



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 02-19-14

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1830 hours

ATTENDANCE:

2-19-14 Chiefs Meeting

Mike Davidson	CTFD
Ed Llewellyn	NBTF
Chris Huston	NBTF
Gary Kobelmann	SJCTFD 1
Dan Jones	WFD
Ryan Klac	SJCTFD 1
Gary Campbell	SJCTFD 1
Frank W. Brown	S.M.C.A.S.
David Aggar	911
Mick Olesby	CTFD
Daryl De Rossi	Wesaw
Scott McKamey	Wesaw
Randy Kemp	B. A. C. W. C. A.
Bill Finisclup	Bertrand Twp FD
Bob Ruff	NBFR
Dennis Smith	AC 911
Garret Stover	BSOFT
Alvin Carl Jr	ECFD
Ken Burkett	Lincolnton Twp FD
Chief Hays	Lava Twp
Larry Lamb	Alles Fire
Sheriff Bailey	Sheriff

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported Checking Acct at 1,173.83. \$32 was deposited from last month breakfast bringing the total of \$1,205.83.

MINUTES – Minutes from the January 16th meeting were approved with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – Chief Stover presented a bill for the Bibles from United Memorial of Gastonia, NC for \$383.91.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – Director Agens discussed anomalies with the communications system of late. The new communication system is up and running and Telrad is working out the bugs. Everything is new that allows the dispatchers to talk on the radio. Some of the issues include volume issues on pages. Adjustments are in the works. Please inform Dispatch immediately if you experience radio related issues.

The VHF Transmitter at New Buffalo Station on Clay Street should be installed very soon. The T-1 Line is ready to go. This will bring the transmitters that are simulcasted to 6 countywide. There is speculation that the lack of performance is related to the narrow banding.

The Helicopter Plan was not approved as expected by the State. This was not expected and is related to Berrien County being one of the only counties with an independent plan. They seemed to like our plan it came down to a formatting issue. We will resubmit and go from there. Ken Nemis plans to attend our next meeting.

Active Shooter protocol is moving forward. Notification and Preplans are being developed.

Active 911 has been a great success. So far half the departments in the county are using the system. **Chief Bob Ruff will present an introduction to the new system following tonight's meeting.**

DNR –none.

Funeral Protocol – Bible Bill to be paid by Chiefs as Firefighters picked up the last order.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – None.

LEPC – None

SHERIFF- None

RED CROSS- None

HAZ-MAT- None

BCFFA - Gerry has “Cleaned Up” the website.

BCYF – None

TRAINING – Clan Lab Training at Chikaming, contact Chief Davidson or Chief Ruff for more information. Both MCOLES and EMS training credit available.

MABAS-. None

OLD BUSINESS -. Emergency Management has transitioned from our old pagers to updated models for early warning for our schools and day cares.

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Stover recommended for those Chiefs that have no use for the old Minitor 4 Pagers coming back from a tour in the Schools. He has a contact in Mississippi Fire Department that could really use them. Contact him if you would like to donate your pagers.

Next Meeting March 19th , 0830 hours Lincoln Twp Fire Station

RS Larry Lamb