



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 01-15-14

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 832 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported Checking Acct at 1,173.83. \$32 was donated for breakfast.

MINUTES – Minutes from the November 6th meeting were approved with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – VHF site in New Buffalo, found a paging coverage issue antenna replaced. Paging still poor. Installing paging transmitter near ATT tower to improve paging. Couldn't do a microwave so a T-1 Line was used. Testing back up sites working on routine. Local Medical Control has approved new Helicopter protocol. EMS should order through IC process. Consult with Med Control not manditory. We hope for State Approval by March.

Active Shooter incident were discussed. Need for EMS Response plans were discussed. Access to Cameras in Dispatch Centers displaying schools. Subcommittee from 911 will discuss. VCall 10 Mayday Channel for Landing Zone. Dispatch should be able to instruct IC of appropriate Channel. County split into zones lower area to MedFlight with the upper zone going to Air Care.

Chief Ruff – has been Bata testing the Active 911 ap. It allows paging to go out on smart devices and cell phones. A few bugs remain and are being worked through with parser. Very impressed so far. Denny will create department IDs for department wishing to take part. Spouse can have the app. though it is recommended that they be installed in the system slightly different. After a trial period the app. will cost \$10 per year per device. We will have an extra meeting on February 19th at 1830 to discuss the new product.

Questions were raised relating to an incident that occurred in Baroda. Dispatch times often vary from the rip and run as these numbers are manual and not automatically time stamped. Director Agens recommends that department call in when precise times are required,

New consoles should be on line in February.

DNR –Chief Davidson talked to Paul Rogers. He would like to attend our March Meeting.

Funeral Protocol – Chief Stover will be purchasing new Bibles and will let Chief Lamb know the cost upon ordering.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – nothing.

LEPC –.Nothing

SHERIFF-

RED CROSS- Susan Bandsma reported that the Red Cross had assisted 203 clients in 2013. 105 in Van Buren County. Hosting Fire Stopper Training at the River Valley Senior Center.

HAZ-MAT- None

BCFFA - Looking for Ideas on attendance. Consider working with Gerry Kableman to survey the membership for ideas.

BCYF – None

TRAINING – 24 trainees in the evening class with 8 in the day class. Looking for help with practical's on Saturday at 9am. Alan Asbury, Director of the Berrien Springs Career Pathways programs has offered to help us in working with our area schools to promote the fire training program. Call Chief Stover with questions.

MABAS- The new Region 5 TRT program is up and running. The rope training portion has been completed with confined space next on the list. In the end they will be a great resource for our areas rescue type events.

OLD BUSINESS -. None

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Koebel discussed an issue relating to cost recovery and the 94 corridor.

Next Meeting Feb 19th, 1830 hours Lincoln Twp Fire Station

RS Larry Lamb