



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 1-21-15

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0837 hours

ATTENDANCE:

Print	Signature	Dept.
MIKE Davidson	[Signature]	CTFD
Daryl DeBari	[Signature]	Wesley Twp
Ken Johnson	[Signature]	Wesley Twp
Jim Trapp	[Signature]	Wesley Twp
David Stiles	[Signature]	911
John Smith	[Signature]	BIRCHWOOD
George DeLaTorre	[Signature]	STEFER
Ken Adams	[Signature]	WFD
Ken News	[Signature]	Madison
Gary Maynard	[Signature]	STEFER
DAVE Auer	[Signature]	911
Ron Baker	[Signature]	Wesley Twp
Gary Brovold	[Signature]	WFD
George Stiles	[Signature]	911
Bill Smith	[Signature]	WFD
Tom Stiles	[Signature]	ECFD
Tom DeLaTorre	[Signature]	SAGES
George Hays	[Signature]	Wesley Twp
Ken Adams	[Signature]	911
Bob Pitt	[Signature]	WFD
Ron Hoebel	[Signature]	RFD
Larry Lamb	[Signature]	WFD

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Chief Lamb reported the account is currently showing at \$1886.58 with the addition of \$39 and \$35 from past breakfast.

MINUTES -- Minutes from the November meeting approved.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS -- None

PRESENTATION - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 -- Dave reported Telrad met with Watervliet Fire but not yet with North Berrien. Nothing earth shattering was identified. No big gaps reported lately. Consoles remain a constant now. Dispatchers may not be speaking into their mic because of screen display.

Next generation 911 equipment from analog to digital about to be selected. Texting will become available. Call will eventually be tied to mapping software. This will be a giant leap forward for hearing impaired customers. Cell Phone Phase in program was also discussed. 67% are phase 1 or we can track cell phones to a 26 mile box. The other 1/3 of the county is Phase 2 which allows for tracking phones to a 300 foot with a tower or 50 feet if hooked to a satellite. Each Carriers infrastructure is the biggest issue as we are not considered to be a large market area. Tech these days is a moving target. ESIPNet is the future. Could eventually merge with our voice communications.

Dave also discussed his departments filling of one dispatch position now with a second mid-year. It will free up supervisors to assist with other tasks and providing support on larger incidents. This will only be during peak times and not 24/7.

Active Violence Protocol (was Active Shooter) now close to being finalized. Many plans incorporated Fire and EMS for perimeter security, EMS & Triage, IC, etc. Dave has developed a training checklist that can be used at the station to develop understanding of the plan. They are being checked for technical aspects currently. Next 911 Tech the drafts should be ready.

Captain DeLaTorre thanked Dispatch for sending a message out on 911 at a recent event. Chief Stiles asked about Active911 timing. Dave discussed the specifics with the program. 2 tone issues were also discussed. Bigger gap between tones were recommended. Chief Brovold asked that Director Agens look into issues relating to out of County responses and the program. Dave discussed related issues. Out of county

requires a manual activation from the dispatcher. Dave agreed to put out a reminder message to his staff.

DNR –.

Funeral Protocol – Good on Bibles. Berrien Springs

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – Captain Adams reported that his staff has been investing a lot of effort in school planning. The EM Staff had developed an emergency operation template and has met with Schools and local responders throughout the county. Schools have competing issues they have to balance including school security issues. Grants are being sought to make upgrades which required Local law Enforcement involvement. The Grant application deadline has passed however he and his staff are still available to coordinate meetings. As an example, Berrien RESA identified a project for the grant on communication equipment for Berrien County School Districts. The equipment would be researched if they are awarded the grant, but they are looking at easy to use 800 MHz radios, Response template e is in development.

Rockey discussed Social Media risks.

Spotter Training coming up next month. March 10 at Andrews, 1800 hrs. On line MetEd courses are recommended.

OnStar – “On the Job Publication.” This service can be a big help to responders. Amber alerts, unlocking, criminal mapping. Google {Onstar, on the job} for more information.

For seniors By Seniors from the Red Cross. Can be a good program for our seniors. Google {For seniors by seniors} for more info.

AEP has completed Dam planning and community notification of extreme high risk areas like Bachelor Island in Buchanan. BC Drain commission has done the same for Dayton Lake Dam.

Pipeline Training going out. The event will be Feb 11th starting at 1830 with registration opening up at 5 pm. Good awareness level training.

EMS- Medic 1 Kim Jeffery will now be attending meetings. With Captain DeLaTorre already a long time attendee we should be able to share valuable information and coordination with our EMS brothers and sisters. Medic 1 discussion included response times, communication relating to VHF and 800 MHz issues and the differences between Medic1 and other ems agencies. 911 Tech committee will continue to work out issues.

Med Flight Rep Ken Neems thanks everyone especially the Sheriff for their help and support with their Michigan Licensing. They are now officially licensed and ready to help when needed.

SHERIFF-None

RED CROSS-Rockey is working on a shelter list to assist locals with options on shelter locations approved by ARC. If anyone has suggestions on locations please let Emergency Management know.

HAZ-MAT- NONE

BCFFA& BCYF —..None

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TRAINING -. None

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MABAS-.. None

OLD BUSINESS -. None

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NEW BUSINESS – None

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Adjournment.

Next meeting 2-18-15 at 1830 hrs.

RS Larry Lamb