

Minutes from the Fire Chief Association MTG July 17th, 2024

Meeting called to order

Presentation:

Todd Roempagel new sales rep for Rosenbauer/ EV+

Approval of the minutes:

Motion by Chief Gowen, seconded by Chief Steinke

Treasurer's report:

No report, Frank absent

No bill to report

Communications:

Dispatch:

- Updated protocol form needs to be completed
- Mobile CAD – Committee formed at the 911 board meeting; Police Chief Association formed a committee as well. Requesting Fire Chiefs Association for a committee. All 3 committees will work together to get Mobile CAD up and running.

Policy committee:

- Incident Command video is up and running, linked on the BC Firefighter web page.
- BC Mutual Aid Agreement was discussed, with the added revisions below:
 - o Key points – Departments to follow Michigan PA 291 and MIOSHA part 74. Departments train on BCFCA IC and Mayday standards
 - o Passport system to be used by all departments
 - o Departments must utilize 800 radio system
 - o Box Card up to the 5th alarm
 - o Minimum staffing per apparatus was discussed, it was left as a “recommended 2 per apparatus no matter the apparatus”.
 - o Non-Certified responding to mutual aid calls What was discussed. It was left to the individual Chiefs to decide.
 - o Helmet standard color system in place by January 1, 2026. To include
 - Chief officer – White
 - Captains/LT – Red
 - FF – Black or Yellow
 - Cadets/EMS – Blue
 - Non-certified – designate with a green helmet front shield

BC Firefighter Association:

- Car show went well, they made about \$600.00 more than last year

- Smoke Detectors – recommended getting on the State Program, Brian Kazmierzak is the “local dealer”
- Resource director is being updated, if anyone has updates, please get them to Gerry.
- The purchase of the cooler for the fair ground station was purchased. It was \$800.00 from both BC Chiefs and BC FF association.
- Meeting at the Fair Grounds August 7th, corn dogs, and elections will be held at the meeting.
- New Incident Command video is on the web page
- National night out is August 6th

Training:

- Fire 1&2 in Benton Harbor starting October 1st
- Water flow testing July 25th at Lake Twp Fire station
- Bertrand 75th year celebration of service will be September 14th starting at 10am, the event will be held at the Township Hall
- Combat Ready training
- RIT September 28th and 29th
- EVOC September 21st
- ALL CLASSES ARE ON SMOKE, PLEASE SIGN UP THERE.

EOC:

- FEMA evaluation for the DC Cook drill will be Thursday July 18th

Other communication:

- Chief Myers brought the idea of doing a motorcycle ride fund raiser at the fairgrounds to help raise money for the association, or to be split for each department. No further discussion was had, just something to think about.
 - o Gerry felt it would be an idea to work with the Car Show and not make it a separate event.

Communications Committee meeting update:

- Some departments still have too many auto aid requests on the initial alarm. Everyone felt that the box card workshop will help with that issue.
- Department Checking into service has not been tried. Going to leave the system in place.
- Expressed that every department needs to watch the communication video
- Dispatch will automatically be assigning an FG on structure fires
- IF a UIC channel is requested, dispatch advised that request should be honored
- Dispatch again asked that if you have an issue or questions, please contact the on-duty supervisor right away or email at 911supervisor@BerrienCounty.org
- It was determined at the MTG that the problem of radio communications will be reviewed by the committee to help departments. Issues with traffic will be sent to the department in question with a drafted letter and things to work on, along with an audio copy of the traffic.

- Radio IDs from Indiana, - it was discussed and determined there are id's still available but it's not easy getting the radios programmed with the fees and location for adding them. It was brought up to work with Chad Hess at New Carlisle Fire and see who we write letters to expressing our concerns, from both Michigan and Indiana.
- Radio programming vouchers may be available by the end of July

Old Business:

501(c)(3):

- Everything has been sent off, all paperwork is complete. We need to pay back Tina Brewster \$275.00 for the cost of the filing. She paid the money out of her account.

Municipality Letter:

- Letter will be going out to only the municipality have jurisdiction over the departments.

Box Card Workshop:

- There are several departments that signed up for the workshop. Chief Myers will get a date together when he gets back from a work trip.

New Business :

Mobile CAD committee formed for BC Chiefs

Jamie Flick, Doug Myers, Brian Kazmierzak, Nick Gowen, Jeremy Connell, and Brandon Chiarello

No meeting set for this committee

Fair Sign-Up Sheet:

- Chief Myers had the sign-up sheet for the fair, will be sending it out to departments after the meeting.

Next meeting will be held August 21, 2024, at Lincoln Twp. Fire Department
"NOT THE FAIR GROUNDS"

Meeting adjourned:

Motion by Chief Weich, seconded by Chief Nitz

BCFCA contact list for committees

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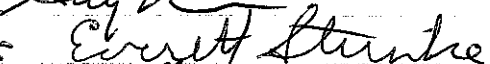
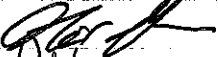
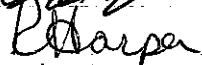
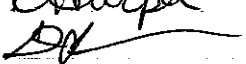


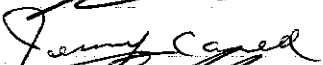





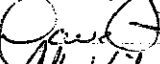


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SIGN IN SHEET

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EVERETT STERNKE		STFD
NICK COOPER		Miles CG Fire
ROB HARPER		BCTFD
DANNIE JOHNSON		B.F.D.
TED WITZ		WESSAW
DAVID ALBERS		BCSO
JEREMY CONNELL		STPPS
DALE MYERS		BSOFD
TIM JESSWEIN		Miles Turp/Buchanan Turp
BRENDA CHICOLL		Lincoln
CARLIN SAMPSELL		BC 911
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ALLEN WEED		Chickaming
BRIAN FLORY		Lake
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