

Berrien Fire Chief's Association

Meeting 02/21/2018

NOTE: Minutes taken by Chief Dave Flick. Minutes may be out of order for I am not use to taking the minutes let alone reading my own writing.

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 08:30 hours

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- No report, Chief Lamb was not present due to flood issues in his area.

MINUTES:

- Motion to table January minutes, **AIF (all in favor)**

COMMUNICATIONS/BILLS:

- Chief Dan Jones discussed SOG's/ box card for emergency medical strike force, task teams for large incidents, in case of a major disaster in our county such as tornadoes, shooting, haz-mat, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RED CROSS: None

SHERIFF: None

DNR: None

FUNERAL PROTOCOL: None

911: Director Agens discussed Smart 911 registration for public/homeowners. BeWarned for 2nd homeowners to register their smart phones and RAVE Facility for haz-mat storage in commercial buildings.

Also had a discussion on communicating on 800MHZ across the state line Dave was working on that.

An agreement has been reached with Med Flight and Air care on landing zone issues and possible metro alert app.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Very busy today, no report

Dr. Byers brought up cyanide poisoning antidote. The shelf life is only 18-24 months and is very expensive to carry on units.

BCFFA: Next meeting at Sister Lakes FD February 7th. Also Gerry brought up about needing more help (manpower) at the BCYF

TRAINING: Doug Debest, upcoming training at Baroda FD. Human trafficking Awareness Monday April 16th @ 19:00 – 20:30 hrs. Basic Strategies for Farm Emergencies Monday April 23rd @ 19:00 – 22:00 hrs. and Crisis Leadership & Decision Making Monday April 30th @ 18:00 – 22:00 hours. All information on the Berrien County Fire Training Page along with other training.

MI-TRT-5: Doug stated trailer is in Niles but not sure how much longer it would continue to stay there. Nobody has used this resource.

MABAS: Nothing

OLD BUSINESS: Dale Stover made mentions some figures on the grant. Prices came in higher than expected. Review panel to meet 2nd or 3rd week in April.

Also the Safer grant is coming up.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Gary Maynard is stepping down as Chief to Captain. Ryan Clair will be the new chief at St. Joseph Twp 1

Discussion on the new training regulations that just came down from the State Fire Marshal office. Chief Davidson was going to attend the Michigan Fire Service Stakeholders Meeting Feb. 26th in Lansing. Meeting is about continuing education and/or the recent changes in PA 291, continuing educations requirements.

Chief Mike Mattix from North Berrien, brought up why the state doesn't just enforce PA 207 instead of forming new PA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: North Berrien to have fund raiser March 3rd at FOP

Motion to adjourn at 10:17 AIF (all in favor)

Next meeting March 21st at 18:30 hours at Berrien E.O.C. (dispatch center) 2100 E Empire Ave Benton Twp.