

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



Meeting 5-17-17

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1831 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported a balance of \$2465.62.

MINUTES – Minutes from 4-19-2017 were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

PRESENTATION - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

911 – Smart911- Director Agens reported that the county is now up and running. Working out the bugs in Niles. Dave discussed program. Dave's group discovered that the Text911 program started last year will not work together at the same time. Rolling out to the public next week.

Grand Beach – the state is planning a date to convert the entire network to IP. Current VHF is on their tower. This must be upgraded and will effect grand beach site.

DNR – None

Funeral Protocol – Berrien

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – Cook Drills beginning next week. Ipas delivery being looked at. FEMA inspecting their own system for the first time. Rockey went into detail on the emergency message release system. Rockey is excited to use the new system. Redundancy built in. Tactical interop coms plan – Must be done. Chris Corteville will be contracted to perform the project. He will be reaching out to each department. 2 year project. 8 hours per agency.

LEPC

Coast Guard presentation.

EMS-

Medic 1 – none

SMCAS – Chief Jones discussed his approval of the New SMCAS Multi-causality card.

Medflight – None

Lakeland – Al DiBrito offered Lakelands driving simulator.

SHERIFF- the Sheriff's trip to the National Fallen Police Officers Memorial was discussed. A great honor, emotional and very sobering.

RED CROSS- None

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Attendance Sheet
May 17th, 2017

Print	Signature	Dept.
1. Mike Davidson	Mike Davidson	CTFD
2. Dave Fice	Dave Fice	TOFD
3. Chris Heaton	Chris Heaton	O.B.C.F.
4. Ben Knisely	Ben Knisely	BERTRAND FD
5. Gary Maxwell	Gary Maxwell	S.T.F.D.#1
6. Larry Lamb	Larry Lamb	Niles Fire
7. Gerry Koblman	Gerry Koblman	S.I.C.T. FD #1
8. David Agens	David Agens	B.C. 911
9. Rocky Adams	Rocky Adams	Berrien - GSO
10. Sal Tera	Sal Tera	LITFD
11. Joel Brist	Joel Brist	Co. Sigma
12. Dan Jones	Dan Jones	W.F.D.
13. Al DiBrito	Al DiBrito	LAKELAND
14. Dennis Seta	Dennis Seta	K 911
15. Larry Lamb	Larry Lamb	NFD
16. Shaun Hays	Shaun Hays	Lake City
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HAZ-MAT-. None

BCFA-. Next meeting at New Buffalo City – gear safety – cooler gear.

BCYF —. The fair coming up. Gerry should be good on Coloring Books. Fire Station good. Would like to draw up new color page. Sign-ups needed. Bruce still needs help.

TRAINING —. Sgt Bush will be doing a 300/400 in October over the weekend. There will be a rail car trainer in Baroda on 5-20. Air Monitoring in June 6-8th at the EOC. June 20-22 there will be a wide area search class at the Fair Grounds, Sampling Tech for Haz-mat on June 26-28th at Berrien Springs. Finally a critical business workshop coming up that Rockey is asking for help to get the word out. There will be an 800 MHz MPSCS train the trainer course July 31-Aug 3, School Crisis Mgmt. course on 8-15 at the health department.

Sending survey's out to participants. Discussions considering going to a FF1 format or scheduling changes in the upcoming class. Nothing in stone. Maybe FF1&2 is too much at once. Options need to be discussed. Chief's expressed concerns with rosters.

Mi-TRT-5-. Quarterly training. Team participated in a response in White Pigeon. Sturgis members arrived and quickly made the rescue.

MABAS-. Three Oaks presented their signed Agreement to Chief Lamb. Out of Division Card yet to be approved by the entire Division. Updated Agreements by several signatories not completed.

OLD BUSINESS -. None

NEW BUSINESS –

Communication grant discussed. Need commitments only at this time. Must be up with MFIRS to participate. Requests should be replacement or new. Mike and Bruce will be the contacts. Each department should give them a local contact. Need info by June. 20% local match. The group had a lengthy discussion on 800 vs VHF pagers. More to follow.

Next Meeting. June 21, 2017 @ 0830

RS Larry Lamb