



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 3-20-19

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1830 hours

ATTENDANCE: not available

TREASURER'S REPORT - Chief Lamb reported the Checking remained at \$2,364.35, minus \$150.00 for dispatch appreciation and the \$2.59 service fee. Motion, 2nd, all in favor.

MINUTES - Minutes from 2-20-19 were presented and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS - Coloma FOP Trivia Night on Saturday. Info posted to the web.

Buchanan Chili Cook-off (430-730 on Thursday)

PRESENTATION -

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF - Sheriff Bailey discuss Lt. Kurtz in training. Fred Leach is going to the Marine Division and Ryan Sullivan will be moving to Niles Township Patrol. Getting Ready for Summer Festivals Season.

911 - Director Agens reported on progress of Text to 911. In now with 2 way access. Preview Cad update. In bedded mapping, more interactive allowing more depth to be built into box alarms for example.

Telrad doing spring maintenance on Primary VHF. St Joe Tower has an issue requiring repair. Gerry added it has been weak for some time. Sawyer BC1 – St Joe BC-2, Niles & Bertrand inspections next week. Dave didn't have a firm timeline on repairs however parts are ordered. Issues relating to TONE no Voice discussed.

DNR. - Ben reported on equipment at Plainwell Office that would be available. Discussions on illegal dumping

RED CROSS - Aid was given to firefighters working the US 12 fire.

Funeral Protocol - None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC - Rocky discussed the Homeland Security Evaluation Program 4-3- & 4-4, Michigan National Guard training on 4-30 and 5-1. Call Corey Burks. May 22-23 for PIO course

LEPC going through a restructuring. Need to focus LEPC on statutory requirements. Disaster Committee piece will be in a separate meeting. Still working on the format. Connell, Phelps, and Cherello all agreed to serve as the official representatives from the Fire Chief's Association.

Tier 2 Plans are due to the State by June. Dave does planning, maps, Cameo, Marplot. Next few weeks to get file share program for departments in place. Chief of each agency will be vetted to assure confidentiality.

TRAINING - Finalized flyer for RIT/ FF Survival Course over Memorial Day weekend. May 23-24, 6-10, 25-26 8 am to done. It's posted on the web. Interested Firefighters should contact Matt Weddie at Berrien Springs. Cutoff date of May 1st. It will also be posted to Smoke. Berrien has old gear if needed to reduce wear and tear. \$300 per student will include materials, meals and shirts.

HazMat - Dave discussed the National Guard Drill. He also offered an invitation that the team will provide Ops refresher training on department request.

BCFA - Gerry reported that the next meeting will be April 10, not the normal Wednesday. It will be in Buchanan Twp. Getting ready for the fair. Station Maintenance discussed.

EMS - MEDIC 1-None

SMCAS- Red Bud coming soon. Nothing finalized for future Internationals.

MED CONTROL:

LAKELAND- Med Control Meeting open to everyone.

Mi-TRT-5 - Allen Weich from Lake Township Fire and County Team Leader for Berrien County TRT made a brief presentation to the Chiefs about the capability of the team, response time, equipment locations, and scaled response. He discussed the equipment and training available to departments at no cost. Remember the team is there primarily for Confined Space, Rope, Collapse and Trench. Call dispatch for deployment. They are looking at putting together a Tech Rescue Familiarity Class for departments with interest. In the end if you have a weird rescue call the team. They will be there to assist not take over at no cost. What a bargain.

MABAS - Departments are being asked to update their cards as a normal maintenance of the program. This makes sure everyone is on the same page. The group voted to update to the current card used by the State to assure uniformity. Departments are asked to get them completed and send them out to Frank as well as going through the normal card approval process with those agencies on their cards.

OLD BUSINESS - Grant looking like June at the earliest. Chief Stover updated issues that deal with departments who need to purchase equipment prior to the grants approval. Keep in mind it is fine to purchase equipment prior to grant award however none of the equipment purchase prior to getting the grant could be funded by the grant. Specific questions should be directed to Bruce.

NEW BUSINESS - None .

Motion of Adjournment 2000. Next meeting will be on April 17 at 0830 hrs.

RS Larry Lamb