Springs

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – Rockey at a meeting. Severe Weather Spotter Training coming up Tuesday march 14th. Wide area search coming up on June 20-21 at BCYF grounds.

Drug lab awareness Feb 18 class spots still available.

Chief Brovold forwarded a question from Chief Jesswein about 800 radio grants. Chief Jones said that the Van Buren grant doesn't include fire units. It is recommended to call Sgt. Ron Bush relating to any 800 grant.

Denny reported that Sodus is buying radios but not sure if it's through a grant.

EMS-

Medic 1 Communication direct from agency to agency is working well

SMCAS – Active 911 not coming in from Niles Dispatch regularly. Also will be bring this up at 911.

Medflight- Ken reported on a recent LZ class.

SHERIFF- The Sheriff let the group know that Rockey was meeting with planners from the 5th District in order to plan for the upcoming Cook Exercise. Ron will be performing 300-400 classes for MSP in Lansing. Dave is busy working with school planning.

No PGA this year. \$15 K added to the budget for the event, no reimbursement, hopefully John Proos will come up with funding. LE, FIRE, EMS all take a budget hit.

Vehicle B&E's are still occurring. Remind everyone to lock their vehicles and garages. Staff continue to work leads as they come in.

The Jail renovation is delayed. Bids are coming back slowly. Enlarging the receiving area and sally port.

The Sheriff discussed our involvement with Crime Stoppers and the recent issues in other states. Remember call 911 first then call crime stoppers if you expect an award. Don't expect an award based on a 911 call alone.

RED CROSS-None.

HAZ-MAT- 3 new Bomb Team members. Several members have just returned from Hazmat training.

BCFA-March 1st, DNR at Lake Twp. Chicken. President Kabelman brought up County Flags. Costs would range based on numbers purchased. Single sided 1- \$60 each while if we purchase 30 they are \$40 each. Double sided flags are \$75 each. He will try to get a sample. Looking for the Chief's to pick up a portion of the tab.

Gerry reported that the Galien Meeting was the best attendance in a long time.

BCYF — Gerry discussed the planning for this year's fair fire prevention program. He would like to have the smoke trailer if possible. Additionally he is looking for an antique truck for display.

TRAINING –

Mi-TRT-5- The trailer is standing by and available to respond at no cost to the local department. Members have special knowledge, have trained together and bring the required equipment to handle Trench Rescues, Collapse Buildings, Rope Rescue and Confined Spaces. It doesn't hurt to have them in route. New low level air bags and additional Paratech shores just placed on the trailer. Plans to include rescue awareness in future FF1&2 program are in the works. The Galien presentation was well received.

MABAS- New agreements needed. Out of Division Cards need to be finalized, VOTED ON, AND FORWARDED TO THE DISPATCH CENTER. Chief Davidson discussed our need to unify under the program. He asks each agency to give the program a second look. It could easily be one of us that needs the help. Chief Tutko offered to contact one of his former dispatch contacts from the other side of the pond to consult with our dispatch center relating to inclusion of our MABAS cards in the New World CAD.

OLD BUSINESS - NFIRS reporting still missing a few agencies. Please call Rhonda Howard at LARA to repair or correct issues. There are several departments that are keeping Berrien County from reaching compliance. You know who you are. Rhonda's number is 517-241-2807 (howardr@mighigan.gov). She has been informed relating to Morris and Hagar being listed in the reporting category. This could affect future funding and grants.

NEW BUSINESS – Resource directory update is underway. Please take the time to review your department's information and get any updates to Gerry.

Chief Rich Knuth will be hanging up his white hat on April 1st of this year though his actual retirement date will be July 1st. Mike thanked Rich for all his service and support over his long career. We will need to draft a new representative for 911 committees.

Next Meeting. March 15th at 1830 hrs.

Adjournment: 1015

RS Larry Lamb