

## Berrien Fire Chief's Association

Meeting called to order by Chief Davidson at 0835 hours on July 17, 2013.

### ATTENDANCE: See Photo

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Lamb reported no change with a total in checking of 923.34 after the \$250 Check for Bridgman Fire clears. Motion, Second with all in favor.

**MINUTES** – Minutes from the 8-22-12 meeting were approved. Motion & Second with all in favor.

| Berrien County Fire Chief's Association<br>Attendance Sheet<br>July 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 |                             |           |
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| Print   | Signature                   | Dept.     |
| 1. Mike Davidson  | <i>Mike Davidson</i>        | CTFD      |
| 2. Ron Burkett  | <i>Ron Burkett</i>          | Lynchburg |
| 3. Gary Aukes   | <i>Gary Aukes</i>           | BCFH      |
| 4. Frank Matrone  | <i>Frank Matrone</i>        | SAC/BS    |
| 5. <del>William B. Brown</del>  | <del>William B. Brown</del> | 911       |
| 6. David Agers  | <i>David Agers</i>          | 911       |
| 7. <del>Deane Senter</del>  | <del>Deane Senter</del>     | 911       |
| 8. Bob Ruff   | <i>Bob Ruff</i>             | WBFR      |
| 9. <del>T. J. Jones</del>   | <del>T. J. Jones</del>      | WFD       |
| 10. <del>James Stover</del>   | <del>James Stover</del>     | BSOFD     |
| 11. <del>Rich Kinura</del>  | <del>Rich Kinura</del>      | B.F.A.    |
| 12. <del>Tom Stiles</del>   | <del>Tom Stiles</del>       | ECFD      |
| 13. Susan Randome   | <i>Susan Randome</i>        | ARC       |
| 14. <del>Heinrich Heyn</del>  | <del>Heinrich Heyn</del>    | Lake      |
| 15.   |                             |           |

**COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS** – State Representative Al Phsolka stopped by to address the body. He thanked everyone for their ideas as the best ideas come from local people. Chief Keobel had specifically posed a question to him in the past relating to unemployment benefits and the volunteer fire service that eventually became HB 4726 which passed unanimously and became law. Rep Phsolka presented Ron with a framed plaque and the pen used by the Governor to sign the Law.

Chief Davidson asked for a moment of silence for the lives of our brother firefighters lost in the Arizona wildfire.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**911** – Dave discussed the issues they have been having with the MUX clock which controls the timing of the signals to the transmitter. Issues create distortion that dispatch cannot hear. The clocks have been repaired and should be running normally. A grounding issue has delayed the New Buffalo VHF upgrade. A special ordered wire is in route. 911 meeting discussion of quality of new narrow band. In building coverage issues have been reported. Reports of FCC moving to the 6.25 width by 2018. Future planning should be discussed. Could include texting departments. Additional software and uses were also discussed IE a cad paging notification system.

Dave discussed Dr. Beyer who is the new BC Medical Control Director. He is an ex-paramedic and seems very interested in seeing the system in a hands on way. Dave discussed landing zone protocol.

The new Dispatch Consoles Grant was discussed.

Chief Heyn asked about a cut fiber line. 426 prefix was affected. It shut down 911 in that area until it could be repaired. Dave explained the specifics of the system and its faults.

Sawyer MDOT facility closing in the fall. Shouldn't lose our tower.

Pager tone timing changed has been requested but we are waiting on the State to adjust the consoles.

**DNR** –.

**Funeral Protocol** – @ Berrien.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LEPC** –. Corey Discussed special events plans on larger events. He also discussed new signs on 94 and 1-96. Testing will go on for the next few months. 4 signs are up to notify drivers. Can be used to display evacuation info. Cameras are coming as well.

Corey discussed info from the REP conference. 40 in attendance. Our HAB exercise was a topic of discussion. 800 radios on the grant should be here within 3-4 weeks. Chief Keobel discussed senior assisted living emergency plans.

**SHERIFF-**

**HAZ-MAT-**

**BCFFA** -. Attendance still an issue. Val Grimes did presentation on animal interaction. We learned many in our ranks don't like snakes.

**RED CROSS-**. Ride to Remember in cooperation with the Berrien County Riders. Red Cross asked about partnering on a Pancake Breakfast as part of the ride. The Trade Center Beam will accompany riders. Blood drives will be held following the ride. Canteening service requests have been light. Future plans of a final location of the beam were also discussed. Chief Davidson will draft a letter of support.

**BCYF** –. Chief Stover discussed the changes at the fair this year. All apparatus will now be positioned together in the south and the midway station will no longer be staffed. Would like to use station for educational displays, programs in the future.

**TRAINING** – Corey getting ready for the upcoming FF172 class. Bob Ruff will be teaching Risk Management and Accountability at St Joe Twp-2 July 23 and FO1+2 in September at Three Oaks.

Extrication camp at the fairgrounds on August 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 am.

**MABAS-**. Upcoming deployment exercise was discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Discussion relating to V-watches. I&M may supply them to the county and outside agencies.

Discussion relating to the use of Bridgman's trailer at the Fair. Chief Davidson proposed commitments from department to staff it. Issues last year with lack of staffing remain. A vacant trailer puts BFD in an unfair light at the fair.

**NEW BUSINESS-**. Chief Stiles discussed the increase in fees for Medical Licensees. He will call reps.

Chief Ruff discussed the Glad Peach Festival. Tons of fun. August 3-4.

Possible shirt fundraiser was discussed to raise money for Fallen Firefighters..

Adjourned 1015 hrs

RS Larry Lamb