



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 3-18-15

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0835 hours

ATTENDANCE: Not Available

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported the account is currently showing at \$1939.58.

MINUTES – Minutes from the 2-25-15 February meeting approved.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

PRESENTATION - HiTechSMR Communications presented their pager offerings including the Minitor 6 and the Unication models.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – Dave and Roland are away at a conference.

DNR – Captain DeBest will be hosting and Urban Wildland Interface Class in Baroda presented free of Charge through the DNR. Working on Dates in June. Chances for the Wildland Grants from the DNR are improved through participation as they know it will be put to a more effective use.

Funeral Protocol – None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – None

EMS- SMCAS's Captain DeLaTorre praised Dispatch on the 7th of March for their help with diverting information.

Ken Nemes from Medflight reported on a new app available for our Smart Phones. The app will allow us, after being approved here in our county, to activate Medflight Service. The cool thing is our location could be relayed to the flight crew through GPS. It is currently being BATA tested in LaPorte County. More to follow.

SHERIFF-None

RED CROSS-None.

HAZ-MAT-

BCFFA- the North Berrien Meeting was very well attended. A great speaker Jay Pendergrass from New Carlisle on the LODD Incident. Chief Davidson stressed the importance of Departments coming together to support each other. Great food was also echoed. Hats off to the Ladies Ax.

BCYF --..Chief Stover discussed the new hydrant line project at the Fair Grounds. This line will eventually go from north to south and eliminate the need to lay the hundreds of feet of 5 inch stretched from the school in years past.

TRAINING -. Corey is asking for help for the upcoming practical to be held at Berrien Springs on the April 18 beginning at 7 am. Every department with people in the class are being asked to send at least one trained firefighter to help with the practical. Please let Captain Burks know who from each department will be attending. He can be reached at Fire3905@gmail.com or 269-363-1316.

He also discussed the upcoming Fire Instructor 1 class coming up in May.

MABAS-.. Several new Divisions are slowly coming on line in our area.

MABAS monthly testing procedure was discussed. Chief Lamb and Captain DeLaTorre take part each month to assure our County would be in the know if a large scale event were to occur. Coupled with the County EOC, we would learn of pending needs much quicker than in years past. Every MABAS signatory is authorized to add a series of Channels in their 800 radios at their next template change. Talk to Larry or Frank with any questions.

OLD BUSINESS -. Gerry discussed the planning that has begun for the safety house at this year's youth fair. He is looking at a \$700 budget for this year's event. He would like a separate coordinator for the Smoke house so he can concentrate on the Safety House side of the program. Anyone with time should contact Gerry. The Smoke house would remain in the same location and in coordination with the Safety House.

The question was asked regarding our involvement with some of the hot issues in our county. We have representation from the Chiefs Association working on the Active Violence protocol. Contact Chief Rich Knuth for if you have any specific questions as we move forward.

NEW BUSINESS – Chief Davidson let everyone know that he had been asked by Chiefs about the need to begin to replace some of our Minitor 5 units. He had asked a few of the suppliers to come in and let the group know what might be available on the market with the hopes that a Pager Grant might be put together. Chief Stover thought it might be slightly early to have success on a grant of this type. We will continue to look into our options as it relates to a joint pager grant sometime in the future.

Chief Stover discussed the hope of development of a joint Weather Warning Siren Policy.

Pancakes in Berrien on April 12th.

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Adjournment 10:10hrs.

Next meeting Wednesday April 15th at 1830 hrs..

RS Larry Lamb