



# BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

## Meeting 5-15-19

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1830 hours

### ATTENDANCE:

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Chief Lamb reported the Checking remained at \$2,209.21. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**MINUTES** – Minutes from 4-20-19 were presented and approved.

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association Attendance Sheet May 15th, 2019		
Print	Signature	Dept.
1. Mike Davidson	<i>Mike Davidson</i>	CTFD
2. Dave Jones	<i>Dave Jones</i>	WFD
3. Mike Pumps	<i>Mike Pumps</i>	CHOPS
4. David Adams	<i>David Adams</i>	BCAU
5. Larry Lamb	<i>Larry Lamb</i>	NFD
6. Gerry Kabelman	<i>Gerry Kabelman</i>	SJCTFD
7. Aaron Hays	<i>Aaron Hays</i>	Hadley
8. Brandon Chardo	<i>Brandon Chardo</i>	LTFO
9. Joel Buist	<i>Joel Buist</i>	BCAU
10. Dennis Sator	<i>Dennis Sator</i>	BCAU - BTFB Ref
11. Allen Weich	<i>Allen Weich</i>	Lake

### COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –

Gerry Kabelman turned in a bill for \$398.50 for the Chiefs coin. We will sell them for \$10 each. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor.

### PRESENTATION –

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SHERIFF**-. None

**911** – Dave discussed tower climbs finishing up next week. Issue was a router that caused an issue with the Bertrand Tower. Discussions about the TRT deployment. It was the consensus that it went pretty well for the first deployment request. Discussions relating the use of the All Call to activate was brought up. A specific TRT tone pair will be installed soon to correct this issue. Active 911 got hung up during the event. Possible network issues. Next gen 911 going in with fiber. State is paying for this upgrade. High Speed internet to go with it is also being discussed.

FirstNet also discussed to make digital as robust as voice.

Thursday Commissioners will vote on Q&A Supervisor position. This person will be responsible for agency quality control and assist with the protocol manual development. Several other counties have found great use from this position. It should upgrade the quality of services.

Dave discussed tone no voice issues. Keeping track and narrowing it down all going to SMR Communication. Supervisors should be reporting occurrences to Dave. He is still convinced there is more to this issue than operator error.

Chief Jones asked about the CAD integration with emergency reporting. Dave discussed it is possible depending on the vendor. ER was discussed. It was working and self-populating but no longer is working in Watervliet. Chikaming and Bridgman reported their programs are working while Benton Harbor it isn't. Fiddlesticks.

Joel Buist led a discussion relating to “all Call list” of protocol written policies.

**DNR**. None

**RED CROSS**- None.

**Funeral Protocol** –. None

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC.**

PIO Class, Cert Train the Trainer and Program Manager Classes are all available.

The need to develop Hazardous Material Objectives for LEPC was discussed with the group. The HM Training Survey was also discussed. Results were issued to Dave Albers

**TRAINING-**. Corey was not in attendance. Testing done last week. Only one unsuccessful in the practical. Very good result. High School only 2 written and 1 practical failure. Some computer issues discussed. Corey is sending out a date for the Graduation Ceremony. On the calendar or go to the web.

Alan Weich from Lake went over the FF Survival class being canceled. 7 people signed up and they need 12 to run. Over holiday weekend could have been to blame. They hope to offer the course prior to September.

Saint Joseph DPS classes will be posted to the web. Fire marshals survey will also be posted.

**HazMat-**. Deputy Albers reminded departments that they will come out and provide HM Refreshers at departments. He also discussed the National Guard Drill. It was a lot of fun and tackled some crazy stuff. Allen added that members from the 5<sup>th</sup> district were impressed with the BCSD RRTM team.

**BCFA** – Chikaming hosted the meeting. Food was good with the presentation relating to responder insurance policy. This month will be hosted by Covert on June 5<sup>th</sup>. See their new facility and equipment.

Pancakes at Lincoln Twp this weekend. Lake Twp on Jun 9<sup>th</sup>.

Fair Fire Station doors need replaced. Getting Quotes. With Brick Replacement \$2000. Hope to have it done before fair.

**EMS-** MEDIC 1-None  
SMCAS- None  
MED CONTROL:None  
LAKELAND- None

**Mi-TRT-5-**. Allen discussed the first deployment of the Mi5 TRT. Shoring was discussed as a role. In the end were not tasked but the trailer and 8 members of the team were on scene in case needed. Three other outside county resources were responding. VHF tone are on the way.

**MABAS-**. Get Cards to Gerry so we can get them on the web. Gerry also wanted everyone to check out the logos he installed. .

**OLD BUSINESS** -. Grant-Bruce talked to Mike, no word yet with calls in to FEMA. Rumor mill going on about skipping peer review or possibly not using firefighters. Money is there and allocated. Chief Heyn added questions about the grant request. Chief Davidson discussed the process. Specific to him purchasing pagers prior to award. It would be specific to the grant.

**NEW BUSINESS** – ISO in Chikaming tomorrow. Lake, Watervliet, etc. A program is available from ISO. Minimum 35 people to host.

Motion of Adjournment 2000. Next meeting will be on June 19 at 0830 hrs.  
RS Larry Lamb