



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 10-21-15

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1831 hours

ATTENDANCE:

Print	Signature	Dept.
1. Mike Davidson	<i>Mike Davidson</i>	CTFD
2. Larry Lamb	<i>Larry Lamb</i>	NFD
3. Gary Davidson	<i>Gary Davidson</i>	SSTFD#1
4. Erich Gault	<i>Erich Gault</i>	Vol. 1
5. Dave Eise	<i>Dave Eise</i>	Vol. 2
6. David Gustafson	<i>David Gustafson</i>	Vol. 2
7. Chris Huston	<i>Chris Huston</i>	D.A.C.F.A.
8. Gary Kukulman	<i>Gary Kukulman</i>	S.J.C.F.D.#1
9. David Agazzi	<i>David Agazzi</i>	P.O. 11
10. Dale Doherty	<i>Dale Doherty</i>	Medic 1
11. Frank Stever	<i>Frank Stever</i>	BSO FD
12. Don deBea	<i>Don deBea</i>	Barab
13. Mike Gordon	<i>Mike Gordon</i>	Medic 1
14. Mike Pili	<i>Mike Pili</i>	NATFD
15. Brian Mays	<i>Brian Mays</i>	Vol. 1
16. Frank DeBorja	<i>Frank DeBorja</i>	S.M.B.
17. Russ Kowalski	<i>Russ Kowalski</i>	R.P.O. 11
18. Etc		
19.		

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported the account is currently showing at \$1970.58.

MINUTES – Minutes from the September meeting were approved. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

PRESENTATION - Flight Nurse Becky Lathi from Medflight discussed the new App available for their service. It will allow us to request a medical helicopter directly or we can still do it through Dispatch. One interesting feature is the ability to collect the callers GPS coordinates to provide a more accurate LZ location for the pilot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – New 911 system currently being installed. Will continue to provide seamless communication from Niles and Benton Harbor Centers. Should be live with the new system by next week. Dave continues to tweak Active911 interface to improve information delivered. Some issues with paging still being reported in New Buffalo Twp. At a recent call for service they learned of the call only through Active911 as it was never broadcasted over their pagers. Discussions included looking at additional providers of the T-1 line that controls the transmitter that was installed to improve service in that area. Dave agreed to look into the problem and get back with them.

DNR – None

Funeral Protocol – None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – EMD has been busy. Dave has been working with locals doing Lockdown Drills. A schedule has been forwarded out to all jurisdictional agencies. Rockey has been working with local broadcasters to improve notification of the general public. Siren Testing first Saturday of the Month continues. 180 pole siren activations were successful. MCIMS is being pushed out to improve information sharing between the SEOC and our Local EOC. They attended a Twin Branch Dam Failure Drill and Met with Superintendent's Association. They opened dialog with the PGA on the upcoming tournament held in the spring. Rockey also shared that they are looking into enhancement of the FireTrax ID system. Chief Lamb asked that they include input from the Chiefs prior to a final selection. Audited our Dosimeters and participated with the monthly amateur radio group. Rockey wished to thank both the New Buffalo and Berrien Departments for their participation with the decontamination training. JIC officers have also underwent training. He also praised Niles Departments for their participation in the recent Tank Town Tabletop. MPSCS radio training is

available for departments who would like it. Finally, a business table top was held at Bale Rubber to help them plan for disasters. Rockey can get business in your area scheduled if you're interested.

EMS- Dr. Byer, our Medical Control Director attended and on Narcan and Epi which will be hospital supplied to approved services. Harold asked if MFR services would be eventually allowed to perform glucose checks. Protocol changes would be needed prior to that change taking place. SMCAS's Captain DeLaTorre thanked all the services that provided resources on the fire response to 251 Cass on 10-10-15. Though we only transported 3 individuals it could have been much worse.

SHERIFF- Out of Town at a Conference

RED CROSS- None

HAZ-MAT- None

BCFFA- Gerry announced the next meeting in Watervliet on November 4. They will also be looking into becoming a 501C3.

BCYF ---None

TRAINING -- Corey reported that both classes are going well. The High School has 13 students and the evening class is at 29. He gave a special thank you to the Chiefs that have contributed to the program. New AV equipment installed thanks in part to these donations as well as a contribution from Skip Munson's first Fire Department. Croton on the Hudson.

The Burn trailer is available for use at Chikaming. Let them know if you're interested in one last training session prior to putting the trailers away for the winter.

MABAS- Larry also reported on their departments most recent alarm activation at the high-rise. He reported that he went to a 3rd Alarm on one Box and also used his department's medical box to get 5 ambulances. Everything went very well on this scary call and he thanked everyone who responded. One minor issue was reported. Larry immediately asked for a 2nd alarm and so the box alarm was never notified. He recommended calling dispatch and requesting a Box, Second, etc. and not skipping alarm levels in the request to avoid issues.

Chief Lamb also discussed the recent request for strike teams from Michigan MABAS during the funeral for Dennis Rodeman from Lansing. He expressed concern that we were not able to field the units requested. He had sent an email over BC Chiefs discussing this and asking for a meeting of all MABAS Departments to discuss it however Rockey blocked the message and it was not allowed to be sent of the bcfirechiefs@listserv.berriencounty.org List serve. Chief Lamb has checked with his IT rep and he has recommended several options to consider. Chief Lamb expressed his desire to have a location where all the Chiefs can share information even if that information isn't in agreement with Rockey or Emergency Management.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS -- Next Meeting will be combined with Decembers Meeting. It will be December 16th at 1830 hrs. The November Meeting has been canceled. Mike presented

a calendar at the meeting. Several modifications were recommended. Mike will present an updated annual calendar at the December meeting.

Adjournment 1930 hrs.

November Meeting Canceled. Next Meeting December 16th at 1830 hrs.

RS Larry Lamb

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STATEMENT DATE

05/31/15

ACCOUNT NUMBER
1250262165

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*** CHECKING *** BUSINESS CHECKING

PREVIOUS STATEMENT BALANCE AS OF 04/30/15	1,947.58
PLUS 0 DEPOSITS AND OTHER CREDITS	.00
LESS 1 CHECKS AND OTHER DEBITS	3.00
CURRENT STATEMENT BALANCE AS OF 05/31/15	1,944.58
NUMBER OF DAYS IN THIS STATEMENT PERIOD	31

*** CHECKING ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS ***

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBITS	CREDITS
05/29	PAPER STATEMENT FEE	3.00	

*** BALANCE BY DATE ***

04/30	1,947.58	05/29	1,944.58
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