

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 8-21-19

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 0837 hours

ATTENDANCE: Brovold-NTFD, Heyn-Lake, DiBrito-Lakeland, DeLaTorre-SMCAS/NBFR, Boyd-Medic1, Agens-911, Mattix- NBFR, Bailey-Sheriff, Lamb-Niles, Chiarello-Lincoln, Carrick-Sen LaSata's Rep, Adams-BC-EM, Davidson-Chikiming, Osterland-DNR, Kabelman-SJCTFD1.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported the Checking at \$1802.86. Motion, second with all in favor.

MINUTES – Chief Stover will offer minutes at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – None

PRESENTATION –

Dan Carrick from State Senator LaSata's Office discussed the fight over the budget as well as issues relating to the proposed gas tax. Senator LaSata worked on bill changes relating to the 911 Bill on Multi-Line requirements in Large Buildings. He also briefed the group on Secretary of State Issues, Kiosks being implemented and upcoming enhanced requirements for licensing.

Nick from First Response/1-800 Board up was in. They are dropping the name in Michigan. Call 1800 number for first response and get the same company, employees and policies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF- The Sheriff commended Chief Stover on his Departments Fair Performance. Some poor weather days kept attendance numbers down slightly. Patrols in Benton Harbor beginning. No Chase policy was discussed with the group. Safety is paramount. He also discussed the status of the New Receiving Area and he commented that you may need to use the stairs for a time to reach the Sheriff's Office.

911 –Director Agens discussed his Budget and his efforts to move the radio project match money to the 2020 budget. CAD project won't start till the end of the year. Switches to the next Gen 911 capable equipment all in motion. Dave also discussed the need for feedback. The St Joe Site issues were discussed only hearing issues on the north end. After troubleshooting found a setting in the MUX Clock that was out of adjustment. VHF Niles/ Bertrand Site Micro wave issues were taken care of. Power level increase not an option. Garbled Transmissions @ the Fair were also reported. Tones no Voice issue was also discussed. Dave talked to TelRad and SMR and hopefully will hear something soon.

Lake received new field equipment. Chief Heyn reported that signals in his area are clearer on 800 and would like permission to migrate over there. Discussions relating to

the First net and future notifications systems were also included. AT&T is reportedly adding towers. The Motorola Wave APP was also discussed as a future option for notification. MPSC talk groups could actually go on your phone. They are getting close to being Mission Critical Compliant.

The last Q&A was last week. Received river call in Paw Paw River. Invited all participants involved in the call. Not FOIable and not a public meeting. The AAR will be out by the next meeting. Chief Mattix discussed the river as being an access “Nightmare.” The Call taker was trying to keep calm. No Landmarks. Dave discussed some options in locating victims. Marking systems were also discussed with the help of the local paddlers groups to help with location. Discussions moving traffic to UIC and its benefits and limitations. Dave also discussed map layers for access points.

DNR –. Ben discussed muck fires and the risk that they burn deeper. Quite year so far this year. His department is prepared to attack these fires. Gerry has posted their equipment to the web.

Funeral Protocol –.NA

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC –.DC Cook is close to completed. The table top in Lansing and Benton Harbor Schools on Thursday. Post Meeting Friday the 30th. Doesn’t anticipate anything negative. Over the next year Rockey hopes to focus on more tactical level in the future.

Rockey discussed the Rescue Task Force program beginning. Chief Mattix is having some difficulty on MiTrain. Berrien and Chikaming events to follow. Next year he hopes to continue offering the program.

Oil Spill Exercise w/ Marathon in St Joe on September 19th. October 8th Active Threat for Campus @ LMC. DiBrito performed a RTF awareness class in Niles for several FIRE, EMS, and LE departments.

TRAINING-

Mattix finished up the FO1&2 with 25 students passing. St Joe City is also running Officer 3 classes. Apps for FF1&2 County wide going out.

Chikaming’s Cadet Program was also discussed. Training opportunities are also listed on the BCFF Web and Training Committee Site.

FAIR- Gerry discussed the Operations at the Fair Fire Prevention. He needs more help next year. They handed out 1200 badges. He thanked First Response for the Water. Mark from MedFlight added his former department’s policy of requiring outside public service from each member of the department over the year. Several added their thoughts concerns and hopes to increase staffing of this very positive and needed service to the community.

HazMat- None

BCFA –. Gerry reported that he has updated the directory. Next meeting will be at the County EOC

EMS-

SMCAS –.Redbud going well. Smaller events are finishing up. EMS are recommended to participate in RTF Class.

MEDIC- Busy with the fair over the end of summer is here.

MED Flight – Mark Berger was in. He is the new rep from MedFlight. He will try to attend regularly. He is a former Flight Medic as well as firefighter. They still offer LZ classes. Gerry thanked him for their attendance at the National Night Out and he commented on his visit to Silver Lake Pizza.

Dr. Beyers- None

Mi-TRT-5 – Nothing to report.

MABAS-

Frank discussed comms plan sent out recently. Changes with Division monthly tests will now include dispatch centers. Frank also discussed the county dispatch getting more MABAS Channels in the consoles. Out of Division Box Card tabletop eventually to move toward move ups for readiness. October 9th they are hosting a Midwest Conference W other MABAS States. Validation is going out for special resources. MI-TRT5 is looking into participating. Frank again asks that member departments complete their card revisions and contact him if assistance is needed. Captain DeLaTorre will re-email out the new card.

OLD BUSINESS -

No word on grant.

Challenge Coins to go out to Chiefs on Consignment.

List of Locations for BioCare will be posted so others can send their people if desired.

Discussion on whether to continue to hold evening meetings. Next meeting will be an evening meeting. We will hold a final vote at that meeting as to whether to switch them back to all days.

NEWBUSINESS-

Dr Beyer's mandatory meeting for MFR/EMS agencies was discussed.

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Motion of Adjournment. Next Meeting. September 18th at 1830 hrs.

RS Larry Lamb