

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION



Meeting 3-21-18

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1850 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported the current balance of the Checking Acct at 1546.76, approved with all in favor.

MINUTES –Minutes were provided from January 2018 thanks to Captain DeLaTorre, and February 2018 thanks to Chief Dave Flick. Motions and Seconds with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –None

PRESENTATION – .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF-. Welcomed everyone to the EOC/Dispatch. Good to have you see dispatch. They do a very difficult job. Blood pressure increases in that room. Caitlin was thanked for her roll. The Sheriff also wanted to thank everyone who was involved with the flood. Animal Control, Shelter, Eau Claire and Berrien did an ausom job with the trailer park. School Sheltering worked out well. Red Cross did a great job. Some issues with communication. Rocky did a great job coordinating everyone. Niles City did a great job. The Sheriff commented on his excitement that the Wonderland Theater will be opening up soon.

The remodel at the jail is going well. Locker room will be done soon, moving to the next phase. Sally port starting in May.

911 – Caitlin will go over dispatch operations following the meeting. She discussed the consideration to build out fiber. National Telecom Week is coming up soon. They are in the midst of a community outreach roll out that includes Smart 911 and Rave Facility. Dave is on a beach somewhere on vacation.

DNR –. None

Funeral Protocol – Berrien

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association
Attendance Sheet
March 21st, 2018

Print	Signature	Dept.
1. Mike Davidson	Mike Davidson	CTFD
2. Chris Mustard	Chris Mustard	D.A.C.F.A.
3. Jamie Flick	Jamie Flick	NBT FD
4. Mike Mustard	Mike Mustard	NBFR
5. SPIKE ASTORFER	Spike Astorfer	BSDFX
6. A. D. Brown	A. D. Brown	INDEPEND / WFD
7. Jeremy Dammell	Jeremy Dammell	SIDS
8. Mike Puga	Mike Puga	SWERS
9. Dave Elix	Dave Elix	TDFD
10. Bill Wilson	Bill Wilson	WFD
11. Dan Jones	Dan Jones	WFD
12. Ryan Klear	Ryan Klear	SCTFD #3
13. Gary Kachelman	Gary Kachelman	SCTFD #4
14. David Latta	David Latta	BCD
15. Bill Long	Bill Long	Sales Dept
16. Tom Jensen	Tom Jensen	Bureau Insp
17. Larry Hays	Larry Hays	NFD
18. Tom Wisely	Tom Wisely	Porterfield
19. Quinn Swartzell	Quinn Swartzell	So. Ill
20. Poney Jones	Poney Jones	RE-EMSD
21. Dan Lamb	Dan Lamb	RE-EMSD / WFD
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC –. Captain Adams discussed flood response. So many agencies did good work. The entire response was a team effort. NRC exercise have been canceled. Utility control, public education and PIO all performed well. Everyone did a great job making sure that we were all informed. Dealing with urban planners and other agencies were a plus. Working event past the first operational period was good practice for our team. An expanded event, NIMS typing also came in handy. SBA Loans are still under review. Flood Insurance should be the answer in the future. DHS setup for lower income. Donations have been very positive. MARC set up for distribution of resources. 8.4 million in damage to date. Kalamazoo has 2.5 million reported so far in the event. We were able to perform our damage assessment function in only 4 days. Rockey expressed appreciation for all of the assistance. Chief Stover thanked Rockey for his department's resources. Captain DeLaTorre thanked Rockey for his communication throughout the event. Rockey discussed 120 people on a cell phone were lessons learned during the event. Again the Palisades drill has been canceled due to our work managing this event with the EOC.

EMS-

SMCAS- Frank discussed RED BUDDDD! This year there will be two very large events.

Medical Strike Team

Chief Jones discussed the Medical Strike Team concept. Discussed that all county FD members with medical training may be allowed to participate. Al DiBrito will be attending local departments to provide the information. 20-30 minute presentation. Baseline SOG's have been approved. This is an all hazard response team, MCI's, Large Crashes, Floods, Motorcycle event etc. were discussed as possible uses.

RED CROSS- Praised for their work with both shelters set up during the flood. Chief Stover said that they have never seen a community support those in need with gifts of food and supplies for those in shelter. Discussions relating to victim recovery response in Watervliet. Fire Crews have been working tirelessly to get the family some closure. New Rescue 1 boat will hopefully be approved.

HAZ-MAT- 2 newest members graduated for school in Aniston Alabama. Training to use their new chemical analyzer is underway.

BCFA-..

BCYF-None.

TRAINING –.Several new classes being offered in Baroda. TEEX Program for Farm Emergencies as well as Human Trafficking.

Mi-TRT-5-..Training is ongoing. Call the team early during an event.

MABAS-..Frank DeLaTorre, who currently serves as the Plan Coordinator for our Division, discussed the divisional meeting held prior to the meeting. Chief Mattix has agreed to attend the upcoming State Meeting on behalf of our group. Frank introduced Trent Atkins, a former Chief from the City of Lansing who is now serving Michigan MABAS as the newly hired Director. Trent served 25 years with the City of Lansing and was a charter member of Michigan MABAS. He discussed the growth of MABAS with now a total of 26 divisions in the state with several other newly formed groups coming on line soon. He is traveling to the UP later this month to share the system with them. He is hopeful that the state will be up to 39 divisions of department by the end of summer. He discussed some growing pains relating to getting training and guidance out to the division level. The Executive Board has developed several working groups to help with this growth including Communications, Policy and Box Card Development and Exercise and Training. Members from divisions who would like to assist at the State level are encouraged to talk to Frank. It's a great way to meet other fire service leaders from throughout across the State. MABAS is mostly about Local Response.

He also reported that the Website has been updated and newly released. Cards, templets, HM, MI-Net and Members only area being designed. A Michigan MABAS Conference is being planned for this summer which should be a great opportunity. The first executive meeting in April will be at the Mobilization Center at Holly. Trent is very excited to help move the organization forward.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMUNICATION GRANT- Radio grant – MOU's need to be compiled. The panels are convening on the 2nd week in April with awards expecting to begin in May or June. There are radios programed for Demo purposes that are traveling around the county. Benton Harbor has purchased 8 pagers. Chief Phelps hopes to work out the bugs so we can all benefit with our roll out. Going smoothly - met north, F911, Com North, multiple paths. Our radio grant specified the black radio with Fire Rated neck mic.

NEW BUSINESS –. Sodus pancakes on April 15th.

Caitlin provided a presentation on dispatch center operations, hardware and fire related systems in place.

Motion of Adjournment 2043. Next Meeting. April 18 @ 0830

RS Larry Lamb