



# BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

## Meeting 11-12-14

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0840 hours

### ATTENDANCE:

**TREASURER'S REPORT** --Chief Lamb reported the account is currently showing at \$1812.58.

**MINUTES** -- Minutes from the October meeting approved with the addition of Denny Graham receiving a \$50 reimbursement as well as Gerry Kableman receiving a \$50 reimbursement for their participation at the Youth Fair.

**COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS** --. None

**PRESENTATION** - None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**911** -- VHF - Telrad completed a full test of the St Joe and Coloma Sites. Outputs were close to the same. Consoles and Site Backup Power have been corrected. Dave has authorized Telrad to meet with Departments with the issues to look at their field radios. Chief Jones reported on a call when dispatch was having issues. Truck was hitting Sumnerville Tower. The Chief was hitting St Joe. But neither were voting to Coloma. Dave said that the issue that caused that has been corrected. Bad wiring job.

A paging question was also discussed. Dave will keep at it. Gabe will come out if issues continue. Dave will cover the costs. Discussions relating to solutions were also discussed.

Dave is moving forward on hiring 2 new employees. He will pick times of day when supervisors won't be assigned a console.

Active Shooter / 911 and Emergency Management are working together to develop plan. Mike talked about his experience with the active shooter drill. Ambulance and Helicopter protocol also cited as an important piece. Chiefs are encouraged to contact their politicians about losing medical control at the county level. Chief Davidson discussed the issues that would result from this change.

Dave will be getting bids on a phone system replacement in the next week.

**DNR** --Mike said Paul Rogers had a conflict and will be operating out of Plainwell.

**Funeral Protocol** -- Berrien Springs

Print	Signature	Dept.
Mike Davidson	<i>Mike Davidson</i>	CTFD
Bill Knisely	<i>Bill Knisely</i>	BTFD
Gerry Kableman	<i>Gerry Kableman</i>	SJCTFD
Rich North	<i>Rich North</i>	B.F.P.
Dennis Sitar	<i>Dennis Sitar</i>	AEPI
Barbara Robinson	<i>Barbara Robinson</i>	BCPI
Davis Adams	<i>Davis Adams</i>	B&911
Tom Stiles	<i>Tom Stiles</i>	ECFD
Rexey Adams	<i>Rexey Adams</i>	BCSD
Bob Huff	<i>Bob Huff</i>	NISFR
Gary Ervold	<i>Gary Ervold</i>	NITFD
Gary Maynard	<i>Gary Maynard</i>	SJCTFD
Don deBeest	<i>Don deBeest</i>	Cook Plant
Adam Castle	<i>Adam Castle</i>	Red Cross
Harold Fern	<i>Harold Fern</i>	Lake Top
Paul Burkett	<i>Paul Burkett</i>	Shoreline Fire
Paul Baile	<i>Paul Baile</i>	Sherriff
Larry L...	<i>Larry L...</i>	NFD

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC** – Rockey reported on Palisades. Pre meeting recognized us for dedication to worker safety by the whole team. Includes Emergency Worker Decon, Congregate Care in Berrien Springs and North Berrien. Great Job to all those involved. Cook process will begin soon.

School planning working with a group of Police Chiefs to get a plan developed. Once completed it will go out to Fire and EMS. School plans are being reviewed to facilitate grants and improvements. Communication equipment already being looked at.

LEPC – Rockey discussed the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive to raise money for the Red Cross.

**SHERIFF-** the Sheriff reported on several issues his people are working on. Snow tires going on. Pikney Trial was discussed. Open Meetings Act. Armed Robberies up. Sheriff recommends Off-duty officers carry weapon. Special Task Force on Heroin.

**RED CROSS-** the Executive Director had a conflict and could not attend. The Chief Clarified that it was indeed the Red Cross who put up a family in a hotel on one of his recent fires. On a recent St Joe Twp Call the Red Cross responded in less than an hour.

**HAZ-MAT-** St Joe Twp truck rollover at Niles and I94 was discussed. Organic Peroxide and Diesel don't mix.

**BCFFA& BCYF** —. Dwindling numbers – Christmas Party December 3<sup>rd</sup> at New Buffalo Twp.

**TRAINING** – 26 folks in the evening class. Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> help is needed with practicals. One person from each department suggested. 930-3pm. TexCom group developed for training in County. Chris will send out the Code again for those interested in signing on.

Doug – updated the group on the National Fire Academy Class. February 21+22 there will be a second NFA Class on Leadership for Adaptive Change. Gerry Kableman commented on the class being very good.

**MABAS-**..None.

**OLD BUSINESS** -.The One of the 3 Region 5 TRT – Trailers was on hand for display.

Chief's Davidson and Koebel met with Red Cross and Investors regarding the 911 Beam and their plan to place it in Benton Harbor. They were pleased with the meeting. Perpetual care plans being discussed. They discussed the need that it be reflective of fire service and not one department. Red Cross retains possession of the piece. A 501C3 has been sought and all the work is being done pro bono.

**NEW BUSINESS** – .None

*A moment of Silence was held for Chief Frank Nekvasil from The Three Oaks Police Department who passed away.*

*Adjournment.*

RS Larry Lamb