

Berrien County Chiefs Association May 20th, 2015 Meeting.

Minutes and Treasure report - Next Meeting.

Communications and Bills: None

Medic 1: None

SMACAS: None

Medflight: Ken A communication App is available to notify Medflight sooner of need. Still follow normal protocol and Medflight confirms need through 911. Your GPS numbers will be supplied to Medflight. Working with 911 to finish setup. End of June target for setup at dispatch. Department authorizes through Ken who can activate.

Sheriff: Senate Bill 218 is for healthcare insurance for families of PS officers killed in line of duty. E-mail Pscholka at alpscholka@house.mi.gov or call 517-373-1403 to support bill.

NOTE: Sheriff stresses being careful out there. Public Safety being targeted.

911: New 911 system is \$400,000 to integrate to all other systems. Replacing servers end of June. New Micro link to IT in St. Joe. Discussed Field Communication Training Log for fire service. It is a training and reference tool for department to use. Good overview of how system works. Proposed by Mike Davidson to develop a condensed version that could be used on scenes - called a field guide. Discussion on 800 radio template upgrade. Idea is to have Chiefs Association spear head. Chief need to pick template for their individual departments and send to Assoc. Do not need to renew old radio licenses if not on 100' tower and /or 100 watt output.

Emergency Management: Mercury class - mercury heated is very bad. Only two monitors for mercury vapors in state. One in Kazoo and other in Lansing. Cannot remove from carpet.

School Issues:

Cpl's -Visitor policy for open carry in schools. Courts have said if a person has a CPL he can open carry into a school. RESA has set policy for county schools. Police will be called to check cpl at door. Individual will be isolated and school will go into parameter lockdown until individual leaves the grounds.

Cannot have a canned approach to active violence event. Some have suggested Run-hide-fight approach. Not recommended at this time. A secured lockdown is still best. BUT REMEMBER EVERY INCIDENT WILL BE DIFFERENT AND THE IS NOT A SINGLE APPROACH THAT IS BEST. Police will make immediate entrance into school (or where ever) with medical packs available. The patients need to be extracted. Questions:

Will EMS go into warm zone?

Will Medic 1 and Smacas do it?

How do we approach this issue?

Will ems trained Fire personnel do that?

Will Fire Departments work in warm zone?

Rocky suggested general county wide policy to have any chance of working. Concerns to be considered besides the personal aspect for each firefighter are; Local government policy, insurance coverage, MiOSHA, training and protection for firefighters/EMS personnel. Medflight checking on their protocol for active violence response. Should or could ALL firefighters be trained in Hemorrhage control?

EM will schedule Rep 101 training for departments if requested. Meets Hazmat refresher requirements.

Fair: Gerry K looking for help and prizes for fire education building during fair. Smoke trailer still needs someone to step up and lead project. Trailer is available and space next to fire station is allocated for the trailer. A Chief/department needs to lead. Workers should be from all over county. With over 500 firefighters in county there is no valid reason that these facilities are not manned fair week.

Gary B stated pet air mask kits are available for each department. Call Gary for info.

MABAS: Frank New updated MABAS agreements. Must be resigned by departments and governments. Call Larry Lamb and every member of MABAS must do.

Tom Stiles: Question? Should our two organizations look at purchasing a ramp to be able to put casket on top of trucks? Possible with Cass and Van Buren counties.

Ron Koeble: What about standardizing countywide the markings (such as on helmets) of all non-certified firefighters in county? Every department is different now. Note: general agreement has been to only send certified firefighters to mutual aid calls. However, there may be noncertified firefighters on scene from host department.

Next meeting June 17th 18:30 at Lincoln Twp fire station.

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