

BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Meeting 10-16-19

Chief Davidson opened the meeting at 0835.

ATTENDANCE: .

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chief Lamb reported that the final Check for \$405 (Check#1039) was delivered for the training committee. The current balance in the Checking Acct stands at \$3194.29. Motion, Second, with all in favor. Coin Money is to be collected at the December Meeting.

MINUTES – Notes from 9-18-19 Approved as presented. Motion, Second with all in Favor.

COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS –

PRESENTATION – Steve Torres was in to announce that he will be serving as the coordinator of Lake Michigan College's EMS Training Department. He hopes to offer a firefighter focused MFR (Hybrid) program. The program will run 7 weeks @ 2 nights a week. Call 269-470-3195 for more info. January 12 – First Session will begin. Cost \$1100 not including books. Second Semester will offer MFR-EMT Bridge.

Chiefs - 10-16-19

Larry Lamb	NFD
William Bond	MEDIC 1
Scott Brist	Br. Spang
John Flick	NBFD
DAVID AGES	B/CAL
STEVEN TORRES	LMC / SLFD
Dennis Sexton	AC 211
ALDI BOND	LAKELAND
MIKE PRYOR	B.HOPS
FRANK DELGATE	EMT/A.S.
Dave Hill	T/CFD
MARK BERGER	Med Flight
Harold HEYN	Lake Top
BRUCE A. STOVER	B/SOFT
ALDI	CTFD
Gary Kabelman	S.J.C.T.F.D.#1
MIKE DAVIDSON	CTFD
DAN JONES	WFD
MIKE MATTI	NBFR
Steve Swartzell	NFD
Tom Chase	GTFD
Lee Jessiman	Buchanan TUP
Doug deBost	Baroda
Dan Carrick	Sen Kim LaSota

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHERIFF- Sheriff Bailey discussed issues with the budget and secondary road patrol. County Reimbursement for special prisoners loosing \$230 K annually thanks to a budget battle in Lansing. He asked that Judges send these special prisoners back to Prison. Remodeling is currently behind schedule due to a camera system issue. The camera that was installed per the project was already out of date.

911 – Director Ages discussed budget plan going forward without millage increase. He discussed different 911 revenue sources. Call volumes have stabilized. No staffing plan changes are planned. Telephone system cuts over next month to digital. This new service will allow for more functionality and speed for pickups could see improvement. New Broadband and routers are installed. Cutting over to 20 different carriers. CAD system agreements signed. Box Cards should be integratable to CAD. Looking to hire for 3 vacancies. Part Time Fire, Military, experience all would be positives. Very mental job with a need to deal with stress well. Starting around \$40-50 K, plus medical, and pension. Dave also reported that Katlin had a baby girl, 9 lbs. Named Dela. We all wished her and her family well.

DNR _ None

Funeral Protocol – Berrien.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC – Dave discussed campus security class at LMC. Laws changed and plans must be updated in all the schools. We are ahead of State in our area. Dave has also been providing training to churches. Next LEPC is Tuesday.

TRAINING- Chief Stover – 29 evening class 13 HS class in FF1&2. Friday they are looking for help at Camp Betts for water rescue training.

Baroda – Basement Cellar class coming up. ICS 400 class also in Jan/Feb.

Mike discussed rail class in Niles. It is a 2-day course. RIT class is also coming up in Berrien. Everything should be posted on the web.

FAIR-

HazMat- Dave discussed in 2000's State RRTN program. Attempted work group. Michigan MABAS will lead training approval process.

BCFA –Gerry discussed the hospital meeting. New building is massive, 16 new OR, conference center, ER Increases, Massive. Benton Harbor new truck is posted to the web. BTFD Fish Fry Saturday from 3-8. December Meeting in Galien with the annual auction that evening. Setting up meeting with Westshore to present fire dex gear.

EMS-

SMCAS – Frank discussed the last few events at the track. Frank also asked Dave if Dispatch could identify location prior to assigning call. He would like to start next week. They will let other centers know.

MEDIC- Summer winding down.

MED Flight –Busy flying, LZ classes being conducted with the bird weather permitting.

Dr. Beyers-NONE

Mi-TRT-5 – Quarterly Training Ongoing. Training being developed for familiarization of team response and capabilities.

MABAS- Crew transport and Brush cards are good to go. Frank is still working on a tanker tender card. Training is being planned to work to the POD. Frank discussed out of division issues w/insurance not covering other mixed company responses. State Funding of MABAS being contested as well. IAFF and MAFF both working on the issue.

OLD BUSINESS - Meetings for next year. Time was discussed. Delegates can also attend. Davidson asked for a vote. Motion made with second. Chief Flick discussed quorum. Doug discussed issues making daytime meetings. Gerry questioned the need for monthly meetings. Bruce added that he felt monthly meetings were important. The motion was to move all meeting back to the AM on a Monthly Basis. Motion Carried with 1 member opposed.

COMMUNICATION GRANT- Bruce said that grants are done. He discussed what plan be would look like. Dave said that he had budgeted around \$200K for the match. Lamb recommended that we work on infrastructure and coverage issues prior to spending money on hardware. A phased approach was presented on the board. 1. Coverage, 1-Pagers, 3. Misc. Equipment. Mobilization vs Scene Work, County vs Local unit funding, and costs were all discussed. Several departments are struggling with the end of life on their current pager fleet. No decision was made.

NEWBUSINESS–..None

Next meeting will be 0830 December 18th. Reminder: All regular meetings will now be held at 0830 hrs. on the 3rd Wednesday. * except November.

RS Larry Lamb