BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 2-20-19

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0840 hours

ATTENDANCE:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported the Checking remained at \$2,366.90. The bank listed a \$2.52 charge for an "Analysis Results Chg." Motion, 2^{nd} , all in favor.

<u>MINUTES</u> – Minutes from 1-16-19 were presented and approved.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS</u> – None

<u>PRESENTATION –</u> ATT's First Net Group

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF. Little overcrowded, 5 Murder suspects. Remodeling going well. Beginning to look like a receiving facility again. 2 padded cells, interview room all going in. Department has been busy, bad weather on 94. Sheriff appreciated all of the help extended on those incidents. Discussion relating to upcoming squads body styles requiring new inserts. Discussion on Marihuana including challenges with traffic stops.

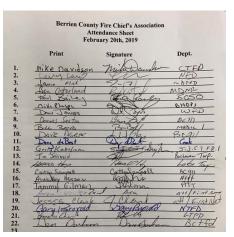
<u>911</u> –Next Gen project continuing over the next 2 weeks. Installing Text to 911 will allow dispatch to text back to callers. Includes tracking tool. Rapid SOS will tap into everything to assist with location. Can be accurate to 50 feet. August will be connection to broadband links. Waiting on 800 grant. New Buffalo cutting over and working well.

Policy- Dave will again forward out to everyone the High Incident Protocol Policy. Mike asked questions about CAD tracking. Specifically different run numbers for various responses during disaster. Dave said that if it's an issues we can go back after the event and change the numbers. Denny added those who are dependent on CAD numbers can contact him directly.

Discussion relating to New Buffalo on 800 pagers. They are doing scene and response on 800 mhz. Battery life issues were discussed. Dispatch is monitoring scene traffic now until fire is under control.

Dave is planning with the County Commissioners to make sure they are aware of future costs related to the radio grant. Older equipment needs replaced. CAD system no longer being supported. Upgrade to new program is possible. Larry added to make sure we get the fire module should we upgrade. It was also mentioned that St Joe County Indiana was having issues with their new New World software. Data Base issues could be the problem. Future map data will be improved to help with call location. Dave is looking at competition as well but cost is an issue.

No comms with Indiana yet? Chief Flick from New Buffalo Twp. reported that he has several channels from South of the Boarder in his template. . Chief Brovold discussed the No Voice to tone issue. May not be procedural issue. It could be in Niles Radio causing the issue. SMR will get Telrad to look at the radio.



<u>DNR</u> –..Form is available on the MDEQ web site for Excess equipment grants. The Fire Division response was discussed. Ranger, Dozer, and Tenders can be available. Can respond in 45 minutes to 1.5 hours. Radio Communications on FG1 and Statewide Fire. Has VFire Capability and 800 State 8Tac Channels. After hours available. The Contact number will be posted on the Resource Directory.

Funeral Protocol -. None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC. Discussions relating to changes with LEPC and Disaster Committees. Chief Phelps and Connell, and Captain Chiarello all committed to serving on the LEPC.

TRAINING- NFPA 1851 Globe gear cleaning – march 25th. Training council meeting canceled to the next week. Jeremey Connell will try to attend.

HazMat-. Sodus had a tanker issue. Tanker full of pesticide rolled over. Ferrous Chloride.

<u>BCFA</u> –Buchanan City is the next meeting on the 6^{th} of March. Gerry is updating the Resource Directory. He is looking to add any antique fire apparatus photos. North Berrien is doing a trivia night fundraiser. Dates and times posted to the web.

 <u>EMS-</u> MEDIC 1-Residential Property Addresses were discussed. Old addresses never corrected, out of sequence. Need help from responders to correct issues.
SMCAS-MED CONTROL: LAKELAND- Al Debrito let everyone know that a bleeding control class was available.

Mi-TRT-5-. Quarterly Training ongoing. Additional PPE being issued.

MABAS-. Dispatch Training Program being offered.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u> -. Still no word on the grant. Peer Review coming soon. Fingers crossed we score well. Chief Buist asked about purchasing equipment now and if it would jeopardize the grant. If was the coconscious that you could purchase but should expect reimbursement.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> – Chief Phelps discussed Narcan train the trainer. They will provide training. Discussion about EMS CE. Chief Connell asked about on-call pay averages. He will put together an updated survey. Firefighter Physical Costs and regularity were also discussed.

Motion of Adjournment. Next meeting will be on March 20 at 1830 hrs.

RS Larry Lamb

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