

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



Meeting 8-23-17

Called to order by Chief Lamb at 0834 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported a balance of \$2453.08, approved with all in favor. He reported a service fee of \$9.54 was being charged. Larry will contact the bank to get an idea on the charge.

MINUTES – Minutes from 7-19-17 were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

8-23-17

Frank Delafaire	[Signature]	S.M.C.A.S
Mike Mattix	[Signature]	N.B.F.R
Ron Bush	[Signature]	N.S.O, E.M.S
Caitlin Sampson	Caitlin Sampson	B.C.A.H
Dave Accens	[Signature]	B.C.G.I
Rob Calahoe	[Signature]	E.C.F.D
Cary Matwood	[Signature]	S.T.T.F.D #1
Geary Kabelman	[Signature]	S.I.C.F.D #1
DAN JONES	[Signature]	Waterliet F.D
Mike Grupp	[Signature]	Winton Harbor DP 3
Al DiBerto	[Signature]	LAKELAND
Dan Durham	[Signature]	B.C.T.F.D
THOMAS HALL	[Signature]	N.T.F.D
Bob TURRO	[Signature]	L.T.F.D
Tom Gillespie	[Signature]	T-16-Red
BROCK STOVER	[Signature]	B.S.O.F.D
Denny Sexton	[Signature]	Dispatch

PRESENTATION – Radio Discussion with Telrad and Motorola.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PAGER GRANT- Radio Grant Subcommittee meeting to follow with Motorola Rep and Telrad. Denny Sexton has agreed to attend any departments training night. He would go to each members home to test the new 800 pagers performance. Call Denny for scheduling. Dave will work with Commissioners to include match funding as well as available funding for needed upgrades for future grant. Budget is due in the next few weeks. \$637,000 is the balance of the communication account which was built with radio fees. The State is looking at other solutions to improve coverage.

Chief Stover requested a decision about the number of spare pagers departments would be allowed to request under the grant. It was decided that 2 extra pagers was a good number to allow us to stay competitive yet have a few spares in case of damage. Additional pagers can be individually purchased by each department outside the grant if needed. Discussions relating to Pager Amplified bases was discussed. There is an added cost but it's not known the exact cost over the cost of a normal charger. We will need to determine the number of amplified chargers that each department would be provided with. As departments participate with Denny to determine coverage deficiencies we will have a better idea on need.

Question relating to the schools, which had at one time used our old pagers for weather warnings. They no longer use them.

911 – Dave met with Motorola. They were asked to attend the subcommittee meeting scheduled to follow. Questions relating to the State Line Interoperability were discussed. Ron Bush is on the State

Subcommittee and will be working to improve this issue. Complex issue. Indiana unlike Michigan is County based requiring permission from both St Joe County and La Porte County.

DNR –. None

Funeral Protocol – Berrien

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC –Deputy Bush reported that if there isn't any more signups the Weekend Offering of the ICS300-400 will not be held and will not be offered in the future. Additionally the Propane course is also at risk of being dropped.

EMS-

Nothing for the group

SHERIFF- Nothing for the group.

RED CROSS- None

HAZ-MAT-Nothing to report

BCFA- Next meeting September 6th at the City of Niles Fire Department, 1345 East Main.

BCYF- Gerry reported on the Fire Safety Station. He thanked everyone who helped throughout the week. Could have used more help especially on the weekend. Children and adults alike especially enjoyed Lakelands Fire Extinguisher Training Display. Thanks Al for allowing us to use this tool. He also wanted to acknowledge that Best Buy allow us to use 2 brand new big screen tvs for the week. Gerry presented his expense report for the event. Gerry spent \$649.59 with Dennis still having a few receipts yet to be listed. Gerry estimated that there should be approximately \$100 receipts still left to be listed.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Gerry for a total of \$400 of his costs. Motion carried.

Chief Stover also wished to thank the 9 departments who performed stand by services at the fair. He reported 250 firefighters signing in at the fair. Bee hives were an issue this year and a leaky fuel tank in the parking lot. 1-800-Boardup was thanked for supplying water and the Fair Friends group funded Gatorade and 300 for korndogs for the Firefighters Assoc. Meeting.

TRAINING – TRAINING –Tommy reported on the upcoming High School Class. So far there are 18 signed up. He is inviting departments to meet the troops on September 27th from 8am-10am.

Mi-TRT-5- Specially trained members from departments throughout the 9 county response area are standing by ready to respond. If we don't use them for these events it effects the long term participation. Call early as they can always be turned around. Free.

MABAS-Activation process reported on by Frank and Larry. Sterling Heights used the system a few days prior.

OLD BUSINESS -. None

NEW BUSINESS – Radio Grant.

Next Meeting. 8-23-17 @ 0830

RS Larry Lamb