

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



Meeting 9-20-17

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1833

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported a balance of \$2443.55, approved with all in favor. Mike and Larry went to the bank and signed up for on line banking. \$400 check outstanding to Gerry Kableman for Fair Funding.

MINUTES –Minutes from 8-23-17 were approved with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –None

PRESENTATION –

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 –. Director Agens reported that Deputy Bush is working on shared talkgroups with St Joe County. Budget being submitted for next year that will plan for a possible communications grant. Maintenance on 800 done last week. Totally down . Back up radios worked. TelRad put chips in sites to prevent VHF from keying up. Back up system works.

DNR –. None

Funeral Protocol – Berrien

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC –. Deputy Albers discussed Lock Down Drill Schedule. Cert training at Berrien Springs is full possibly a second class may be needed. Lakeland Drills upcoming. 9-26, 10-31, and Nov -6., Mass Fatalities Class at the BC Conference Center 8-5 on my train. LEPC - Dave Agens did a presentation on Smart911. Facilities program can provide facility information to dispatch. HM, Floor plans, etc can all be entered. Dave also discussed requirements multi-line Rave Facilities.com. anything over 7,000 ft2.

EMS-

Nothing for the group. Dr. Beyers was in attendance. Discussions relating to CO monitoring with IGEL.

SHERIFF- Under the weather. He would like to send out praise to Lake and Lincoln Twp on a recent accident on 94. Comms, Helicopter, traffic reroutes were very professional.

RED CROSS- Busy

HAZ-MAT-September 9th HM trained Lakeland Med Students. What they should expect. Cameo, Aloha, Marplot Training October 3-5 8-5 pm. Berrien Springs. Louisiana State presenting.

BCFA- Niles Township on October 4th. Low attendance at Niles City. AED presentation. Resource Directory updated. Scheduling for next year's hosts posted.

BCYF-

TRAINING – Baroda will be hosting an ISO training on October 25th @ 7 pm. RSVP with Doug at debestfire@hotmail.com.

Mi-TRT-5- Nothing to report

MABAS- Frank reported that Michigan Task Force 1 deployed to Florida then released. Out of Division Box Cards still not finalized. They are now looking for Tanker/tender card from divisions. Frank and Larry discussed the recent call in the Detroit area when the statewide MABAS conference call was utilized. It is cool to listen in across the State with other division leaders. Frank discussed updated plans relating to Division to Division requests. Don't have to go through Red Center. Standardized Box Cards are required for out of division responses. Local cards are optional. MABAS has hired a New Executive Director. The State had a long discussion on Mission Ready Packages, and Self Sustaining for 90 hours. Chief Davidson proposed we have a Division 3501 meeting. A date will be set and the meeting will be held in the evening to promote the most turnout. Chief Tutko confirmed that he would host the meeting at Lincoln. More to follow.

OLD BUSINESS - Pager Grant- Notes from communication meeting were read. Chief Jones discussed Lakeland walkthrough and 800 testing. New bi-directional antenna discussed. He estimated at least 90% coverage and the radio either worked or it didn't. mostly elevator shafts and basements had issues. Fairly good coverage. Lakeland intends to improve 800 service in their buildings including elevator leaky wire enhancements. Chief Jones reported that Watervliet High School has installed a BDA already. Building Codes may also drive changes. Captain DeLaTorre asked for contact information on those other areas who are currently using 800 pagers.

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Tutko discussed Target Solutions. He is looking at bringing it into his department. Other Departments can share it as a resource. Fire Tool Replacement. They want to provide a presentation that other departments can attend. He will put a notice out. Medical CE also available.

Mike Davidson had a discussion with the State Fire Marshal. He will meet with larger group of authority. He discussed CE program for fire suppression. SB 264 and 265 being debated. It would require 18 hours of Continuing Education a year. Fire Chief must record and make available to OSHA. Free Fire training available through the State. Monies being increase by legislature. Discussion on class changes and the classes that are allowed to be funded. Changes to FF1&2 testing with a move to Computer based. Could require testing centers be used. Training to earlier editions was discussed. State is trying to correct issues. Chief Davidson would like to line up a meeting with the State Fire Marshal.

Discussed dues. Chief Lamb has yet to send out invoices for the year. The discussion was tabled pending looking into the Bylaws.

North Berrien Quarter Auction on October 12th. Frank explained the concept.

Niles AppleFest with Fire Prevention at the Safety Tent all weekend.

Chief Dave Flick discussed the Three Oaks apartment fire and thanked everyone for all their help. 16 unit building with 13 occupied. Red Cross was a big help.

Next Meeting. 10-18-17 @ 0830

RS Larry Lamb