

Berrien County Fire Chiefs Assoc. March 20th, 2013 Minutes

Attendance:

Print	Signature	Dept.
1. Mike Davidson	<i>Mike Davidson</i>	CTFD
2. DAVID ASEAS	<i>David Aseas</i>	911
3. Dave Kline	<i>Dave Kline</i>	BERGENA
4. David White	<i>David White</i>	A111
5. Frank Delatorre	<i>Frank Delatorre</i>	S.M.G.R. 3
6. Bruce Meyer	<i>Bruce Meyer</i>	ELCA
7. Larry Madsen	<i>Larry Madsen</i>	A111
8. Raymond B. Jones	<i>Raymond B. Jones</i>	ST. J. #1
9. Bruce A. Stuber	<i>Bruce A. Stuber</i>	ESOFD
10. Bob Ruff	<i>Bob Ruff</i>	B.F.A.
11. Bob Ruff	<i>Bob Ruff</i>	NBFR
12. Larry Lamb	<i>Larry Lamb</i>	NFD
13. Tom Stiles	<i>Tom Stiles</i>	ECFD
14. Ray Kappel	<i>Ray Kappel</i>	RTFD
15. Ray Butler	<i>Ray Butler</i>	Lambert
16. Paul Butler	<i>Paul Butler</i>	BSO
17. Susan Bandura	<i>Susan Bandura</i>	A.R.C.
18. Doug deBorst	<i>Doug deBorst</i>	Cook Plant
19.		

Minutes: Minutes from January were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: \$923.34, motion, support, with all in Favor.

Red Cross: Meetings are being scheduled with the Chiefs to Streamline contacts. Davidson discussed 2 calls Chikaming received assistance with great success. They can help to provide shelter, medications, clothing, eye glasses, basically those affected with the basic needs. Contact dispatch to request a DAT team.

911: There is a spreadsheet for pager setting that Director Agens will be getting to the Chiefs. He is having some difficulty getting information. New Buffalo simulcast site application was accepted and an agreement has been signed. Installation should be nearing. It takes some time when you're getting the site for little or no cost.

The MABAS protocols for Medical Helicopter requests have been working through medical control for approval. They are considering allowing EMS crew to order the bird. Dispatch will contact Chopper; establish frequency VTAC 23 or Michigan MA, and request fire assist with Landing Zone. Closest Chopper was also discussed. Chopper should go to hospital requested by patient or paramedic. It was also discussed of the need to have Box Cards or EMS Plans that would allow additional ambulances to quickly be called to the scene.

911 committee appointees were identified. The updated storm plan was also discussed. Plans are also in place to deal with lost or down towers. New instant messaging features that would allow pages to go out simultaneously to smart phones are being studied. Dave hopes to have the system up and running by June.

Sheriff Bailey: The Sheriff discussed County Building changes including the purchase of the former Schroder (Tyler) motor mall location. This should allow the county to close 6 buildings none of which are in South County. It will consolidate all of all Benton Harbor Services and leave 40 acres of undeveloped land. 3.9 million was also allocated to revamp road patrol offices in the former EOC. Finally Corey will be providing a RAD Class for Niles Township Fire.

DNR: None

Funeral Protocol – None

LEPC- the meeting will be at Michiana Works

Training: The committee needs help with the upcoming Firefighter 1&2 Testing. Corey is asking for departments to firefighters to assist. Fire simulator training applications due on May 6. Class size is limited to 20 and payment is required prior to training. They will fine tune but this will give us a format to start with. PO 214, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Or Fax 269-471-4452. Applications must be signed by the Chief.

MABAS: Larry discussed the most recent State MABAS board meeting. The new Director of the State EM division attended and pledged support. Lamb also shared the upcoming MABAS Readiness Exercise for 2013 that will be a Tabletop in June followed by a deployment to the POD in September. They hope to build on the successes of 2 years ago.

OLD: Chief Stover has handed out results from his questioner on salary.

Chief Stiles discussed his issues with false pager trips. Chief Keobel reported that Gabe at Telrad knows how to fix it. Call Telrad.

The Doug bell benefit was discussed. He won't be going back to work anytime soon. North Berrien could use help with the event. Sheriff pledged a few cars to help with traffic. He is in good spirits and glad to be alive.

Ron is asking AEP for financial assistance for V watch Monitors.

Motion to adjourn 10:07