

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 8-15-18

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0845 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported the Checking at \$2,505.10. Motion, 2nd, all in favor.

MINUTES – Minutes from July 20, 2018 were presented and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –

PRESENTATION – The meeting was set up right in the Fair Fire Station Safety Center using benches. Gerry provided a brief on the operations of the Safety Firehouse at the fair. It was a great benefit in holding the Chief's Meeting at the Fair so that Chief Officers could see firsthand the operation there. A real draw for the center is the interactive fire trainers provided by both Lakeland Hospital and the Fire Training Committee which they received from a CTE grant through Berrien Community Schools. Children and Adults alike are treated to their own level of Extinguisher and Fire hose training allowing firefighters to remind them of the importance of escape planning, smoke detector placement, and extinguisher mounting locations. Children enjoy dressing up like heroes, photo ops and coloring contest. The area also provides a great venue to show off County Fire Services training with both photos as well as the new door breaching tool that a few of us old timers were able to break a few boards on. Departments are encouraged to provide representatives to assist. It takes no real training and gives the members and departments who participate great exposure. Dennis Graham and Gerry are doing a great job donating close to 100 hours each to make the operation successful. Gerry will be posting photos on line.

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association
Attendance Sheet
August 15th, 2018

Print	Signature	Dept.
Mike Davidson	Mike Davidson	CTFD
Ryan Kloss	Ryan Kloss	SCTED#1
Frank DeLoe	Frank DeLoe	SCTED#2
Larry Lamb	Larry Lamb	UFD
Gary Brevid	Gary Brevid	NFD
Spoke Spoke	Spoke Spoke	BSOFD
Mike Matthe	Mike Matthe	NRFR
Dan Jones	Dan Jones	WFD
Gerry Kachelman	Gerry Kachelman	S.I.C.T.F.D.
Corey Burks	Corey Burks	BEFFC/BSEED
Mike Pinner	Mike Pinner	GRDP
Lokey Adams	Lokey Adams	BCSD
Al DiBasso	Al DiBasso	LAKELAND

The Friends of Berrien Springs, Korn Dog booth has been very helpful again this year with a \$500 donation for refreshments for members working at the fair and \$300 for the Firefighter Association Meeting. Servepro of Berrien County has also supported the effort with donations to the Safety Center. Larry will draft a letter thanking them from the Chiefs Association and give it to Corey Burks for delivery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF- Sheriff Bailey reported his department has been busy. Gearing up for the International at Red Bud. Advanced ticket sales seem to indicate a very large turnout from overseas. Overflow parking will be at the fairgrounds with buses transporting people back and forth. Dozens of Officers will be required to work the event.

He also reported on the ongoing jail remodel project. He hopes it will be done by early spring.

911 – Mike reported on an email from Dave. He reports that the County Commission will be voting Thursday on the New Buffalo Pager proposal.

DNR –. None

Funeral Protocol – Bruce reported that Bible stocks are low. He likes to keep a supply of 10 of each type of bible. The cost is around \$30 each and is split with the Firefighters Assoc. Motion was approved to replenish the stock.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC. With LEPC scheduled for next week Rockey reported that his division has been working on prepping and training for the looming start of school. They work with teachers providing training and school safety reminders. The Schools have good plans in place. He encourages departments to help get the word out relating to school safety messaging. Sgt Bush has again been nominated to participate with a Gubernatorial Task Force on School Planning. Marshal Settlemeyer is also participating.

Flood Plan Development is still underway. Departments that were involved with the Flood Response are still asked to send their input for the After Action Review to EM.

New Buffalo is adding school liaison officers to their schools. Several other jurisdictions also have officers dedicated to the schools for safety. In addition to decreasing the time it takes for a good guy with a gun to arrive it more importantly provides a conduit for information and Intel to flow out from students and educators.

2020 Hostile Action Drill Planning Underway

TRAINING- Corey reported on the training needs survey. He has to have it back to Fire Marshal's Office soon so it can be recorded. He discussed needs to get type of courses in the pipeline using this information. Numbers are somewhat secondary to courses needed. FF1&2 applications are out there. Physicals were discussed with Corey making it clear that the committee is only looking for the local Chief/Department to certify that students are physically able to meet the requirements. They are not looking for physical to be issued to them. Just check the box that they have an up to date physical per individual department standards. This should be done not later than 30 days from the start of the class. Those members that are unable to

HazMat- Minor Haz-mat Spill at Lakeland discussed. Al thanked both the Sheriff's HM team, EM, and St Joe PS departments for the quick and effective response.

BCFA –.Next Firefighters Meeting will be in Baroda on September 5th.

EMS-

Medic 1- None

Med Flight – None

SMCAS – Frank reported on their departments preparations for the international event.

The sanctioning body requires 18-20 ems providers to be on scene.

Med Control - None

Mi-TRT-5-..Chief Lamb reminded Chiefs that the team is ready to respond to technical rescue events. If we don't use the free service we stand to lose it. Additional training for these specialized events is required and enforced by MiOSHA. Don't put one of your people in a bad spot. Call the team as soon as it is determined that a tech rescue is needed.

MABAS-..Frank announced that Chief Mattix will be taking over as the Division 3501 Executive Board Rep from Chief Lamb. Larry will continue to assist and support the Chief Mattix and help the Division in any way possible. Frank will remain the Divisions Plan Coordination Representative. Departments are reminded to get Frank contact info for 2 members who will get access to the internal MABAS Website. Additionally updated Box Cards should be completed by December 31st of this year. If you need assistance please let someone know.

OLD BUSINESS -

NEW BUSINESS -

Al DiBrito from Lakeland discussed the Medical Control Board. They are looking for additional participation and attendance. They actually are tasked with enforcing medical policies. They would like to see more involvement from Supervisors, Mayors, Fire Chiefs and other stakeholders.

DC Cook will have BioCare at their facility and would be happy to have other departments who needed to have firefighters examined send them over.

Chief Davidson let the group know that Joel Buist will be hosting the Pink Heals in Bridgman. They will be accompanying the Heals across the county to pick the spirits up of those battling cancer. They would like to have the local FD take the lead when they hit their town. He didn't have a list however you can reach Joel at jbuist@bridgman.org or by calling 269-876-6342. They are still taking names of people to visit as well.

Motion of Adjournment 0942. Next Meeting. Lincoln Twp Fire @ 1830 on Sept 19.

RS Larry Lamb



9-1-1

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

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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.



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