

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



Meeting 12-13-17

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0835 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported no changes and a balance of \$2043.55, approved with all in favor.

MINUTES –Minutes were unavailable from November 11-8-17.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –

He also announced an open house for Chief Ed Lijewski on January 5 in recognition for his many years of service.

He asked that as we update Chief's Officers in the County that we update the Resource Directory.

PRESENTATION – .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF-.The Sheriff wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He reported on the receiving area project. He also commended Rockey for his work and preparation on the NRC drills.

911 – Next Gen 911 across the State. Money has dried up. Berrien is one that had yet to receive a contract. The State Senate voted to increase 911 fees to \$.25. Hopefully the House will match this increase. Dave has met with a fiber company so they are ready. Dave is also looking to update the CAD. The group discussed what fire specific features would be available. The group would be interested in seeing how this software could assist with mutual aid, auto aid etc. Multi-line telephone systems will be a big challenge in larger buildings. 911 systems update with digital systems to increase capability. Dave discussed progress with First Net. Katlin went to the last meeting. With ATT the partner now the new service is being rolled out immediately on the ATT network. Participants will need to purchase a First Net Plan. A form will need to be completed and taken to the ATT store. Limited Apps are available now. No Active 911 on the secured network yet. Prices for the new system range from \$34.99 monthly through \$49.99 for an unlimited data offering. The basic benefit right now relates to those signed up having priority over normal ATT users. The Sheriff will be attending a meeting on First Net next week and will give us an update at a future meeting.

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association
Attendance Sheet
December 13th, 2017

	Print	Signature	Dept.
1.	Mike Davidson	Mike Davidson	CTFD
2.	Bob Galabur	Bob Galabur	EEFD
3.	Bob Chisole	Bob Chisole	CTFD
4.	Dennis Sotter	Dennis Sotter	RCFD
5.	Mike Mattix	Mike Mattix	NRFK
6.	Al DiBerto	Al DiBerto	LAKELAND
7.	Larry Lamb	Larry Lamb	NFD
8.	Gary Maxwell	Gary Maxwell	SJCTFD #1
9.	William Brown	William Brown	MEDIC 1
10.	DAVID AGENS	David Agens	BC911
11.	Frank DeLore	Frank DeLore	S.M.C.A.S.
12.	Gregy Koblman	Gregy Koblman	S.J.C.T.F.D.#1
13.	Carlin Sampell	Carlin Sampell	BC911
14.	Mike Poup	Mike Poup	G.H.D.P.s
15.	Zott Wiedemann	Zott Wiedemann	CTFD
16.	Rockey Jones	Rockey Jones	RC911-650
17.	Paul Bailey	Paul Bailey	RC911-650
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Al Debrito discussed Lakeland's new system which gives him a notification when anyone calls 911 from a Lakeland Phone. Dave discussed upgrades coming in 2019 that will allow much more data and greatly increase possibilities of communications. Large buildings in excess of 7000 ft. 2 require phone location to be transmitted with a call to 911 in order to more effectively find victims. He reminded everyone that information can also be put into RAVE Facility including Maps, and other important information. Katlyn offered to meet with any Fire Official who would like to visit and see what dispatch does. The Chief's Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday in March at 1830 hrs. will be held at the Dispatch Center in the hopes of allowing Fire Officers to visit the facility and ask questions.

DNR – None

Funeral Protocol – Berrien

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – FEMA Lakeland Evaluated Exercises coming up. Rocky praised Lakeland for take drills seriously. Rocky announced January 23 Continuity of Government Class. Sign up on MiTrain. He also discussed a battery of classes to prepare for post plume planning. Feb 6, 0900-1700. Feb 7 ending at noon. Radiation Core Concepts Course first day with Post Plume Course Day 2. 50 Mile Planning Basis. A 3rd class isn't recommended unless you have planning duties. Palisades Drill coming up in the spring. During EOC exercise they have been the same disconnect between EOC and DECON. They will have a reception staff during the EOC activation to properly work through communication process.

EMS-

Medic1- Reminded everyone to go direct with EMS agencies and avoid asking Dispatch to relay date. Not only does this increase the chance the message is misunderstood, it can tie up the dispatcher unnecessarily.

SMCAS- None

MEDFlight- None

MedControl- Discussions around Safety Vest purchase for our Medical Control Doctors who will be responding to EMS related events. This should increase their safety as well as help to identify them more effectively to Command Staff.

RED CROSS- None

HAZ-MAT-New team members

BCFA- \$1734 raised at the White Elephant. St Joe Twp. #1 will host the meeting on January 3rd. RIT Training Presentation will be the program. Gerry announced that the BCFA paid the Web Site Fee for the year.

BCYF-None.

TRAINING- Baroda is hosting several classes including a visit from the State Fire Marshal. Please check TexCom for more information.

Mi-TRT-5- Nothing to report

MABAS- Chief Davidson suggested that we have a local MABAS Division Meeting in the first few months of 2018 to get a clear direction of the program.

OLD BUSINESS -.

COMMUNICATION GRANT- Kenwood will be meeting with the committee following the meeting. Mike shared the concern of overall expense and making sure that we are not overpricing the project with all the bells and whistles, and in turn, lowering our chances of success. Discussion related to limiting the radios sought to single band to reduce the cost. Proposal to limiting the grant request to pagers and not portables or mobiles was also thrown out but several had issues with this approach. Dale Stover will be facilitating the grant request for us. He is operating at DLS Consulting and is willing to assist anyone needed a leg up with their grant request.

NEW BUSINESS -.The group welcomes New Chief Scott Wiederwax and congratulated newly promoted Assistant Chief Brandon Chiarello.

Next Meeting. 1-17-18 @ 1830

RS Larry Lamb