



Berrien Fire Chief's Association  
Discussion Notes 9-18-19

Chief Davidson asked for a roll call of departments to determine quorum. With only 7 departments present no quorum was present. Without the ability to hold an actual meeting the group in attendance held an unofficial discussion.

ATTENDANCE: Heyn-Lake, DeLaTorre-SMCAS/NBFR, Agens-911, Mattix- NBFR, Lamb-NFD, Davidson-Chikiming, Kabelman-SJCTFD1, Sexton-911, Weich-Lake, Irwin-Guest Motorola, Jones-Watervliet.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported the Checking at \$1800.20. He has received all required dues and trailer maintenance invoices back. Chief Stover was delivered a check for \$2970 so far with \$405 due to the BC Firefighter Training Committee. The organization has received \$1400 in dues for the year. Chief Lamb noted that he purchased a box of checks from the bank and thinks that the online banking issues will be solved soon.

MINUTES – Printed and emailed

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS – A meeting will be held following the next Chiefs meeting in October to bring together the Communications Committee.

PRESENTATION – Mr. Bill Erwin from Motorola was in to introduce himself as well as discuss equipment options and answer questions. He talked about a specific concept that would allow Michigan and Indiana to join towers across the State Line to improve each's coverage in those areas.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF -. None

911 –.Director Agens discussed what options we might have for plan B if the grant is unsuccessful. He discussed his budgetary constraints as well as match programs to date. He has a budget hearing on Friday and is doing what he can not to increase the millage rate. Chief Jones informed the group that his pager issues are critical. The group discussed options with used pagers as well as some ideas with departments inside the county that have already migrated to 800 that may have equipment that could be loaned. We discussed Kenwood vs Motorola...Price as well as Dave wanted to stress that we compare units side by side for performance.

Chief Davidson asked Dave to wish Katlynn well as she nears the end of her pregnancy.

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 –.Memorial held at St Joe Twp #1 for long time member Jim Ashmead who was lost after 42 years of service.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – Pipeline release tabletop tomorrow. Chief Davidson was joined by all in their high praises for the recent RTF offering.

TRAINING - Corey contacted Chief Davidson to report 30 already signed up for the adult class with 2 more possible and 12 students in the high school class. Cadet Programs are being operated by several departments with success. Specific limitations and policies were discussed.

FAIR -.

HazMat - Small 30 gallon hydraulic leak responded to in Niles.

BCFA –.A check was received from Albemarle Foundation for \$500 to support the Association. Gerry also let the group know that the Firefighters meeting schedule went out. Their next meeting will be at Lakeland Hospital. Attendees must wear Helmets, Gloves and Eye Pro. He also noted that long time member and Chief of Station #1 Chief Gary Maynard has retired after 45 year of service to the community.

EMS

SMCAS –.Redbud events winding down.

MEDIC- None

MED Flight –None

Dr. Beyers- None

Mi-TRT-5 – Nothing to report.

MABAS -..Frank discussed Michigan Task Force 1 response to the latest hurricane. He also talked about our recent drill. He will use a CD tone on the pagers instead of email on the next one. Future POD Drill in December as well as a 10 firefighter crew package response is in the works for November. With the later we would send 10 firefighters and SCBA in one or two utility vehicles. It could come in handy on a crew replacement type of situation.

We need information for Tanker and Grass Rig availability. They could call for 5 grass rigs and a plan should be in place to move them out. Must have extra on the card so that it leaves room for those who may have to pass. Frank reminded all the MABAS departments to include the MABAS channels in their next template upgrade.

OLD BUSINESS -.

Still No word on grant but awards have begun.

Chief Davidson has urine cups for BioCare as a curtesy.

NEWBUSINESS –..

None

**No Quorum.** Next Meeting. October 16th at 0830 hrs. Comms Meeting to Follow.

RS Larry Lamb