

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 4-18-18

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0835 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 March 2018. Motions and Seconds with all in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – Chief Stover presented a bill for \$91.66 for Communicator Week Food.

PRESENTATION – .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF- The Department has been busy. Efforts are being discussed to provide Safe Schools. Considering a Statewide Bill to bring on school liaison Police Officers and Councilors. One Officer per district. Discussion ranging to use of sinking funds which allows local voters to have long term control of the program. The Sheriff stressed that any solution would also need to look at increasing school counseling services to catch at risk youth prior to tragedy.

The Sheriffs team has been busy with the planning process for SPGA and RED BUD² events. Concerns with protesters being discussed. Silver Beach is also a focus to assure a family atmosphere is maintained. Alcohol will not be tolerated this year. The Sheriff encouraged those interested to find the Sheriff's department annual report at www.bcsheriff.org.

Getting a new 3d imager which can be used to do high hazard buildings.

911 – National Telecom Week underway. Thanks for the Treats.

The Chiefs were encouraged to push our grouping of safety applications available from the county. Together they provide various types of users an increased level of communication, information accessibility and preplanning to our residents and staff. If you haven't already encourage your staff to sign up for one or all of the programs. 650 subscribers in Berrien County. Rave Facility, included information like Hazmat, floor plans, etc. Con geo space for cell phones to link data. Multi-line phone systems and new requirements also discussed. Asking departments to be leaders in pushing these new applications out to their members and the public.

Governor updating to next gen 911. He signed a new law on March 6th. It will raise 911 fee from 19 cents to a quarter to help to fund the buildout. This will help dispatch centers link up IP networks. Newer systems will be GPS based. Long term CAD updates in the works.

Discussions about Benton Harbor 800 MHz paging systems. Working out the bugs. Chief Phelps thinks it's going well. Discussions relating to 800 MHz training for each department. 4 day class is available.

DNR –. None

Funeral Protocol – Berrien

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association Attendance Sheet April 18th, 2018		
Print	Signature	Dept.
1. Mike Davidson	<i>Mike Davidson</i>	CTFD
2. Bob Calahorra	<i>Bob Calahorra</i>	EEFD
3. BRUCE STOVER	<i>Bruce Stover</i>	KSDFD
4. GORDY BUEKES	<i>Gordy Buekes</i>	BSDFD
5. GARY BRONCO	<i>Gary Bronco</i>	NTFD
6. LAMB LAMB	<i>Lamb Lamb</i>	NTFD
7. DAVID ASSENS	<i>David Assens</i>	BC 911
8. BILL (BOB) IV	<i>Bill (Bob) IV</i>	MEDIC 1
9. PAUL ALLEN	<i>Paul Allen</i>	BSDFD / BC50
10. HAROLD HERR	<i>Harold Herr</i>	LaGrange
11. GARY KEBELMAN	<i>Gary Keelman</i>	S.J.C.T.F.D #1
12. DON DEBAT	<i>Don Debat</i>	Cook Plant
13. FRANK DELATONE	<i>Frank Delatone</i>	S.M.G.A.S.
14. DANIEL SETH	<i>Daniel Seth</i>	ACPI
15. ALVIN FLICE	<i>Alvin Flice</i>	BERRIEN T.C.F.D.
16. MIKE PHILIPS	<i>Mike Phelps</i>	BNDFS
17. TIM JOHNSON	<i>Tim Johnson</i>	Rushmore Twp.
18. PERRY BEANE	<i>Perry Beane</i>	BERRIEN C.
19. PAUL BAILEY	<i>Paul Bailey</i>	BERRIEN C.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC –. Rockey discussed the 800 MHz train the trainer class being offered. This class now includes Kenwood hardware. Rockey encouraged each department to try to train an 800 MHz trainer. If we eventually migrate to 800 MHz departmental trainers will be recommended.

State Contingency Funding Meeting will be April 23rd, Monday from 1400 hrs. at KVCC's Gross Theater. Each affected jurisdiction must have attendance from Upper Leadership Level to qualify.

Emergency Operations Plans are uploaded digitally. Setting up individual accounts. Will come with County Logo not spam? Care needs to be taken to not mix up editions. Hot Washes need to be done at the local level to improve the quality of larger County Hot Wash that will be planned in the near future. Sheets will be put out this week.

Threat Risk Assessment is going out to be updated. Step by step process. We hope to identify any gaps we have. This effort will drive implementation plans that will follow later in the year. New Fema requirements coming out to drive State and Federal Preparedness.

Dave Albers added he was in route to the "North American Active Assailant Conference. He asked if there was anything information that Chiefs wanted him to bring to the conference. Chief Lamb referred to the limited staffing that all our communities' face with Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement and that funding needs to be increased to provide additional services and appropriate levels of response to these challenging events. We currently can only provide a basic level of response and will in no way be capable of providing services that are outlined in NFPA 3000 and other comprehensive documents with current levels of daytime staffing.

EMS- Medic1 – None
SMCAS- None
Med Flight – None
Med Control - None

RED CROSS-.. The local Red Cross Chapter has been moved to Stevensville in the Shopping Center.

HAZ-MAT--. Sgt Burks discussed new employees through Tech 1 and on to Tech 2. Corey recommended to take advantage of free training. Low – no cost options available.

BCFA-.Please keep up with Resource Directory Updates. Three Oaks will host the May Meeting.

Denny added that the Map was about completed for the City of Saint Joe. New Platform from Royalton Township a good example. Using specific building is easy but areas require more work. Contact Denny immediately. Changes after upgrade will take more time.

BCYF- Gerry is looking for Fair Education Ideas.

TRAINING –.Corey discussed coming to the end of the FF1&2 year. May 6 will be review, May 10 the written, with May 12 being Practical 0700 hrs. at the Fairgrounds. Corey is asking for help and apparatus.

Inspector 1 Class testing in May.

Drivers Training –TTT coming up

ATV-UTV- TTT in May in Cass County

BCTC Chair Corey Burks will be sending out an email to receive input from departments on future training wants and needs.

Grant for CTE program got us fire protection and door props. Will be at the fair grounds to showcase new equipment.

Doug DeBest announced upcoming training in Baroda;

Human Trafficking- well received

Basic Farm Class is full

Crisis leadership Class TEEX register in MI Train. Few seats remain. FEMA funded class

August 11 – VFIS Emergency Trailer TTT. Policy Owners are Free

Sept 22, 23, Baroda NFA Best Practices Com Risk Reduction Program. ISO credits secrets.

Rope Rescue Class via Cook at Lake Twp want to fill this one up.

Baroda is looking at a Bond to Build New Fire Station. Hopefully will include training room.

Mi-TRT-5-..Quarterly training coming up. No call outs. .

MABAS-Division Meeting held at 5 pm. Before Chiefs. Captain DeLaTorre and Plans Coordinator for Division 3501 sent out Out of Division Box Cards to local Chiefs. Need to include Tender, Engine, and Brush Cards.

OLD BUSINESS - We unfortunately received our FIRE Act Dear John Letter for our latest 800 MHz radio grant. Our request didn't make it through peer review this time. Dale will examine to determine what modification we need for the next cycle. Our next request will be on the house. Chief Davidson will notify radio suppliers and return the demos we have. Washtenaw County Michigan was successful with a similar grant proposal.

Sandra Dyja is still trying to schedule more contacts with Fire Departments on her insurance program. They want to make sure everyone is given the chance for the free \$5,000 policy. First responder taskforce.com. Members 18-59 are eligible. Contact her if interested.

NEW BUSINESS -Doug added that Chief Adams has had hip surgery and longtime Buchanan Twp/Niles Twp/Buchanan City and Cook Firefighter John Rydwalski has suffered a stroke and is in Memorial Hospital. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they go through a challenging recovery.

Motion of Adjournment 1010 hrs. Next Meeting. Lincoln Twp Fire @ 1830

RS Larry Lamb



9-1-1

**National Public-Safety
Telecommunications Week
April 8 - 14, 2018**

**To commemorate 9-1-1 Week
CHECK OUT THESE FREE PUBLIC-SAFETY APPS
available in Berrien County!**

Access public-safety applications designed to streamline information sharing for you, your family, and/or facility staff during an emergency.

Build your own private/household profile to share only with public-safety personnel when you call 911. It is nationwide and will go anywhere your mobile phone goes, and connect with any participating local Public-Safety center when you call 911.



Smart911™

Build a facility profile for your organization that will provide public-safety with important location directions, facility contacts, and hazardous materials lists, even when 911 is called by a mobile device from the facility.



RAVE Facility™

Register to receive priority notifications regarding the Berrien County locations you are most interested in during a local emergency, and pre-register for special needs services during a disaster.



Keep in mind, these applications are offered as a part of a comprehensive county public-safety 9-1-1 and public notification system. While they are a powerful and convenient critical-information sharing approach, they will perform only as well as the wireless services and public internet.