

Berrien County Chiefs Assoc  
5-15-2013

Attendance: Styles, Brovold,, DeLaTorre, Ruff, Sexton, LaBumBard, Agens, Heyn, Stover, Knuth, Burkett, Bandsma, Burks, Koebel, Adams, Jones, deBest, lamb, Davidson.

Communication: none

Sheriff: none

Red Cross: Canteen Services always available. Spread the word

911: Agens reported that its a busy time for 911. Pager timing discussed. Proper timing can reduce false trips. Having some issues with the timing system of the simulcast system causing interference. The "muck clock" which controls the timing of the signals from tower to tower can go out. Call dispatch to report any distortion. Dave also reported that he is hopeful to lock down the New Buffalo Tower approval soon in light of AEP working on a storm plan for Ohio. All of the other sites are up and running and the weather siren in New Buffalo should be brought on line in the next few days.

Dave is also working on backup desk radios for dispatch in the case of a loss of 800 towers. There is a rack in the back room that would notify dispatch if the system went into site trunking. Testing should take place in the next few weeks. Paging using cell phones as a backup was also being studied. Dave is having issues with the CAD locking up causing issues with paging. Once operational a page would go out to each agency as a text.

The Chiefs voted to move Saturday testing to noon. Motion carried. Dave also discussed New World software improvements that could help improve fire dispatching. It would be similar to what is being used for EMD currently. Chief Stover discussed May Day tape and offered it to those who are interested. May Day is discussed at length. Chief Knuth invited dispatchers to attend May Day Class.

DNR: none

Funeral: none

Emergency Management: Sheriff Bailey announced the Police Memorial and invited everyone to attend the service. Discussion on Cook Drill so far going well. Our Preplanned is right on course. Communications from the ICP to the EOC ESF were also touched on. First time the drills have included an ICP.

LEPC: none

BCFFA: Bibles were discussed. Attendance still an issue.

Doug deBest announced that Baroda will be roasting a hog. BC Kas from Penn Twp. Will be discussing Close Calls .com.

Training: Captain Burks discussed FF1&2 Graduation on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.

Simulator is available with one department on the schedule. Instructors are ready to provide the

training when requested. Chief Keobel asked that all open invites be run through the training committee to help reduce duplication and scheduling conflicts.

MABAS: planing for upcoming deployment exercise underway. A June Tabletop and a September Deployment are scheduled. EMAC is no longer required to participate, however still recommended.

Career pathways is up to 10 students. Chief Stover can help with presentations to schools if needed. We don't want to loose the program.

New: Chief Keobel discussed AEPs unwillingness to help with V watch electrical monitors that keep first responders safe when responding to downed wires.

Pancake Breakfast at Lincoln Twp this Sunday.

Benton Harbor will be hosting a spaghetti super to benefit Doug Bell at the Coloma Moose Lodge on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May.

Dale Stover stopped by to discuss Safer Grant.

Chief Davidson lead the group in a moment of silence in honor of the lost Westland Firefighter.

Motion of Adjournment