

BERRIEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: 1830

Date: September 19, 2018

Old Minutes: None No quarm for August meeting

Treasure Report: None Chief Lamb on Vacation.

Communications/Bills:

Gerry Kabelman Discussed National Fallen Firefighters Tribute weekend on October 06-07, 2018. There will be a live streaming of the candlelight service on the website Saturday October 06, 2018. Gerry will send out flier.

Captian DeLaTorre talked about North Berrien Fire Department Auxiliary's Quarter auction on October 04, 2018 at 1830 hrs at the North Berrien

Coloma Station 170 Washington Street Coloma MI. This is the Auxiliary main fund raising event to support he firefighters and department. Please come out and support.

It is a lot of fun. Flier on BCFFA website.

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association Attendance Sheet September 19th, 2018		
Print	Signature	Dept.
1. Mike Davidson	<i>Mike Davidson</i>	CTFD
2. Jamie Fink	<i>Jamie Fink</i>	NBTFD
3. Chris Huston	<i>Chris Huston</i>	B.C.F.A.
4. Scott Wiedtman	<i>Scott Wiedtman</i>	LTFD
5. Bill Knisely	<i>Bill Knisely</i>	Burtrand FD
6. Jockey Agens	<i>Jockey Agens</i>	BERRIEN CO SD
7. Gerry Kabelman	<i>Gerry Kabelman</i>	S.I.C.T.F.D. 1
8. Dan Jones	<i>Dan Jones</i>	W.F.D.
9. Al Beyer	<i>Al Beyer</i>	LAKELAND
10. Mike Phelps	<i>Mike Phelps</i>	BHDPS
11. Frank DeLaTorre	<i>Frank DeLaTorre</i>	SNICKS
12. Mike Mattix	<i>Mike Mattix</i>	MSFR
13. Dave Agens	<i>Dave Agens</i>	BC 911
14. Jonathan Beyer	<i>Jonathan Beyer</i>	Branch
15.		

Committee Reports:

Sherriff: Sherriff Bailey talked about the shootings in Benton Harbor. Sherriff stated the county is providing additional patrols to help out in Benton Harbor. Sherriff calling it operation Mayberry. Sherriff stated he was in Washington DC to discuss homeland security measures. Had chance to meet President Trump. Sherriff talked about the bid RedBud event on October 06-07, 2018. Sherriff stated presold 40,000 tickets oversea already. Extra parking in field across from RedBud and overflow parking/camping at BC Fairgrounds wit shuttles running down redbud between fairgrounds and Redbud MX. Sherriff also working on new occupational health services in county. Will have more information next month.

911: Dave Agens stated the EMS Strike Team activation was discussed in QA. All in QA felt it was well executed. Additional discussion on triggers for the EMS Strike Team such as ten (10) or more patients; three to four Critical traumas; and some wording changes. EMS Strike Team called out on county all call. Fire Departments that do MFR responses to respond. Non MFR department's advisement only. Captain DeLaTorre expressed concern on ambulances not being sent when EMS Strike Team activated. Dave and DR Beyer advised This is an all hazards program designed to get additional hands on resources not ambulance to the scene. Additional ambulances are the responsibility of the EMS of jurisdiction or incident commander. Captain DeLaTorre wanted to remind all that the EMS Strike Team resource is available to ALL departments in county not just those agencies that respond to MFR calls. Dave to email out additional information on EMS Strike Team dispatch procedures.

2018 Grant opens September 24- October 24. Need a formal vote of BC Chiefs association to proceed with 2018 grant. Dave stated he gave resolution to county commissioners to be voted on at September 27 meeting.

Chief Davidson red email from Chief Stover on moving forward with grant.

Dale Stover stated he needed a vote from Chiefs association and then letter for the grant.

Chief Mattix made motion for BC Fire Chiefs Association to move forward with 2018 communications grant with Berrien Springs Oronoko Twp. Fire Department being Grant host. Seconded by Captain DeLaTorre. Motion passed. None opposed. Chief Lamb to get letter to Chief Stover, and Dale when he returns from vacation.

Discussion on 800 pager failing.

BHDPS and SJPS stated both having very good reception and results with 800 pagers.

Discussion on a new aftermarket antenna that Ron Bush sent information out on to help with pager failing issues.

DNR: None

Funeral: In Berrien Springs. New Bible purchases.

Emergency Management: Captain Adams discussed working with 51'st Civil Support team on CBRNE drill. Captain Adams discussed the On Scene decision making course. That was offered on September 11, 2018. Discussion on medication box safety. Potential for contamination on medication that are left in boxes. Use PPE. Sherriff working on getting a company to come in and empty the box at Sheriff office and county building. Captain DeLaTorre asked that if Sherriff finds a company to do that please shar the information fo rother departments that have these medication boxes. Captain Adams discussed potential upcoming CERT class. More info to come. Discussion on county listserv bounces. Captain Adams stated most likely reason for bounces are full mailboxes. Please check your emails. Captain Adams discussed the wireless emergency alert test that was scheduled for September 20 was changed to October 03, 2018 due to hurricane relief efforts in the Carolinas. Please fill out survey after the tests as that will help to determine if infrastructure is needed. Drill with Lakland Hospital Niles set for October 18, 2018 with practice date October 04, 2018. MITESSA Drill October 10, 2018 at KVCC in Kalamazoo MI. Three operational periods that day 0900-1200; 1030-1430; 1330-1730. Open house on October 09, 2018 0830-1100.

EMS:

MedFlight-None

Med Control-None

Medic-1-None

S.M.C.A.S.-Captain DeLaTorre stated Sherriff stole his thunder on the upcoming RedBud motocross of nations. Captain DeLaTorre reiterated it is going to be a big event adding that South Bend airport is closing one runway just to park planes.

LEPC- Discussion on Do One Thing Program. A diaster preparedness/training program.

BCFFA- Gerry wanted to thank everyone that helped at he fire education center during the fair. It was a success, but can always use more help. August BC Chiefs meeting was held at Fire Education center. Septembers meeting was at Baroda Fire Department and Octobers meeting will be at Benton Township Station one October 03, 2018.

Training- Survey results are printed out and available on lead table. (see attached) Training committee will start addressing them. NIFERS class more information to come. Baroda will be hosting a Best Practices class on September 22-23 2018. BHDPS will be offering drivers safety course. Will push out dates when get them.

HAZMAT- If need an awareness or operations credits get with Cory.

MITRT-5- None

MABAS- Captain DeLaTorre discussed the need to compledete our division Out of Box card response. Captain DeLatorre state dMABAS MI Director Adkins wants all divisions to have completed Out of Division engine/brush/tender/ambulance boxcards completed and to him by Febuary 2019 so that MABAS MI can start planning drills. Weather they be tabletop or POD response drills. Captain DeLaTorre also stated that the MABAS MI Lawyer Julue stated she is still waiting on division to submit updated agreem,ent that were sent out in 2016. Captain DeLaTorre stated we still need department in our division to return updated agreements. Please get you updated agreements to Chief Mattix/Chief Lamb/or myself ASAP. For new department please get agreements into any one of us also. If any new department are having issues with their respective municipalities MABAS MI Lawyer Julie said she would come and talk to your municipality if you need.

Captain DeLaTorre discussed the request from North Carolina on Thursday September 13, 2018 for a potential Engine strike team response. With in 90 minutes we had five engines/team leader/assistant/chase car and trailer on standby to respond to North Carolina. MABAS MI Director Adkins and President Ball had all paperwork to MI EMHSD and approved then sent to North Carolina for approval. On Friday September 14, 2018 the request was stood down as the hurricane was not as bad as expected. MABAS MI MITF-1 did sent a 20 member Swiftwater rescue team to Raleigh North Carolina to assiste in rescue efforts after the flooding from the hurricane. Captain DeLaTorre again discussed the importance of our out of division boxcard stating if we had had ours done we could have offered one of our engines up for the potential deployment. Captain DeLaTorre stated he would have the engine strike team boxcard we have been working sent out again and if no one objects he will submit it to MABAS MI.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chief Davidson discussed fire reporting services. Chief Davidson stated he has switched to Emergency Reporting and suggested that other departments that are using emergency reporting to possible getting together and sharing information they have learned. Discussion led to possibility of having representative come to a Chiefs meeting and give a presentation.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Flick

Seconded by Chief Mattix.

Meeting adjourned 2026

Minutes submitted by Captain DeLaTorre