

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



Meeting 11-8-17

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1837 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported no changes and a balance of \$2043.55, approved with all in favor.

MINUTES – Minutes were unavailable from November.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

PRESENTATION – Sandra Dyja from State Coordinated First Responder Task Force provided a detailed pitch for first responder life insurance. Apparently this company will provide a \$5,000 policy at no cost to all first responders no questions asked. There are some age requirements. She pointed out that many policies not designed for first responders and military exclude many of the things first responder due like running into burning buildings or responding code 3. She will come out to fire departments and present upon request. Her number is 248-904-5656.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF- Sheriff Bailey discussed the remodel going on at the Jail. Additional holding cells and interview rooms going in. He also reported that the detectives have been busy with several investigation across the County. Sheriff reported that it is the first time his bed count at the Jail in under 300 in some time. Not really able to identify an issue for the drop. Secondary road patrol funding has been reduced due to reduced tickets written state wide. He discussed being able to return 2 more officers to the road from the drug unit as they will now be participating with SWET. Complaints from north and South County have equalized prompting this change. Berrien County has 5 deputies still assigned to SWET.

The Sheriff praised Corey's leadership with the Haz-Mat Program and he reported that several members of the Bomb Squad have attended training in Quantico, Virginia. These federal programs are held in various places in the country and are free to participants.

Finally, the Sheriff discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend PGA preparation. Additionally Red Bud is being considered to host the International MotoCross Event in Buchanan. He has a meeting tomorrow and will learn more details.

The group congratulated the Sheriff for being named the President of the Michigan Sheriff's Association. It is an honor to have our Sheriff leading the way for our State.

The Sheriff also discussed the injury of one of his Calvary Members. Apparently, his horse fell injuring his ankle. He is doing well but has had surgery to correct the injury. The Horse is doing fine.

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Attendance Sheet
November 8th, 2017

Print	Signature	Dept.
Mike Davidson	Mike Davidson	CTFD
Paul Adcock	Paul Adcock	S.M.C.B.S.
Boyd Steven	Boyd Steven	B.S.O.F.T.
Henry Jarka	Henry Jarka	W.F.U.
Dave Alessi	Dave Alessi	B.C.F.U.
Bob Colabar	Bob Colabar	E.F.D.
Chris Lamb	Chris Lamb	N.F.I.
Bill Knisely	Bill Knisely	Westland
Gary Maxwell	Gary Maxwell	S.S.T.F.C.
Dave Allen	Dave Allen	DC Huntley
Chris Homan	Chris Homan	D.P.C.F.D.
Harold Hevi	Harold Hevi	Kaler Twp
Jonathan M. Boyer	Jonathan M. Boyer	Berrien Co. M.C.A.
Ray Kaebel	Ray Kaebel	R.T.F.D.
Bob Turko	Bob Turko	W.F.U.
Don deBat	Don deBat	Cook
Tom Bailey	Tom Bailey	B.C.S.O.
Larry Hurd	Larry Hurd	N.F.I.

911 – Director Agens discussed Active 911 being down due to a power failure. REMEMBER REMIND YOUR FIREFIGHTERS THAT PAGERS ARE THE ONLY SURE NOTIFICATION TOOL. Some expressed a desire to have Dispatch put an all call back out to let responder know that Active911 is back up and running.

VHF upgrades were brought up. (Watervliet and Grand Beach). Dave has not pursued the roughly \$40,000 solution as he would like to better use this money on the 800 MHz upgrade. Denny reported doing some testing of the VHF system in Watervliet and Coloma in several homes and schools and reported good performance.

DNR –. None

Funeral Protocol – Berrien

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC –.Deputy Albers discussed the Mass Fatalities Class that was held in our County. Gave us a lot to think about in handling an issues like this.

He also reported on the Cert Class Graduation upcoming on November 18th and invited Chiefs to participate for graduates in their area.

Preparation for Palisades’ beginning and MSP will be hosting a Church Security Event in December.

He closed by announcing the FirstNet meeting on the 29th in Kalamazoo.

EMS-

Medic1- None

SMCAS- Frank discussed SMCAS Box Card...

MEDFlight- none

MedControl- Dr. Beyer introduced himself to Chief Keobel. There are 3-4 Doctors including Dr. Beyer that are on Active911 now and may respond to emergency medical incidents when in the vicinity. They do this from off duty. Though he could be used in a command role on larger incidents it is his preference to be in a hands on patient roll. Most likely leading a treatment group or division. Though many are qualified to serve in a command roll few have the skills to provide this level of patient care as these physicians do. The group made a motion, second and unanimous approval to purchase up to 5 blue response vests for each for easy identification and appropriate scene safety. Dr. Beyer will do some research and forward his selection to Chief Lamb for purchase.

He also offered that a draft is out there to organize a “Rescue Task Force Concept” in the county.

RED CROSS-. None

HAZ-MAT-New team members

BCFA-Chief Koebel announced that December meeting will be at Royalton and will be catered as a Corporate Sponsor will be stepping up for the meal on December 6th. Don’t forget to bring some cash and a White Elephant as this is the biggest fundraiser of the year.

BCYF-None.

TRAINING –. Dave reported that class is going well so far with Fire 1&2.

Doug reminded the group that he will be offering an active shooter class on December 14th. They will also be holding an ICS 300 on Thursday Evenings in January. He also asked for Department Training Officers Contact information to help streamline the notification process.

Mi-TRT-5- Quarterly training was held working on Trench Rescue Skills. Several new members are participating. Make sure you request the team immediately to get them on the road. There is no charge and they can always be turned around.

MABAS-Frank reported on the State E-Board Meeting. Out of Division Cards requested including Engine Strike, Tanker Strike, and Brush Task Force are the goal. Credentialing was also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS -. None

COMMUNICATION GRANT- Dale Stover, who has been working with the AFG program for many years is back in town. He will be leading the Communication grant providing assistance to Bruce in grant writing services. Motion, second, all in favor. Dale also offered up his services to any other department interested in grant consulting services.

NEW BUSINESS -.The ISO rating in Saint Joe was recently improved to a 4. Chief Connell thanked dispatch as the Center scored very well. Coupled with Water supply and training pushed the rating very close to a 3.

Elections were held and a unanimous ballot for the current slate of officers was passed unanimously.

Next Meeting. 12-13-17 @ 0830

RS Larry Lamb