



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 5-21-14

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0838 hours

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association
Attendance Sheet
May 21, 2014

Print	Signature	Dept.
1. Mike Davidson	<i>Mike Davidson</i>	CTFD
2. Ron Binkitt	<i>Ron Binkitt</i>	LTED
3. Daryl De Rossi	<i>Daryl De Rossi</i>	Wagon
4. Dennis Spitzer	<i>Dennis Spitzer</i>	ACTH
5. Dave DeBart	<i>Dave DeBart</i>	Cal Plant
6. Gary Bryant	<i>Gary Bryant</i>	MFD
7. Jason Bandson	<i>Jason Bandson</i>	ARC
8. Brian Robinson	<i>Brian Robinson</i>	RC 911
9. Dave Adams	<i>Dave Adams</i>	BC 911
10. Ken Adams	<i>Ken Adams</i>	McBlight
11. Jack Goodman	<i>Jack Goodman</i>	BCISH
12. Harvey Barnett	<i>Harvey Barnett</i>	BC BDM
13. Donald J. Gasker	<i>Donald J. Gasker</i>	BC CISM Team
14. Terry Sallas	<i>Terry Sallas</i>	ESTD
15. Bob Ruff	<i>Bob Ruff</i>	NRFR
16. Dave Jones	<i>Dave Jones</i>	WFD
17. Rame A. Steiner	<i>Rame A. Steiner</i>	BSOED
18. Kenneth C. Kappel	<i>Kenneth C. Kappel</i>	RTED
19. Paul Dwyer	<i>Paul Dwyer</i>	BCSD
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ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported Checking Acct at 1,205.83. \$20 was donated for breakfast with an additional \$22 from last month's breakfast yet to be deposited. Motion and second with all in favor.

MINUTES – Minutes from the March 19th meeting were approved with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –.

PRESENTATION - Joe Garski Ret BCSD, Jack Goodman, Ret Chief of SJFD and Dr. Harvey Barnett from BPD were in to discuss the CISM team. They are available to respond to any Berrien County Department. Training is also available for training nights. Call Joe at 269-313-3834 for scheduling. They are always looking for volunteers that can help the team as well. The Association voted to donate \$200 to the CISM team to help with costs of operation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – Dave discussed the Dispatch Console project is nearing its end. Same system up now on both centers. An issue with Chikaming icon has been corrected. The Niles/New Buffalo button issue has also been corrected. Tel-Rad continues to dial the system in. Many of the Chiefs still reporting issues. Dave discussed the MUX clock issue could be the culprit. Installing UPS at the sites to improve issues. Chief Ruff asked about spot testing. Looking into monitor for site generators. Dave hopes to find a way to begin to replace the existing base units. The page site at New Buffalo is close. T-1 is open and clear.

The helicopter plan has been approved by the State. The plan was used in Bainbridge Twp but there was confusion by first responders in finding VCALL-10(MAYDAY). All departments should do in house training to assure staff knows where to find this channel. Chief Lamb will put together some single page training sheets to help to pass on this information.

Additional “Coffee Table Training Sheets” could be done on High Incident Protocol, MABAS Response, Active Shooter, Building Marking, Helicopter, Triage, etc.

Active shooter protocol is in a holding pattern. Some issues with tactical communications still being developed.

DNR –none.

Funeral Protocol – Berrien Springs

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Chief Keobel is working with EM Adams to establish a standardized marking system for structural collapse. The Association formally adopted the USAR shoring guide marking system. Chief Lamb will send out the sticker for the spray cans.

LEPC –Meeting Canceled

SHERIFF- Sheriff Bailey discussed Doctor Clark's passing and all he did for our County. An open house will be held in the future.

The Sheriff discussed the Senior PGA activities. Concerts every evening. Emergency Management is working on Palisades Training. Karen will be leaving the Department soon. New person will be selected in September. Chief Davidson complimented Karen on her great service. The Sheriff also thanked the Cook Plant for their help in acquiring a new bomb dog. They paid for the full cost of the dog as well as helping with the transport vehicle. The dog has been used several times already.

RED CROSS- The Red Cross assisted with 3 Canteens last month. RebFusion- at Fernwood on May 31st- Artists bring paintings, silent auctions, \$100 drinks and heavy Hor d' oeuvre's.

HAZ-MAT- None

BCFFA -.Recruiting

BCYF – Fire prevention at the fair discussed. Historic Fire photos, equipment and displays wanted. August 11-16th. Bridgman's trailer was discussed. Departments are being asked to staff it for a day. It cannot sit up at the Fair vacant. Looks bad for Bridgman.

TRAINING –.FF1&2 graduations. Farm Implement Class still available. Fire Extinguisher Trainer available \$30 to use. Call Chief Stover. Burn trailer should be back next week.

MABAS- Region 5 Tactical Rescue team has completed the ops training and is in the progress of being stood up.

OLD BUSINESS -.

NEW BUSINESS – Meeting were requested to be monthly with them alternating from mornings to evenings. All in favor. Next meeting June 18@1830.

Adjourned at 1105

Next Meeting June 18th at 1830 hours Lincoln Twp Fire Station

RS Larry Lamb