



BERRIEN COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Call to Order: 0830-0956

Date: June 15, 2022

Old minutes: Old minutes emailed out. Motion to accept old minutes and seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$4518.44. No changes. Motion to accept treasurers report and seconded. Motion passed. None opposed.

Communications/Bills: None

New Chief/Visitor: Crew Force Representative Bob and Tony

Committee Report:

ByLaws: Discussion on the first draft bylaws. Bylaws draft was emailed out last night. Most did not receive until late. The committee met several times as well as emailing back and forth. The committee reviewed other bylaws from other associations across the state as well. Allen discussed clarifying language/verbiage, cleaning up language/verbiage, address changes to organizations within the county. Couple of big things committee suggested, updating name, membership classifications, pay dues and voting. New article created that deals with voting. Chief Mattix stated there was an email regarding article 7b. That has been address and discussed an authorization letter. Chief Mattix thanked the committee members: Jamie Flick; Alan Weich; Brian Kazimierzak; Frank DeLaTorre. Question on any bylaws changes needing to be read for three times, three months, etc... Current bylaws require 30 days notice prior to vote. Goal is to have ne bylays in place by August due to elections in December of this year. Question on name change affecting 501C3. Fire Chiefs Association is not a 501C3 organization. Purposing a bylaws review every three years.

Sheriff: Discussed similar issues in the Police Chiefs Association. Things going good. Silver Beach is busy. Working with ST Joe to help provide coverage at Silver Beach. Getting ready for festivals, the char show, redbud, etc... Jail busy as well. EM busy. County Side Charter asking for resource officer from sheriff department. Sheriff department down 6 officers. Sending 6 to the academy in August. Will take a year before they are ready. No one interested in going into police profession at this time. Shortage creating mandatory overtime, increasing burnout on those already working. Reserve unit has shrunk as well. Down to 7 currently. Other agencies have dropped reserve units altogether. Reserves have to go through a lot of training as well. Sheriff Department will continue to do the best they can.

Red Cross: None

Great Lakes Drone:

Dispatch/911: **REMINDER VHF SIMULCAST WILL BE DISCOMMISSIONED END OF 2022.**

Crew Force Demonstration: https://empower.tylertech.com/DemoDays_CrewForce.html

Jennifer stated dispatch staff wanted to thank Chief Jesswein for the Walton Road fire. Chief Jesswein was clear in his communications and needs. Continue moving forward with MPSCS simulcast system with projected completion of end of summer 2023. Remember no system is 100%. Please send in MPSCS800 radio ID lists. How is programing of 800 radios coming. Some still having difficulty. Please remember when hailing dispatch wait for dispatch to acknowledge you before spouting out your traffic. Please acknowledge dispatched call as soon as possible. Please let dispatch supervisor know of any issues, missed requests, missed resource, etc... as soon as possible so the supervisor can address investigate right away. Please use entire unit call sign. Don't just say engine 23, please use department designator and unit number. Example 4223. 42 department number; 23 engine number. So dispatch will know what department is responding. As of Saturday, dispatch will be 8 employees short. Have posted positions and trying to schedule interviews. Dispatch will continue to do their best and please be patient. Bertrand asked about the new boxcards. Are they being used yet? Chief Knisley stated Caitlin told one of his officers, dispatch not using them until everyone had them turned in to dispatch.

Bertrand had a call and department had Bertrands new boxcards and created confusion as Bertrand was still on old boxcards. Jennifer stated Caitlin is trying to work through the boxcards. Trying to get everyone up and running. Trying to get them built into the system. Discussion on it has been over a year since new boxcards so when will dispatch start using them? Jennifer will relay the information to Caitlin. Question on active911. Many do not carry pager on them. Can dispatch do disregard notification on active911? Jennifer stated possibly can and Jennifer stated Active911 is a secondary means of notification. Discussion on this needs to be a department training issue not a dispatch issue. Jennifer can discuss it with her staff. Chief Flick stated New Buffalo Twp uses the chat feature in Active911 for disregards. Chief Weich also stated there is an edit feature in Active911 that can be used. Some stated they do not want an Active911 disregard sent as it causes issues with reporting.

Chief Myers asked for a definitive answer on the new boxcards. When will dispatch go active with new boxcards.

DNR: None

Funeral: Berrien Springs

Emergency Management: SGT Bush retiring end of the month. Open house June 30, 2022. Notification was sent out via BC Fire Chiefs Listserve. Purchase order for new incident command vehicle has been issued and truck has been ordered. Discussion on when/where to use and integrate into department boxcards. Discussion on the potential severe weather that came into area. Not as severe as initially thought of in the north Berrien area. Widespread power outages happened. Excessive heat followed and Cap. Adams requested municipalities register cooling centers with 211. Capt. Adams asked if any AEP issues that he can help with or relay back to AEP. Capt. Mattix stated he had issue with MDOT regarding tree across M-63 north Hagar Shore and MDOT stated road commission to remove tree. Question on how long before new incident command vehicle in service. Capt. Adams stated a year.

EMS:

Medic-1: Nothing to report

S.M.C.A.S.: No one present.

Med Flight: Nothing going on. Give a call if need anything.

Med Control: Training on July 20, 2022. Staging, Medical branch, SALT triage training. Will be at Lakeland ST Joe. Dinner will be provided. Lakeland leased its first ambulance for internal transfers as of June 01, 2022. Working out very well. On the road constantly. Lest we Forget is this weekend. Will have a medical tent out there. MCOLS approval as a PA330 police authority for the security department.

LEPC: Meeting June 21, 2022

BCFA: A lot going on. Car show coming up. Needs fire trucks and staff. Plenty of room for fire trucks. Raised over \$10,000.00 so far. Still need help. Cars starting at 0600. Open to public 0900. Will have canopy's available. Expecting 1,100 cars and there will be a craft show. Looking foe any help. Only have 6-8 trucks committed. Should have at least 20 trucks. It is a big fundraiser. Also need to know smoke detector numbers for each department. Next meeting July 06, 2022, at Sodus Fire.

Training: How many Chiefs received the email from the State Fire Marshal Office pertaining to the PFAS video? Most have it completed. Still waiting on test results from the state. High School class and Adult class went in at the same time. Corey planning to contact Fire Marshal to get answers.

HazMat: Working with Battle creek to bring training to the area. If spots open will push them out to departments.

MITRT5: No calls or responses. Quarterly training in Portage rope rescue.

MABAS: On May 20, 2022 a tornado touched down in the Gaylord Mi area. The tornado damaged 38 business on west side of the town as well as mobile home park and subdivisions. MABAS activated. An engine and EMS strike team was requested from Grand Traverse county. Tuscola County was back up engine strike team. Regional Coordinator deployed. MITF-1 deployed. Due to the distance of MITF-1 Oakland County Tech Rescue Team also deployed as they were closer. Last victim found at 0100. 2 deaths and 50 injured.

Old Business: Keep up on NFIRS reporting. Challenge coins are in. Ordered 400. Got a price break. Will turn in bill after car show. Any BioCare physicals? New Buffalo Twp. July 21, 2022, Station 1 1600-2000. Question on having AEP come to a meeting to answer some questions. There is an emergency number, but you are put into a que. 888-237-2221. Let them know you are a CAW: Civil Authority Waiting.

New Business:

Next Meeting: 0830 July 20, 2022

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned 0956hrs.

Berrien County Fire Chief's Association

Attendance Sheet

6-15-22 ~~January 19th, 2022~~

	Print	Signature	Temp	Dept.
1.	Mike Mattix			NBFR
2.	N.D. Post			SPECTRUM
3.	Bill Kniscq			Bertrand
4.	Jim Jesswein		Miles Twp /	Buchanan Twp
5.	Rob Harper			BCTFD
6.	PAUL BERG			med flight
7.	Bill Bond			medic 1
8.	Brendan Chianelli			LTFD
9.	Everett Steinke	Everett Steinke		STFD
10.	Gerry Kucelman			S.J.C.T.F.D. 1
11.	Jennifer Flick			BCPSCC911
12.	Dave Flick			TOFD
13.	Jamie Flick			NBTFD
14.	DAVE MYERS			BSOFD
15.	Jason Wiley			Medic 1
16.	Jeremy Cannell	Jeremy Cannell		SJDPS
17.	Paul Bailey			SCSD
18.	Allen Weich	Allen Weich		Chikaming
19.				
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