

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



Meeting 4-19-17

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0835 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported a balance of \$2535.50.

MINUTES –Minutes from 3-15, 2017 were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –Dispatch Lunch Appreciation. Motion to pay \$60.35 to reimburse Bruce Stover. A motion and second to continue to provide the luncheons twice a year, not to exceed \$150 at Christmas and \$100 at Telecommunication Week was made. All in favor. Motion Passed.

PRESENTATION - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – Director Agens reported that Grand Beach is moving forward. Plans with Verizon are approved. Need to get the budget approved and submit colocation plan to Village to get started. Chief Davidson asked that the system be operation prior to the busy season starting.

Smart911 to register info of those using cell phones so that Dispatch can quickly identify your home address. The system works nationally and is quite expensive. We are able to put it in place on an 18 month grant. If we like it the cost will be roughly \$36 k to keep it in place. Davidson asked if the system could be searched for specifics like home O2 users. Dave didn't think the system would work in that way. He thought it would be useful for 911 hang-ups. "Another tool in the tool chest."

FirstNet went over a hurdle. ATT finally has been awarded the contract to build out the system. Governor Snyder has until the end of the year to opt in or opt out on the States involvement in the build. It is coming either way.

DNR –. None

Funeral Protocol – Bruce could use more protestant Bibles.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC –Public Reception Drill @ North Berrien. Biological Train the trainer well attended. Statewide Tornado Drill at 1300.

Cook Drill - EM Adams reported that the EOC Drill went well. Discussed fire department dispersal plans. Discussion on High Incident Protocol being activated at the alert. Site area possible moving apparatus. Chiefs reminded to make sure firefighters

have emergency plans in place for their families support so that they can serve the community. Discussions to increase PD involvement with the drills. Discussion on the importance of IC on incidents of this magnitude. Sheriff will try to meet with Police Chiefs about their role and the needs. BCSD are the only outside department to be badged for a Nuclear Facility. It's an effort to maintain but greatly speeds up the response should we ever need it.

Public Reception Drill – Coloma High, 4-24-17 @ 1830

Drill #2 EOC May 1 @ 0800.

Public Reception-Coloma High, 5-8-17

Graded exercises on 5-22-17 thru 5-23-17

Blossomtime Parade on May 6th.

Weather Radio Programing @ Meyers On 5-6-17

Wide Area Search Training at the Fair on 5-20-17

Rockey's list was long and I tried to capture what I could.

LEPC

Ready Business workshop at Michigan Works continuity planning – June 28th. Rockey is asking for help getting the word out. This is a program for proactive businesses in your community that would like to learn how planning can benefit them in a disaster. Discussion relating to the roll of the LEPC and Firefighter Right to know were discussed at the last meeting. County EM has plugged info received through Tier 2 collection into CAMEO. Berrien Spring's decision not to extinguish a barn fire years ago was highlighted as a best practice toward ground water contamination prevention.

EMS-

Medic 1 – None

SMCAS – RED BUD coming up. MedFirst Responding was discussed. SMCAS putting together box cards.

Medflight – Working on COMS. Metro Alert App Recommended. Call Dispatch to order the chopper but the app will help locate the landing zone.

Dr. Beyer's mandated meetings were discussed. Call your local EMS provider for dates and times.

SHERIFF- Discussed his appreciation of Dispatch. He also discussed the Cook Drill that is underway. Some bugs in the first drill @ the State Level have been addressed. We have been drilling on this since 1975. The drills have grown since 911 in complexity. He appreciates all of the Fire Agencies participation and support of the program. Ready for construction on the new receiving area at the jail. The Sally port will receive updates as well. The project should take 18 months to complete with an 8 million dollar price tag. The Sheriff's Department will be starting patrols in Benton Harbor early this year. 2 extra cars from 7 pm – 3 am daily. Increased detective cooperation as well. The State Police will also provide additional support. Community policing strategies with the elderly members of the community will also be utilized. The boys and girls club are also involved. The Sheriff stressed that good things are happening in Benton Harbor. The Sheriff is ready for all the great festivals and the youth fair that take place over the summer.

RED CROSS-. None

HAZ-MAT-. New Certified Tech's reported.

BCFA-Michiana Shores on May 3rd. Burn Trailer in St Joe May 15-20th. Chikaming plans to use it next. Available for set up at your station for Training. \$2,900 to support RIT train the trainer program was funded.

Gerry reported that the resource director update was completed. Last calls going up for firefighter Walsh.

BCYF —.Bruce needs trucks for 3 nights with possibly extrication support on Thursday and Saturday night. Monday night Tractor Pull, Saturday Motocross inside the grandstand area. Contact Chief Stover with questions.

TRAINING —. Corey thanked the Chiefs for their support. Looking for help on May 13th. Please send available personnel from each department as it speeds up the process. 0700 at the Youth Memorial Gate. Need 6 more trucks. Head count needed for food.

May 11th 7 pm will be the written.

May 10th set up at the Fairgrounds 0800 at the horticulture building #9.

High School Class – 4-20-17 70 students will be going through all aspects of their jobs at Berrien Springs.

Mi-TRT-5- Doug Debest- Several new applications have been received. Rope Rescue Class being held.

MABAS- Chief Lamb asked to be replaced as the Executive Board Representative for 3501. Chief Tutko offered not to take on the role but to help out in any way necessary. His background in Illinois MABAS makes him uniquely qualified to lead the group.

A lengthy discussion on Out of Division Cards was held. Frank added the importance of keeping up with Mutual Aid Net. Completion of updated agreements a year over due. Some department using MABAS Cards without ever signing on to the agreement.

OLD BUSINESS -. None

NEW BUSINESS –

We are looking again at the Development of a Communication Grant for the next cycle of the AFG. To do this requires a large amount of work to put together. To have time Chief Davidson and Chief Stover are requesting that interested departments submit a Letter of Commitment by the end of May, with a detail list of information, including response numbers, equipment, etc., etc., etc., by the end of June. Without enough response the grant will not do a regional grant. The grant will allow replacement of Pagers, Portables, Mobiles, VHF& 800 equipment.

Doug reported that there is an opening at the Cook Plant for Fire Brigade Member. He is also hosting a resume' training tonight.

The Sheriff announced he is welcoming a new Grand Baby on May 4th. He also added that May 4th is the National Day of Prayer with several locations around the area hosting events at noon.

Covert Fire has invited all of our departments to the Open House at their New Station on M140 on Saturday April 29th.

May 18th there will be a memorial at the Law Enforcement Memorial on the Bluff. Several will also be traveling to Washington to honor Joe and Ron at the National Fallen Police Officers Memorial. Finally the Detroit Tigers will also be hosting Officers at a Tiger Game on July 11th.

Next Meeting. 1040 hrs.

Adjournment:

RS Larry Lamb