

# BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



## Meeting 3-15-17

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1835 hours

### ATTENDANCE:

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Chief Lamb reported a balance of \$2538.50.

**MINUTES** – Minutes from February 15, 2017 were approved.

### **COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS** –

Niles Township will host a Pancake Breakfast on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8 am -12.

Buchanan Twp will be hosting a fish fry on May 6 from 3pm- 8pm.

Longtime Fire Chief in Bridgman Rich Knuth has handed the leadership to Joel Buist. We wish him well.

Mike Phelps will now be serving as the Deputy Public Safety Director in Benton Harbor.

Al DiBrito will now be serving as the EM Mgr. at Lakeland Hospital.

Director of Safety and Security Rich Matthews or Lakeland was also at the meeting. We invited them to future meetings.

Print	Signature	Dept.
Mike Davidson	Mike Davidson	CTFD
HAROLD HAYN	Harold Hayn	Lake Twp
Joel Buist	Joel Buist	Bridgman
DAN JONES	Dan Jones	W.F.D.
Chris HUSTON	Chris Huston	C.R.C.F.
AL DiBRITO	Al DiBrito	LAKELAND HOSP
Mike Phelps	Mike Phelps	Benton Harbor D.P.S.
Don Durham	Don Durham	BCTFD
Tim Jesswein	Tim Jesswein	Buchanan TWP
Rachy Adams	Rachy Adams	Berrien County SO
DAVID AGENS	David Agens	B.C.B.I.
Bill Knisely	Bill Knisely	Bartrend
Gerry Kugelman	Gerry Kugelman	S.J.C.T.F.D. 1
Don deBest	Don deBest	Cook / Baroda
Chris Sexton	Chris Sexton	BCTH
Bob Turko	Bob Turko	COLUMBIAN TWP

J Buist @ Bridgman.org  
send mutual aid agreement  
- Director  
include Element 14 list serve

**PRESENTATION** - None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**911** – Director Agens reported that Grand Beach still going as expected. Paperwork and Ok from the States due before moving forward.

911 tech, 2016 Stats. Alley Bids show a 2.9% increase over 2015. Source of calls is 83% from Cell Phones which is up over 90%. Changes the way Dispatch does business. Move calls immediately. Tomorrow kick off Smart 911. New app to register your household. Works anywhere in the nation as long as they are a subscriber to the (Berrien \$36,000) annually fee. Our fee is funded through a State Grant right now. Voluntary program. We will have to see how beneficial it is.

First Net was discussed. Webinar going on now. Fire Leaders should try to participate with the First Net Webinar. They are deciding if it will be Opt in or opt out for the State of Michigan. It is coming regardless. Our State has the choice to self-manage it or allow

it to be run by the Feds. This system is meant to provide Data paging to First Responders on a secure network. Michigan may be ahead of the curve due to tower systems already in place. Public Private Partnership. Provider would get increased spectrum opened up 700 spectrum. Public Safety would have precedence in a disaster. Looking to start next year with completion by 2022. The next webinar will be on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**DNR** – Paul Rogers at Lake good presentation. Still writing grants. Going Hummers to F-350's. They respond at no cost. Call Dispatch when needed.

**Funeral Protocol** – Kit at Bridgman

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC** – Updates on WOP soon off to the presses. Should be ready for release soon. Some issues with extra copy's that haven't been updated regularly floating around. Rockey wants to keep the books for a short time so they can be more thoroughly inspected.

ICS class held on weekend days will be going to go out with a few dates.

EOC

Cook orientation done on 3-7-17.

Weather Spotters 92 at Andrews last night. NWS puts on a great program.

3-22-17 in Niles, WNDU-Walgreens will have weather radio program from 5-7 pm.

Cook Drill Process in full swing contact Rockey for dates of specific functional exercises.

Business Continuity Class for Disasters coming in June.

Wide Area Search Class 6-20, 6-21, 6-22 to be held at the Fair Ground.

Larry thanked Rockey for his help with the Niles Tornado.

LEPC

2017 Goals discussed

Karen Hodge updated special populations list.

**EMS-**

Dave discussed quality review on helicopter call. Worked out issues with their software. Dave will let Ken Discuss Med Control App. Maps exact landing zone location and relayed it to the crew in the bird.

Add MEDCOM App to EMS section

**SHERIFF-**

**RED CROSS-**None.

**HAZ-MAT-** White Powder call in Jail discussed.

**BCFA-**Next meeting at Lincoln on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April for Spring Break. Last meeting at Lake. Attendance again up. Gerry has not received a ton of feedback on flag proposal. Direction of hanging discussed.

Resource directory update underway. Gerry going on vacation in April. He would like to be done by then. Web Page of honor is up. Please get Gerry last call or obit for members who have passed.

**BCYF** — Gerry is asking departments to order materials from FEMA Coloring books and fold up trucks are big hits. Gerry is open to other ideas. Trailer is in disrepair and needs a facelift. Lakeland has a simulator that they would be willing to loan to the effort. Mike wants an addition to the fair fire house. IE a tent. Possibly raise money to help with trailer. Possibly look at buying the trailer and making it a County Asset.

**TRAINING** —. Doug Debest- Rail Car moved to May 20. He is also having ISO rep Skip Gibson in to discuss score improvement strategies before summer. Pre Recs for Company Officer are full. No shows causing issues. If you sign up show up. Chiefs are asked to discipline.

Rockey relayed for Corey Burks, who has been promoted to Lt and now working afternoons. He needs help April 1 800-1600, April 22, 800-1600, and May 6, 800-1600. The test is on May 13, 0700-1600. Must have 3 years' experience to assist.

**Mi-TRT-5-** Quarterly trainings discussed.

**MABAS- New agreements needed. Out of Division Cards need to be finalized, VOTED ON, AND FORWARDED TO THE DISPATCH CENTER.** Chief Davidson discussed our need to unify under the program. He asks each agency to give the program a second look. It could easily be one of us that needs the help. Chief Tutko offered to contact one of his former dispatch contacts from the other side of the pond to consult with our dispatch center relating to inclusion of our MABAS cards in the New World CAD.

**OLD BUSINESS** -. None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

Next Meeting. April 19<sup>th</sup> at 0830 hrs.

Adjournment: 1930

RS Larry Lamb