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**BERRIEN COUNTY**  
**FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**  
**BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

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**Call to Order:** By President Myers @ 0832

**Date:** February 18, 2025

**Old minutes:** Old minutes emailed out by Secretary/Treasurer Kazmierzak

- Motion to accept old minutes by: Chief Gowen
- Seconded by: Chief Harper
- Motion passed: None opposed.

**Treasurer's Report by Secretary/Treasurer Kazmierzak:**

January Starting Balance: \$6951.98, December Ending Balance: \$6451.98

\$445.84 income from dues, coin sales, and reimbursement from the Firefighters Association, current balance: \$6897.82

- Motion to accept treasurer report by: Chief Weich
- Seconded by: Chief Gowen
- Motion passed: None opposed.
- The following depts still owe their 2025 Dues:
  - Baroda
  - DC Cook
  - Royalton Twp.
  - Weesaw Twp.

**Bills:**

- **United Bible Services** – Check #1165 - \$497.68 – Received \$245.84 reimbursement check from Berrien County Firefighters Association.

**Communications:**

- **Fireground Talkgroups**
  - Make sure your members pay attention to what Fireground has been assigned.
  - Lines Down, Water Shuttles, Minor Crashes are not to use a fireground. There are only 5 fireground talk groups for 26 departments. Please remind your department.
- **NERIS** – National Emergency Response Information System. Will take effect in December 2025 for our region. Recommend to watch the recording at: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfirs/neris/>
- **Brandon Chiarello** – new Fire Chief Lake Township. In addition to Lincoln Township – [FireChief@laketownship.org](mailto:FireChief@laketownship.org)

**New Chief/Visitor:**

- N/A

**Dispatch/911:**

- Dispatch Appreciation Week is April 13<sup>th</sup>
- **GET RADIO IDs INTO DISPATCH! THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FIREFIGHTER SAFETY ISSUE! DISPATCH MUST KNOW WHO OR WHAT TRUCK HAS WHAT RADIO**
- **2 Sets of Tones** – doing any with back to back dispatches – 2<sup>nd</sup> dispatches will only occur when no one has cleared the call within 3 minutes. Motion by Chief Weich, Seconded by Knisely, all in favor.
- **Tower** – still in Transition Mode on your pagers – equipment is in, but won't be installed until March.

**Communication Committee:**

- **See Attached Report** – Chief Gowen did go into an in-depth explanation about why Niles City uses FG4.



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**CAD Committee:**

- Setting up a FIRE CAD only meeting with New World/Tyler to finalize budget figures. Deciding between a site license or a per user fee. Need the numbers to make final decisions.

**SOG Committee:**

- **Mutual Aid Agreement** – Mac Elliott and Jamie Flick are working together
- **Passport Accountability** – Discussion on accountability, Policy committee will work on a policy with recommendations for boards, app, tags, etc.

**BCFA:**

- **Next Meeting** - Watervliet, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Marihuana Program and Grows – Register in SMOKE
- **Car Show** – June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Training:**

- Multiple classes coming up at BHDPS – see attachments
- New Rescue Task Force Train the Trainer added – June 23-27 @ LMC

**Emergency Management/Sheriff's Office:**

- **March 3 at 1800hrs** – SkyWarn Weather Spotter Training – can assign a Meteorologist for your special events.
- **Polar Plunge** – great cause for Special Olympics – may consider doing a Fire Division – will work with the Fire Association to see if there is interest.

**MABAS:**

- N/A

**Other Communications:**

- North Berrien Trivia Night – March 22 – See flyer for additional information

**Old Business:**

- **Bible Order** – Paid and delivered
- **Scene Watcher App** – promo codes distributed. Spring Break will be the next update and adding it to the Android Market.
  - **Log all app issues on this Google Doc:**  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JaXuz6lbnKh1PRJuWx1sG0SMcrEs3uFTbMazjbbBd14/edit?usp=sharing>

**New Business:**

- **EOC Rep** – Kazmierzak

**Next Meeting:**

- Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 0830hrs, Lake Twp.

**Adjourn:**

- **Motion to adjourn by:** Chief Weich
- **Seconded by:** Chief Chiarello
- None opposed. Meeting adjourned @ 0916





# Communications Committee

## Discussion Notes

February 18, 2025

0900-1050

Discussion on 11FG not getting assigned on confirmed structure fires. Caitlin stated she currently has no way to QA this. Caitlin stated if 11FG not assigned in dispatch. Caitlin advised if 11FG not assigned at dispatch to coenact dispatch supervisor when convenient either by phone or email: [911supervisor@berriencounty.org](mailto:911supervisor@berriencounty.org). and let them know.

Discussion on the use of 11FG. 11FG are to be used for fireground operations, of complex incidents like structure fires, not day to day operations. Reminder that water supply operations should not be using an 11FG, TAC or proprietary talkgroups should be used for water supply operations. We need to make sure 11FG are available for structure fires. Discussion on Niles Fire using 11FG4. Again reminder 11FG are for fireground operations not day to day use. 11E911 should be used for medical responses and 11F911 for fire responses. LT DeLaTorre advised he has many conversations with DC Gowen on this and Niles still on 11FG4. Chief Weich brought up the possibility of safety issues/concerns with Niles commandeering 11FG4. We only have a limited number of 11FG and we need to keep them available for when needed. Chief Myers stated he would follow up with DC Gowen on Niles going back to 11F911 for fire and 11E911 for medical responses.

Discussion on 11BCPAGE. When we moved to MPSCS we lost the ability to monitor other agencies being dispatch. The solution was 11BCPAGE. There have been several instances where 11BCPAGE was not used when dispatching fire/ems. While we have our neighbors paging talkgroup in our pagers we don't on radios, this is where 11BCPAGE is most helpful in knowing neighboring agencies are out on calls. The request is for 11BCPAGE to be used on all fire/ems dispatches.

Very lengthy discussion on CAD. Caitlin stated the quotes have been split to fire/ems and PD. One is not dependent on the other. We are now at the how to fund it phase? There are still some questions that need to be answered and the CAD committee needs to meet along with the CAD vender to get the questions answered. The four funding areas are: Implementation fee/Annual hosting fee/License fee (site license)/annual maintenance fee. CAD committee will need to bring more information.

LT DeLaTorre advised that while working with Caly Fire to get radios programed for MI, LT DeLaTorre was advised that Clay Battalion Chief vehicle has a repeater in it that is used at every call. The repeater is set to 7FIRE64D and is repeated on the appropriate SJCO talkgroup assigned for the call. We have 7FIRE64D on our radios. It is located in zone IO3 position 4. We can use this channel when responding to calls in Clay and should have radio communication with them. LT DeLaTorre suggested departments along the state line that may be called to Clay also put 7FIRE64D in zone B position 16.

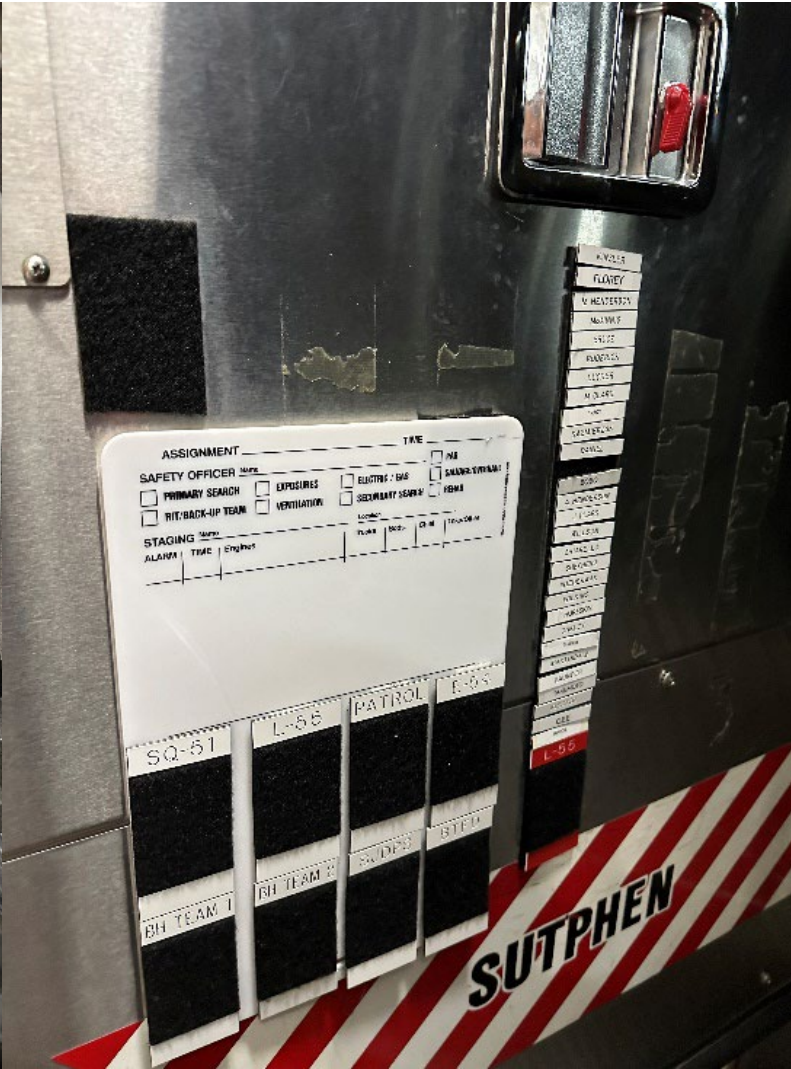
Discussion on continuing the dual pages. Initially it was requested to continue due to poor coverage. Coverage has now improved with the new tower and simulcast, so do we need to continue with two pages. Most agreed with moving to a single page for dispatching departments.

Radio ID's. BHDPS had an issue where radios emergency buttons were pushed and there was no corresponding name with the radio ID. One of the radios was identified, however the second radio ID was never found on the fire ground. All agencies need to get radio ID's to dispatch and need to keep them updated. When radios get reassigned/returned/OOS/etc.... agencies will need to update dispatch with radio ID list.

Caitlin discussed rip and run times. Dispatch time is the time noted on rip and run by your agencies active911 designator. Unit enroute time is first unit enroute.



# ACCOUNTABILITY OPTIONS





# PASSPORTS

21 CLAY

T21 CLAY

M21 CLAY

ROBERTS CLAY

ROBERTS CLAY

E. CAUFFMAN - CLAY

E. CAUFFMAN - CLAY

K. VAEREWYCK - CLAY

B. CAPRON - CLAY

HAMILTON - CLAY

KINZLER - CLAY

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PASSPORT Lm

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14-079

VEHICLE S.O. 138612	
	FLUID TYPE / CAPACITY
ENGINE OIL	V V PREMIUM BLUE 15W40 23-QT
ENGINE COOLANT	50/50 ZEBEX EXTENDED LIFE 728-QT
TRANSMISSION	TRANSYND 25-QT
POWER STEERING	TRANSYND 8.2-QT
FRT DRIVE AXLE	N/A
RR DRV AXLE FRT	N/A
RR DRV AXLE RR	V V HP 80W90 GEAR OIL 42-PT
AERIAL HYD OIL	N/A
CAB TILT FLUID	V V DEX/MERC ATF 6-QT
PUMP GEARCASE	V V DEX/MERC ATF 6-QT
PUMP PRIMER	N/A
TRANSFER CASE	N/A
CAFS AIR COMPR	ISO-68 16-QT
GENERATOR OIL	N/A
EQUIPMENT RACK	V V DEX/MERC ATF 32-OZ
A/C REFRIGERANT	134A 7.5-LB
A/C LUBRICANT	PAG OIL 8-OZ
FRT TIRE PRESS	125 PSI MAX. COLD
REAR TIRE PRESS	120- PSI MAX. COLD
FRT TIRE SPD RAT	67- MPH
RR TIRE SPD RAT	67- MPH

# PASSPORTS

E22 CLA

K. GRANIN - CLAY

AYD #24003

WELLS - CLAY

GAMEZ - CLAY

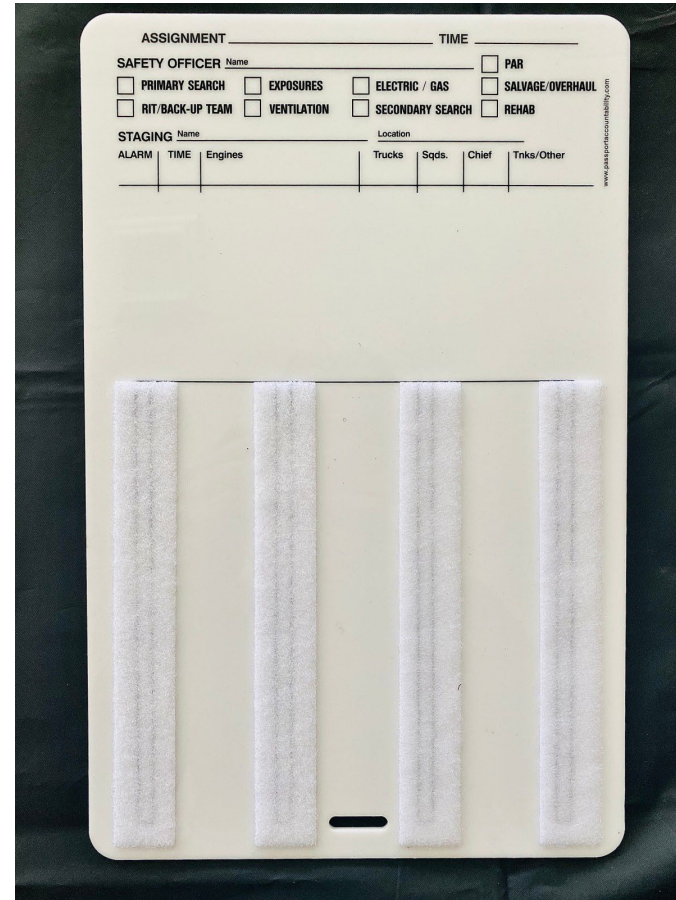


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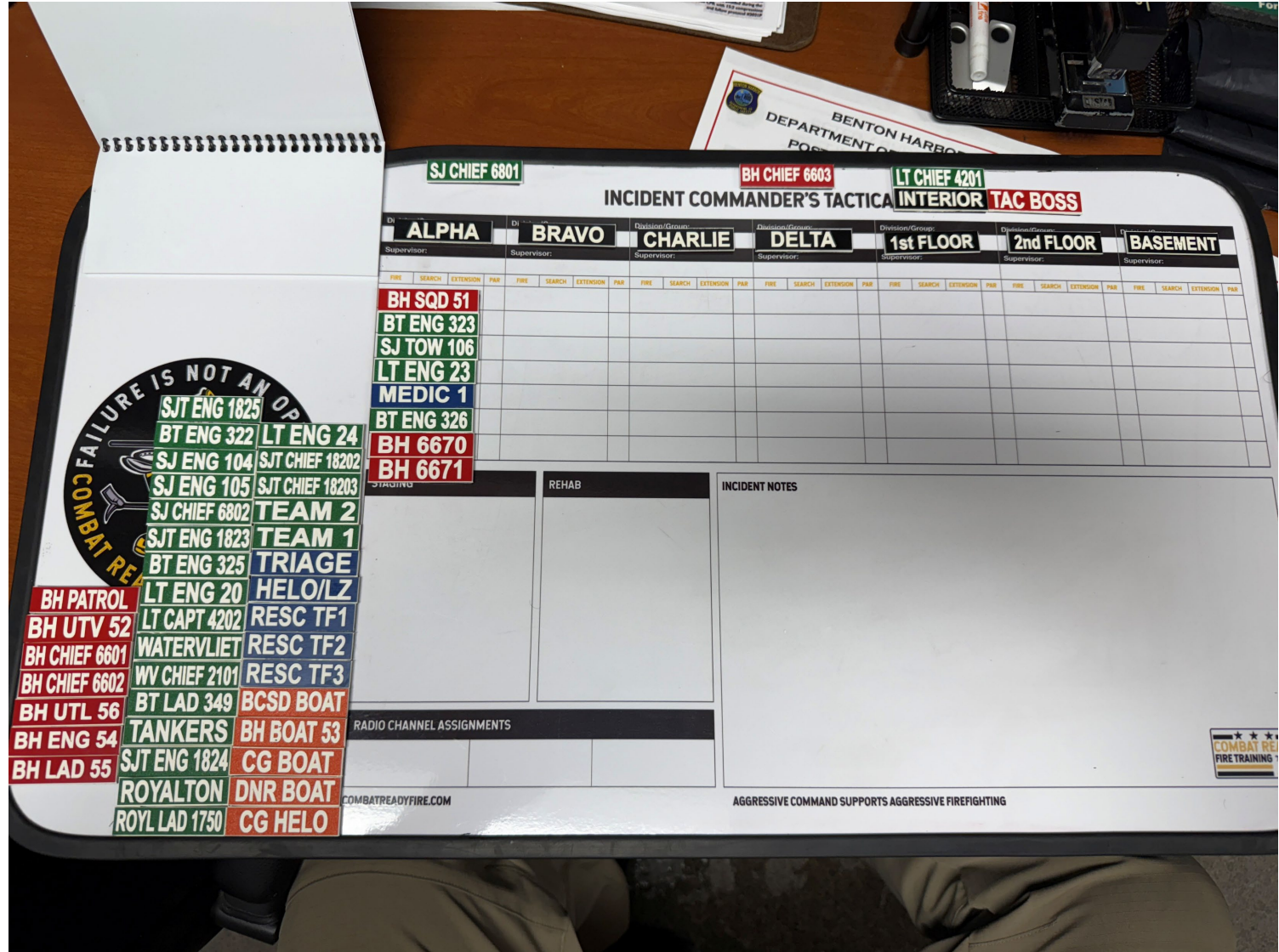




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**BLUE CARD**  
Alarm/Dispatch Center - Standard Communication Forms

**Initial Radio Report**

**Building/area Description:**  
Size: Small Medium Large Mega  
Height: 1 2 3 4 5  
Occupancy Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem Description:**  
Nothing Showing Smoke Showing Working Fire Defensive Fire Conditions  
Location of the Problem: \_\_\_\_\_

**Initial Incident Action Plan:**  
• Tasks: Supply-line Stretch HZSP Quick hit Defensive Operations  
• Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
• Objectives: Fire Control Primary Search

**Strategy:** Offensive Defensive

**Resource Determination:**  
Cancel Assn Hold Assn Balance Assn Greater Alarm/Box

**Assume & Name Command:** Yes

**Follow-Up Report**

**Results of the 30:**  
Not Completed Completed

**Basement:** Yes No  
Window Wall Look-Out Walk-Out

**Immediate Safety Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirm Strategy / Changes to IAP:**  
Offensive Defensive

**Accountability Location:**  
Alpha Bravo Charlie Delta

**Unit Assignment**

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tasks: \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Objectives: P/S F/C L/C O/D

**Command Transfer**

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Rundown: \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer CAN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assume Command: \_\_\_\_\_ Strategy: \_\_\_\_\_ Resource Determination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes No Offensive Defensive Cancel Assn Hold Assn Balance Assn Greater Alarm/Box

**CAN Report** Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ IC Driven Priority Traffic Roof Report Status Change Good News  
Tactical Priorities Achieved: Primary All Clear Secondary All Clear Fire Control Loss stopped

Needs: Stated \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Prompted by the IC

## Standard Communication Board

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# Trivia Night

Presented by

**North Berrien Fire Rescue**

**Saturday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm**  
**At the Coloma American Legion Post 362**  
**\* 6505 Red Arrow Hwy**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM**

**\$100 per table (Up to 10 players a team)**

**Tables are Limited**

**Reserve your table today! You can reserve your table  
with any North Berrien Firefighter or on the North  
Berrien Fire Rescue Facebook page.**

**Cash Bar**

**Bring your own Food**

**Cash Prizes for the Top Three Places**

**All proceeds benefit North Berrien Fire Rescue**





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