

# BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



## Meeting 10-18-17

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0835 hours

### ATTENDANCE:

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Dues will go out in January. Chief Lamb reported a balance of \$2043.55, approved with all in favor.

**MINUTES** – Minutes from 9-20-17 were approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS** – None

**PRESENTATION** – See RIT in Training

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**911** – Caitlyn had her baby happy and healthy and his name is Graham.

**DNR** – None

**Funeral Protocol** – Berrien

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC** – Mass Fatalities Class has seats still remaining. NRC Drill Report was discussed at the LEPC. Also discussion on the upcoming Lakeland Hazmat Drill was discussed.

### EMS-

Medic1- None

SMCAS- Frank October 28-29 CE Blitz at Niles Fire Station, Peds CE to be offered. \$20 bucks for non-responders.

MEDFlight- none

MedControl- New EMS Mutual Aid Team Discussed.

**SHERIFF-** None.

**RED CROSS-** None

**HAZ-MAT-**New team members

**BCFA-**North Berrien Meeting coming up. Had no quorum at Niles Township Fire. Discussions to the reasons for the lack of participation. Food preparation and arranging of programs is difficult without participation. The groups provides a ton of resources back to the firefighters of our County and would be sorely missed if disbanded. Chiefs please put a word out to the troops to encourage participation.

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association  
Attendance Sheet  
October 18th, 2017

Print	Signature	Dept.
BRUCE STOVER	<i>[Signature]</i>	B50FD
Mike Davidson	<i>[Signature]</i>	CTFD
DAVE AGENS	<i>[Signature]</i>	BC 911
Frank Delatorre	<i>[Signature]</i>	S.M.C.A.S.
DAVE JONES	<i>[Signature]</i>	WFD
FRANK LAMB	<i>[Signature]</i>	NTFD
GARY BRADY	<i>[Signature]</i>	NTFD
Don deBart	<i>[Signature]</i>	Cook
Bob Tolchou	<i>[Signature]</i>	LEPC
AL DIBRITO	<i>[Signature]</i>	LAKELAND
Dennis White	<i>[Signature]</i>	BC 911
William Bond	<i>[Signature]</i>	none
Paul Allen	<i>[Signature]</i>	B50
GARY MARSHALL	<i>[Signature]</i>	SJCTED
Geddy Kaelman	<i>[Signature]</i>	SJCTED
Daniel Marshall	<i>[Signature]</i>	NOTED / TAFD
Matt Wade	<i>[Signature]</i>	B50FD
Corey BIRKS	<i>[Signature]</i>	B50FD / BCFFC
Bob TURCO	<i>[Signature]</i>	CTFD

**BCYF-None.**

**TRAINING** –. Corey reported that he had 14 recruits in the adult class this year and 16 in the high school program. A meet your high school students was held with several department representatives participating. Corey wanted to be clear that even with the smaller class size the same things need to be done. He will be looking for assistance from departments. Cass County only has 10 participants. Berrien and Cass are attempting to coordinate classes to allow more flexibility to students. Cass are doing their classes on Tues-Thurs while Berrien is doing their classes on Saturday. Our students who can't make the Saturday could attend the same class in Cass.

Corey let the group know that the Committee has received additional funding. They will be providing several new courses with the funding including Ice Rescue, Inspector #1, Chief Lasky's Pride and Ownership, Forcible Entry, Ag rescue in cooperation with Cass County.

HB 264&265 are on the Governor's Desk for Signature.

Rapid Intervention Team Training was discussed. Dan and Matt gave a great report on the education that they received in Indianapolis. They hope to get the training out to the entire County. They would also hope to develop a county standard on RIT deployment. They have begun to put together an SOG that will be modified as needed as they move forward. They hope to have the program up and running in the spring. The initial class would have a max of 16 students. The course would be 3-4 days and could be done on weekends or nights. FF1&2 class was also discussed.

Corey added November 4<sup>th</sup> to the schedule for an open Burn Trailer Training before it is put into storage for the winter.

Doug DeBest added that Baroda will be offering an ISO class as well as IS300 over Thursday evenings in January and February in Baroda. He is also in late planning to offer an Active Shooter Awareness training on December 14 at 7pm at Baroda. 2 EMS CE's awarded to participants. There will also be a Basic Farm Strategies Class in Marche with 3 CE's. Flyers should be on the Website.

**Mi-TRT-5-**. Quarterly training in 3 weeks. Several new members have been brought onto the team. Remember use it or lose it. If you don't use the team when we experience these specialized rescues the members will eventually lose the drive to participate. This is a great resource that cost departments nothing to mobilize.

**MABAS-**.Out of Division Cards.

**OLD BUSINESS** -. None

**COMMUNICATION GRANT-** Bruce has been reviewing the grant information. He has been working with Ronda Howard to get information from County Departments. He will be putting out information requests in the next few weeks to each Chief. He will need response information, seating positions of each truck, numbers of firefighters and Automatic Aid responses. He expects to be able to receive mobiles for each vehicle, and portables for each seating position, and pagers for each member. An MOU will need to be signed as well. All participants will need to be in good standing with MFIRS and FEMA grants. Match of 10% on the grant will be funded by the County.

**NEW BUSINESS** –.A department called dispatch looking for a Bag Truck. There are apparently 2 insulation vacuum units in the county and that was what the request for. Try to use common language. If you need the insulation Vac Unit. That's what we will call it. The Insulation Vacuum or Vac Unit would be more appropriate than "Bag Truck."

November Meeting Elections will be held.

Motion of Adjournment 1022hrs.

Next Meeting. 11-8-17 @ 1830

RS Larry Lamb