

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MEETING MINUTES**

Call to order: 0830-0930

Date: January 15, 2020

**Chief Davidson thanked Chief Lamb for his many years of service to the Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association as the association secretary/treasurer.**

**Old Minutes:** Motion to accept old minutes and seconded. Motion passed. None opposed  
**Treasure Report:** For December 2019: Starting \$3508.29/Statement Fee \$3.00/Ending \$3505.29. Chemical Bank Rep Chief Lamb and Capt. DeLaTorre spoke to stated she would reverse the \$3.00 fee as it was applied to account before Chief Lamb switched to online banking. Deposit of \$300.00 in January 2020.

Discussion that Chemical bank needed a motion from the body naming who is allowed to be on account and sign checks.

Chief Lamb made motion that Chief Mike Davidson, Chief Mike Mattix, and Captain Frank DeLaTorre, all be added to the chemical bank account with authority to write and sign checks. Seconded by Chief Jones. Motion passed. None opposed.

## **Communications/Bills:**

First net representatives here today if any questions please feel free to talk to them  
Brandon Vallee the new health department representative is here (See attached Business card).

## **Committee Reports:**

**Sherriff:** All Good.

**911:** Will discuss in new business

**Red Cross:** No one present.

**DNR:** All good.

**Emergency Management:** Surveys have gone out on shoreline erosion. Please fill them out as we need to know extent of local effects. Discussion on use of MI TRT5 for structural collapse of houses over the bluff. Even though the houses have utilities shut off and residents removed before going over, may have onlookers and or owners trying to get items from house. Drones also used for shoreline erosion evaluation.

ICS 300/400 train the trainer classes now available. We only have 2 instructors in region. See Sargent Bush if interested and/or for more information.

**Funeral:** In Berrien Springs

## **EMS:**

**Medic-1-**Requested notification of shoreline road closures.

**S.M.C.A.S.-**Captain DeLaTorre reminded chiefs that with the upcoming winter weather and cold predicted to come in to have a place for firefighters to keep warm/warm up/dry off/ and utilize mutual aid to allow initial firefighters to get warm and dry. Captain DeLaTorre also stated for fire department in S.M.C.A.S. coverage area S.M.C.A.S ambulances can be used to warm firefighters up.

**MedFlight-**Requested pictures from fire and EMS departments for next years calendar.

Discussed the recent scene call in Niles Twp. On US-31. Medflight was given fire ground 2 for landing zone and they did not know what that was. Medflight requested MPSCS AIRLZ1 or AIRLZ2 be used for scene flights.

**Med Control-**None

**LEPC-** None. Meeting Tuesday January 21, 2020.

**BCFFA-** Good January meeting. Allen Weich gave presentation on MI TRT5. When to call MI TRT5/what to do while waiting for MITRT5/What to expect from MI TRT5/How to become member of MI TRT5. Next meeting February 05, 2020 Lincoln Twp.

**Training-** Nothing new.

**HAZMAT-** Call if needed.

**MITRT-5-** None

**MABAS-** Captain DeLaTorre discussed POD drill for February 12, 2020 Drill will be an engine strike team moving to POD. Red Center will contact local dispatch, local dispatch put out request for engine strike team/engine strike team respond to POD. Once engine strike team in POD Local dispatch and Red Center notified drill ends.

**Old Business:** Discussion on grant. Decision made last month to move forward with grant again and use a volunteer department to host grant. New Buffalo Twp. Has agreed to host grant. Chief Davidson asked if anyone willing to help Chief Stover with grant as he is near end of his career. Chief Davidson reminded all on how important it is to keep up on NIFERS reports. Chief Davidson has updated NIFERS report for anyone who wants to see it.

Discussion on the 800 pager matching offering from county. Dave Agens thanked Tele-Rad for getting the special pricing extended by a week for those agencies needing more time. 20 agencies took advantage of the pagers with 450 pagers ordered. Not counting that Lake Twp/New Buffalo city/Twp/Benton Harbor City/ST Joe City already on 800 paging. Dave working on the request to MPSCS programming unit for paging footprint. Dave needs to know when departments are going to 800 paging. Dave stated if 800 paging as good as or better then VHF paging he requests that you move to 800 paging upon receipt of 800 pagers. Discussion on doing the 800 pager test after VHF test as discussed last month to allow departments to determine coverage. 800 pager county all call after the VHF county all call test to help departments determine coverage. Dave also requests how departments will respond after paging, On MPSCS or VHF. Dave requests auto aid departments move to 800 paging at same time to reduce dispatching issues.

Dave stated plan to be off VHF by end of 2022, hopefully sooner.

Coverage issues discussed. Dave stated North County coverage issue fix is moving forward. South County coverage issue still being looked at through Motorola critical connect that will link Indiana and Michigan towers together to provide the coverage needed along US-12 corridor. Captain DeLaTorre brought up the offer from SMR Communication for the leasing of space on the 190 ft tower on S.M.C.A.S. property for a dollar to help with south county coverage issue. Dave also discussed the Motorola WAVE technology for smartphones as well.

**New Business:** None.

Motion to move to Pager template design meetings.

Motion to adjourn and seconded

Meeting adjourned 0930

Pager Template designs/setup 0930-1230 (Basic templates attached)

Templates completed for...Baroda/Bertrand/Bridgman/Buchanan Twp./Chikaming/Galien/Niles City/S.M.C.A.S./St Joe Twp 1&2/Three Oaks Fire and Ambulance/Watervliet/Wesaw

Minutes submitted by Captain DeLaTorre

**Berrien County Fire Chief's Association  
Attendance Sheet  
January 15th, 2020**

	Print	Signature	Dept.
1.	Mike Davidson	<i>Mike Davidson</i>	CTFD
2.	Dave Flick	<i>Dave Flick</i>	TOFD
3.	Jamie Flick	<i>Jamie Flick</i>	NBTFD
4.	Chris Huston	<i>Chris Huston</i>	N.S.C.F.A.
5.	DAVE AGENS	<i>Dave Agens</i>	BC 911
6.	Keith A. Johnson	<i>Keith A. Johnson</i>	Buchanan City
7.	LARRY KNOG	<i>Larry Knog</i>	BARODA
8.	DAN JONES	<i>Dan Jones</i>	WFD
9.	WILLIAM BOND	<i>William Bond</i>	MEDIC 1
10.	JIM JAMES	<i>Jim James</i>	BRIDGMAN
11.	Paul Best	<i>Paul Best</i>	Br. Agman
12.	Chris Burns	<i>Chris Burns</i>	Bertrand
13.	Tony Nichols	<i>Tony Nichols</i>	Bertrand
14.	MARIC Berger	<i>Maric Berger</i>	Med Flight
15.	Math Remond	<i>Math Remond</i>	Bertrand
16.	Brandon Vallee	<i>Brandon Vallee</i>	Berrien County Health Dept
17.	Paul Bailey	<i>Paul Bailey</i>	BCSO
18.	Mike Phelps	<i>Mike Phelps</i>	BHOPS
19.	Jeremy Council	<i>Jeremy Council</i>	SSOPS
20.	Ted Chase	<i>Ted Chase</i>	GTFD
21.	Gregory Kabelman	<i>Gregory Kabelman</i>	S.J.C.T.F.D.#1
22.	Ron Best	<i>Ron Best</i>	BCSO-EM
23.	Donnie Johnson II	<i>Donnie Johnson II</i>	Veasaw Fire
24.	Tim Jesswein	<i>Tim Jesswein</i>	Buchanan Twp
25.	Carlin Sampson	<i>Carlin Sampson</i>	BC 911
26.	Mike Martore	<i>Mike Martore</i>	NBFR
27.	LARRY	<i>Larry</i>	NFD
28.	Dennis S. Smith	<i>Dennis S. Smith</i>	BC 811
29.	Brandon Council	<i>Brandon Council</i>	ETFD
30.			

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## MPSCS 800 G4 PAGER TEMPLATE

	Zone 1 MPSCS	Zone 2 Inter OPP 8TAC	Zone 3 Inter OPP 7TAC	Zone 4	Zone 5
Position 1	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD /11FG1/11UIC1/11SEV1/EVENT1	8TAC91D	7TAC51D		
Position 2	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD /11FG2/11UIC2/11SEV2/EVENT1	8TAC92D	7TAC52D		
Position 3	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD /11FG3/11UIC3/EVENT1	8TAC93D	7TAC53D		
Position 4	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD /11FG4/EVENT1	8TAC94D	7TAC54D		
Position 5	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD 11ESMCA/11ENGED/11ECENS99PRIDE/ 11BOAKSEVENT1	8CALL90D	7TAC55D		
Position 6	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD/ /EVENT1 AUTO AID DEPARTMENTS		7CALL50D		
Position 7	11PG 11PG911 TONE ALERT PTL				
Position 8	11PG 11PG911 TONE ALERT	BACKUPPAGING 11PG 11PG911 11FD TONE ALERT			
	PG=Department Alert Talk Group FD = Department Proprietary PTL=Push to Listen (Church Mode)				

## MPSCS 800 G5 PAGER TEMPLATE

	Zone 1 MPSCS	Zone 2 InterOP 8TAC	Zone 3 InterOp 7TAC	Zone 4 VHF	Zone 5 Weather
<b>Position 1</b>	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD /11FG1/11UJC1/11SPEV1/AIRLZ1/EVENT1	8TAC91D	7TAC51D	FD/CD (BC P2) BC P1 FG1	Weather 1
<b>Position 2</b>	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD /11FG2/11UJC2/11SPEV2/AIRLZ2/EVENT1	8TAC92D	7TAC52D	FD/CD (BC P2) BC P1 FG2	Weather 2
<b>Position 3</b>	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD /11FG3/11UJC3/EVENT1	8TAC93D	7TAC53D	FD/CD (BC P2) BC P1 FG3	Weather 3
<b>Position 4</b>	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD /11FG4/EVENT1	8TAC94D	7TAC54D	FD/CD (BC P2) BC P1 FG4	Weather 4
<b>Position 5</b>	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD/ 11FG5/EVENT1	8CALL90D	7TAC55D	FD/CD (BC P2) BC P1 FG5	Weather 5
<b>Position 6</b>	11PG 11PG911 11P911/11F911/11E911/11FD/ /EVENT1 <i>AUTO AID DEPARTMENTS</i> 11PG 11PG911 <i>ZONE ALERT PTL</i>	<b>MPSCS Monitor</b> (All Towers)	7CALL50D	FD/CD (BC P2) BC P1	Weather 6
<b>Position 7</b>	11PG 11PG911 <i>ZONE ALERT PTL</i>			FD/CD (BC P2) <i>ZONE ALERT PTL</i>	Weather 7
<b>Position 8</b>	11PG 11PG911 <i>ZONE ALERT</i>	11PG 11PG911 11FD <i>ZONE ALERT</i>		FD/CD (BC P2) <i>ZONE ALERT</i>	Storm Plan BC FG <b>ZONE ALERT</b>
	11PG= Paging Talkgroup 11FD = Department Proprietary PTL=Push to Listen (Church Mode)			FD=Fire Tones MFR=MFR Tones CD=CD/Weather Tones	