

Berrien Fire Chief's Association

Meeting called to order by Chief Davidson at 0835 hours on 7-18-12.

ATTENDANCE: Lamb –NFD, Rolland-BC911, Agens-BC911, Sexton-BC911, Stiles-ECFD, Maynard-SJT#1, Klug-BCEM, DeLaTorre-SMCAS, Gillespie-Telrad, deBest-Cook, Lanx-MI-DNR, Munson-SJT#2, Heyn-Lake Twp, Knuth-Bridgman, Burkett-Lincoln, Krajecki - Telrad, Jesswien-BTFD, Stover-BSOFD, Koebel-RTFD, Long-Sodus, Brovold-NTFD

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lamb reported no change with a total in checking of 1,173.34. Motion, Second with all in favor.

MINUTES – Minutes from the June-20 meeting were approved. Motion & Second with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 –Dave passed out final frequency list for the new VHF Upgrade. Issues relating to putting a PL on Michigan Mutual Aid were discussed. Departments will still have options to determine how to program. Gabe discussed the progress with the Simulcast system. The cabinet has been retuned and back on the air. Checking with SMR on Antenna at Bertrand Crossing Site. Tuesday August 21 will begin the testing of the new of the new system. Chiefs interested in participating with the testing should contact Dave. Harold discussed separate tone pair for water rescue in Bridgman, Lake, and Chikaming. Dave will look at fulfilling the request. It was also pointed out that we may see some distortion in communications from the recent sun flare events.

DNR –.Dan discussed burn permitting. For fuel info in our area check out: <http://mesowest.utah.edu/html/glffc/help/index.html>. Also Michigan.gov.burnpermits.

Funeral Protocol – @ Berrien.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Karen discussed 2009 communication grant has been divided up. If you were successful you would have already been notified. Tom Metford will speak at the next LEPC meeting about emergency preparedness. Denny added that MDOT would like Dispatch to email Lisa immediately when damage has occurred to the barrier so that she can put it on the list right away. Crews just need to remind dispatch to email her.

LEPC –. A presentation on “Less We Forget” celebration.

SHERIFF- None

HAZ-MAT- None

BCFFA –. Attendance low. Royalton is planning to host Shindler Elevators in September.

RED CROSS-. Reminded everyone about canteen services for fires and other events.

BCYF – Getting ready for the fair Meeting. Fair Fire Chief will be there for scheduling. Motion and Second with all in favor to donate \$250.00 to Bridgman Fire to help fund their Edith Trailer which will represent the county at the Fair.

TRAINING – Skip is handing out info for the upcoming FF 1&2 Class. The class begins September 25th and runs through April 20th. First 35 will get the spots. The check must come in with the application pin # is 6 digit from the State. The application will come back if not completed properly. Corey Burks is now serving as the County Training Committee President. Skip reported that the practical this year went well.

MABAS- Members need to complete their contact information with Chief Lamb. Frank DeLaTorre of SMCAS and North Berrien will serve as our Division Plans Coordinator and participate with the newly formed State Committee made up of PC from other divisions. . Dave Agens will participate with the State MABAS Communications Committee who will develop systems to improve communication and dispatching of the system. We have 10 divisions to date with several still in the pipeline

OLD BUSINESS -.The trailer committee discussed the need to have departments complete donor information. The committee doesn't want to disappoint someone at the upcoming trailer presentation on August 4th at Meijer. Josh Knuth will be towing the trailer. They are hoping for a truck from every county department. Fire ground 4 will be used for staging. Should run to 1400 hrs. Basic uniforms are fine Class A discouraged. Chief Stover will have the trailer at his station the night of the Fair Firefighters Association Meeting at the Fair. They received applications for Trainers from 28 people with only 20 spots available. SOG's for the trailer are also being developed.

NEW BUSINESS- Tom Stiles asked about fires caused by the new Fireworks Law. Many reported having some occurrences and isolated issues. It's important that these be documented so that the effects of the law can be properly gauged.

There will be a Pancake Breakfast for Glad Peach Festival on Friday and Saturday Evening from midnight to noon.

Adjourned 1015 hrs

Next Meeting August 22nd at 1630 hours at Lincoln Twp Fire.
RS Larry Lamb