

Berrien Fire Chief's Association

3-16-11

Meeting called to order by Chief Davidson at 0835 hours.

ATTENDANCE: Agens-BC911, Sexton-BC911, Brovold-NCTFD, Koebel-RTFD, Stover-BSOFD, Spiegel-NBFR, Maynard-SJTFFD#1, Heyn-LTFD, Burkett-LTFD, Gowen-BFD, Davidson-CTFD, DeLaTorre-SMCAS, Lamb-NFD, Moroney-NBTFD, Bailey-BCSD, Jesswein-BTFD, Beukelman-WFD, LaBaBard-BC911.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The treasury was remained at \$1982.17. Motion and Second with all in favor.

MINUTES – Minutes from the January meeting were approved as emailed. Motion, Second and all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – Dave reported on the Simulcast Program. Still having trouble with second frequency licensing. May have to push out a few more months. Having issues getting agreements through the State with use of tower sites. New Buffalo Site will move to AEP Tower site 3 miles away. The State backbone will be locked down for an upgrade. Chief Davidson asked if the deadline extensions will be an issue. Dave didn't think so as long as no additional issues develop.

Denny reported on a Delay in the Rip and Run system. It is caused by the system having to call disconnected numbers. Please notify Denny if you change or disconnect a line on the system.

DNR – Kim Defrain has retired and Mike Pine has been relocated up north. They have a new contact.

Funeral Protocol –Kit in Berrien Springs

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –

LEPC –. Shane Lyons 269-426-1885, Cook Plant Mgr 800-548-2555.

SHERIFF- The Sheriff is assisting Benton Harbor with a car. The Jail will be providing video visitation in the next few weeks. This should reduce required staffing requirements as well as opening up time available for visits. The program was funded by a \$300,000 grant. The Zoning Board of Appeal's will be meeting on the proposed gun range. The Sheriff is also getting ready for summer with extra patrols from Whirlpool to cover OT.

BCFFA - None

BCYF –. None

TRAINING –Down to 20 students – looking for proctors for the upcoming test.

MABAS- Larry discussed upcoming MABAS Meeting. Presentations to several area counties are promising. Stickers were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS - Little Squirt still looking for Board members. If interested talk to Chief Gowen. Need members willing to work. March 29th meeting at Benton Twp Fire, 781 S Crystal, 9am.

NEW BUSINESS-

Chief Davidson discussed Chikaming met with the Coast Guard from Michigan City and St Joe to work on Communication. They agreed to operate on VHF, Channel 21. This Channel should be programmed in our radios. (157.0500?) Dave discussed needs for departments associations with Lake rescue should get together prior to the Beach Season. Chief Davidson will organize a meeting hopefully by April. The Sheriff talked about the need to replace the Boston Whaler stationed in New Buffalo. He is actively looking for funding.

Chief Stover is putting together an on-call firefighter pay study. He will be contacting you to get figures.

Next Meeting: May 18, 0830 hrs, Lincoln Twp Fire

RS Larry Lamb