

BERRIEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2018

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1830 hrs.

Attendance: See attached list

Treasurers report: None Chief Lamb absent.

Old Minutes: Minutes from December meeting approved.

Communications/Bills: None

Committee Reports:

Sheriff: Busy with remodeling project. Busy with accidents thank you to all fire departments for being out at vehicle accidents. Sheriff department has had three vehicles in accidents and one totaled. Reminded all to be safe.

Red Cross: None

911: Dave Agens stated grant finances set up and approved by county commissioners.

Commissions vote tomorrow and should have resolution for grant after meeting.

More ion grant later in meeting.

Request by several for Dave to remind dispatchers to speak up and talk into mic as it is getting more difficult to hear dispatched on pagers and radios.

DNR: None

Funeral Protocol: At Berrien Springs

Emergency Manegment: None

Medical:

Medic-1: None

S.M.C.A.S.: None

Med Flight: New contact person at Med Flight Steve Shedd 574-261-5674

sshedd@beaconhealthsystems.org. Working on LZ points with fire departments to set up pre dertimentend LZ points. Remind all that for active violence LZ at least one mile from incident.

MedControl: 2018 protocols released with in 90 days. There has been new emsis update that has caused problems with reports and reporting. Discussion on vests Captain DeLaTorre emailed out as suggestion for med control. Chief Davidson stated he believes Four were ordered. Three DR that may respond to scenes. DR Beyer-Milligen-Finch.

Radio designations MD1-MD2-MD3 accordingly. All three responds on MPSCS radios 11P911 or 11F911.

LEPC: FBI victim's unit at last meeting. Gave presentation on Las Vegas shootings. They could be requested locally for large scale/active violence incidents.

BCFFA: Next meeting at ST Jo City February 07, 2018 at 1830hrs. Med Flight LZ presentation. Resource directory updates. Second page lists updates. Keep Fair in mind. Need more help this year. Trivia night sponsored by North Berrien March 03, 2018

Training: Town Hall meeting with state fire marshal at Baroda Fire Dept. January 24, 2018 1900 hrs. No registration just show up. Pipe line information meeting February 06, 2018 Hilton Center.

Weather training more info to come.

MABAS: Chief Lamb or Captain DeLaTorre did not make meeting last week. Captain DeLaTorre has some dates as requested to schedule meeting. January 23-25-30-31 for evening meeting. February 07-09-14 day or evening meeting. Will have Chief Lamb email dates out to MABAS department's. Please respond as to what date will work so we can get meeting scheduled.

New: None

Old:

Pager Grant: Chief Davidson and Captain DeLaTorre discussed direction of grant. Discussion on communications committee had been meeting to work on issues for pager/radio grant.

Advised everyone that grant is capped at two million with county providing the \$220,000.00 match. Thus making 2.2 million grant.

Discussion on how county needed to update paging system.

Discussion on having Unication/Motorola/Kenwood come in and give presentation and submit price quotes for pagers/radios/mobiles.

Communications committee decided to go with Unication pagers and Kenwood radios.

Advised all that all pagers would come with amplified chargers.

Advised everyone that grant will provide approx.

500 pagers total

15 portable radios per department

7 mobiles per department.

Base radio part of mobile lot.

Smaller departments will get less

Larger department more.

But average is :

7 mobile and 15 portable per department.

Chief Heyn stated issues with Kenwood radios.

Chief Davidson stated we are getting two of the newer Kenwood radios to test. Just waiting on MPSCS to program 11F911 in them.

Captain DeLaTorre advised all that portables will fire rated radio, with two batteries, charger, and fire rated speaker mic. Mobiles, dash mount and antenna installation. Base with power supply and antenna installation.

All advised antenna's all need to be replaced to work with 800 radios on vehicles and base stations.

Captain DeLaTorre also remind everyone that maintenance, battery replacement, additional radios, pagers will be at department expense.

Chief Davidson advised that if department wants different radio then what grant is purchasing that department may purchase from different vender but must purchase same number of radio they are issued under the grant at that vender's price.

Chief Davidson reminded all that departments may purchase additional pagers/radios at the discounted grant prices if they wish to do so.

Captain DeLaTorre reminded all that any upgrades/additions to grant radios will need to be covered by departments. Example mobile are dash mount and if department would like remote head mount, the department will need to cover additional cost for that.

Dale Stover stated Berrien Springs will be hosting the grant. Dale also stated he may know if grant is approved as early as April 2018.

Discussion on coverage along state line as well as being able to talk to Indiana.

Captain DeLaTorre advised new radios will be able to take Indiana system just waiting on two states to agree so we can get Indiana templates in radios.

Discussion on infrastructure improvements especially in south.

Where will money come from?

Dave Agens stated county has some money for improvements.

Discussions on how we need improvements to MPSCS system in south and north county. Also discussions on how we need to show MPSCS we need these improvements. As we get this grant we will be able to show MPSCS we need improvements/additional towers or mini sites to make these work.

Motorola has already stated they advised MPSCS additional towers needed in county.

Discussion on 800 radios in buildings.

Chief Jones reminded all that new International building codes provides for way to make BDA bi directional antenna required in new construction and remodeling. This is a way to increase 800 radio coverage in buildings.

Captain DeLaTorre reminded all that the committee was tasked with how to make this work for all department involved and that with the cap of two million the committee made the recommendations on radio vender they did to make sure all departments had the needed equipment to move forward onto the MPSCS 800 system.

Meeting adjourned at 2021hrs