



BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 6-19-19

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 835 hours

ATTENDANCE: THIS WAS AN EPIC MEETING!! Bragging but we had 24 people, 14 fire departments plus Cook, Sheriff Bailey, Senator LaSata's Office, Emergency Managers Adams and Albers, Dispatch Director Agens and Sexton, Michigan DNR, and on the EMS side Lakeland, SMCAS, & Medic all represented.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported the Checking was currently at \$1802.12 with a Check going to Gerry for our share of the Coins Outreach Program of \$398.50 and our monthly \$2.59 service fee. Motion, 2nd, all in favor.

MINUTES – Minutes from 5-15-19 were presented and approved. They are posted on the Web.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –

Buchanan Poker Run being held this weekend. Boats go from Buchanan to the Berrien Dam picking up cards. Buchanan Twp will have their boats in the water to assist.

PRESENTATION – Dan Carriet was in from Senator LaSata's Office

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF-. Sheriff is awaiting the busy festival season. Parade season has also begun. He reported on the progress of the Receiving Area Project. Hopes to be finished up near the first of the year. An open house will be scheduled. He also mentioned Less We Forget which will be held this weekend.

911 – Director Agens reported that Next Gen 911 is coming up but he thinks that scheduling will have to be pushed back to November based on contractors. It will take a week once they are on it. Denny is working on the “Master Street Address Guide” so that we are ready upon their arrival. The decision on the CAD will come in the next few weeks. Lamb asked to make sure our Box Card integration be considered in the decision. Dave also discussed the VHF Tower Climb Maintenance should be completed. A new antenna for the St Joe tower and new connections on the Sawyer tower were corrected. The Bertrand Tower passed inspections the last time however its performance has been suspect lately. When issues arise make sure Dispatch is made aware. Dave is hoping to limp the system along in anticipation of the grant being successful. Chief Brovold discussed several cases where they were unable to make out the message from the dispatch.

He also updated the group on the QA Candidates. Policies are also being updated for the new additional staffing. IT Tech position also being discussed but interviews haven't been scheduled. Dispatch is also going through an Audit from the State of Michigan 911 Committee. They track the surcharge spending. Currently the surcharge funds 1/3 of the costs of 911 with the remainder

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Attendance Sheet
June 19th, 2019

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2.	Lamb	[Signature]	CTFD
3.	David [Name]	[Signature]	911
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Fire Departments - 14
SHERIFF (EM/ITM)
Dispatch 2
Senator LaSata's Office 1
DNR
Lakeland 1

coming from local funding. Discussions relating to ISO and dispatch inspections was asked by Chief Stover. Dave hasn't had to respond to ISO in some time but has communicated information in the past to them about dispatch capability. Dispatch capability has went from 10% of the grade to 33% of the grade in the most recent scoring.

DNR. Rain has been helpful relating to wildfires but has made it more difficult to do prescribed burns. UTV request forms discussed

RED CROSS- None.

Funeral Protocol – In Bridgman but Berrien needs it this weekend.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC.

EM Adams discussed the roll out of the EOP Updates this year. They plan to do this digitally to promote ease in access. It will also allow multiple disciplines in a community to have access. If a community has a hardship about this please contact his office and other arrangements could be considered. 302 site plans will also be posted to a special Cloud Storage so that departments can access them remotely. Rockey suggested that at least on department member be appointed to work with the plans that has some knowledge with the free programs in the Cameo suite.

Feedback relating to transportation over HM reports on PEAs sites. They are recommending we over report releases and cleanup cannot be funded in the cases of spills not reported. This underreporting can also impact state funding and training dollars. The PEAS website has info on forms or simply contact dispatch for reporting. They are also in the EOP under tech hazards section.

CERT train the trainer discussed. Managers program also being hosted. So far 3000 residents have been trained. Though only a few have become active on one of 4 teams the balance are out there in the community to help their neighborhoods in the case of disaster. The 4 teams are Coloma, Berrien Springs, Andrews University and LMC. Chief Davidson asked if current cadre of instructors would provide training if a community was interested. He would want to coordinate with those providing the training and could possibly participate in an upcoming class. As of yet no date has been planned.

The Local Energy Assurance Program was discussed. It is a program to help when we lose energy in our communities. There is a grant program for example to provide fuel stations with back up generating capability if they sign an agreement to service First Responders during disaster conditions. Rockey will forward out grant information.

COOK Drill Dates (7-30, 8-13, (“sorry Bruce”), and 8-27. He also hopes to include incident management training opportunities to the drill to provide some worry free sets and reps relating to ICP operations for those willing to participate (LE, FIRE, EMS command and general staff).

TRAINING- Chief Mattix reported that the Company Officer Class going smoothly in Berrien Springs. 25 Students enrolled. They may come to the Chiefs for Data for their projects. Also some letter writing requirements. Saint Joe DPS Strategy and Tactics class has also started.

Chief Stover handed out flyers for County CTE program as well as a list of contacts for each school.

HazMat- all good

BCFA – Gerry Kabelman reported on Covert Meeting. Presentation Active Violence “Rescue Task Force” was informative. Rockey added that they are working behind the scenes in our County to roll out the training soon. Next meeting will be at DC Cook Visitor Center on July 10.

Gerry also reported that someone has donated 2 TV's that will be used for fair and fire prevention. The official announcement will come during the Firefighters Assoc Meeting. On the Fair Fire Station – Gerry has quotes for the door replacement. They came in from \$1200 to \$3500. He hopes to have the quote narrowed into a final decision soon. He also has preliminary

quotes for the brick façade proposal. It will have to wait as cost for the brick alone are over a grand. Finally, Gerry has sought permission from the Fair Board to static display an antique fire truck at the fair. Gerry is looking to get people signed up to help at the Fire Education Center this year.

Food vendor legal requirement changes were also discussed. Some concerns that it could bleed over into food related fund raisers. Not sure. Gary Brovold would try to get more information on it.

EMS- MEDIC 1- Mr. Boyd reported on several multi-Discipline calls in the last month. All of which went pretty well. The current system seems to be working.

SMCAS- RED BUDDDD! Med Flight came in a few weeks ago. Normal LZ was OS so had to improvise. Captain DeLaTorre discussed the benefits of their METRO ALERT app which works for both chopper companies now.

MED CONTROL, LAKELAND- Al discussed the benefits of the new Mort Medical Examiner system. Cuts down on Morgue use and improves investigation. 6 people on call for each county. He also praised Dispatch for their positive relationship and reported on a recent conference in Grand Rapids. Lakeland will be adding security staff to help with flow at the ER's. FEMA drill for the hospitals will be on July 6th.

Doug Myers offered to schedule a class for the groups from the ME. It was decided that we would schedule a briefing for the next morning meeting. Larry will contact Chief Myers to schedule.

MED Flight New outreach Coordinator Mark Berger. Gary will reach out to invite them to come by.

Mi-TRT-5- Larry reported that a team leader meeting is coming up. He also let the group know he is working on a grant request for a Grain Bin Rescue tool (coffer Dam) for our trailer.

MABAS- Frank reported that the Leadership is working on FOG updates. Ongoing divisional local training needed consisting of table tops or POD deployment exercises. The State Fire Marshal and the State EOC are requesting updates of readiness. Gerry still needs cards from several of the agencies. Frank will forward what he has to Gerry so he can put them on the web and Dispatch. The new cad should include the ability to install our cards.

OLD BUSINESS - New Hire Physicals were discussed. Mike touched on BIOCare having dates available around the county.

The Challenge Coins are out. Gerry and Mike have handed out 22 complimentary coins to new firefighters and trainers. It was agreed that the losses in proceeds will be shared equally between both organizations.

The Burn Trailer was discussed. The trailer requires at least annual inspection and maintenance to remain operational and certified. This cost is approximately \$3500 as a guy has to be flown in from out east. The funds from the purchase have all dried up. Though future fundraising will be attempted the funds are needed now for this year. A motion, second, with all in favor for Chief Lamb to send out \$135 invoices to each fire department, Cook FB and BCSD to cover the costs of the service. Checks for this will be payable to the Berrien County Firefighters Training Committee and not Berrien Springs Fire. Additionally, the group also requested that Chief Lamb send out separate invoices for the \$50 Annual Dues.

The FEMA Grant was discussed. Though a letter from FEMA was once a precursor to an award. Leo burst everyone bubble when he reported that in this case everyone received a letter. He went on to report that any FEMA award is not administered through a new web portal called FEMA-go. His information had awards going out in late June.

Chief Davidson talked to Nathan the ISO guy but has yet to nail down a date for the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS– Sgt Dave Albers reminded the group about “less we forget” being held this weekend. Focus is on the Navy with a live band from a CCR band. Landing craft and helicopter rides will be available. It will be on the river this year and not the lake. @&% Upton Drive.

Bridgman Street Dance is coming up in July. Great time and Firefighters get in for free. Trucks are also being sought for their parade. Chief Buist will send out dates.

Motion of Adjournment 1015 am. Next meeting will be on July 17 at 1830 hrs. It was discussed that the last evening meeting was very poorly attended. If we don't see attendance increase from those departments

RS Larry Lamb