



# **BERRIEN FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

**Meeting 8-20-14**

Called to order by Chief Davidson at 1840 hours

## **ATTENDANCE:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Chief Lamb reported the account is currently showing at 2018.92.

**MINUTES** – Minutes from the July 16 meeting were approved with all in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS / BILLS** –.

**PRESENTATION -** None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**911** – Dave discussed the latest with the helicopter protocol. 60 days has been granted to allow Indiana providers to get licensed.

The VHF system issues in New Buffalo should be improved. A radio was swapped out. New transceiver installed. Noise issue solved. Dave intends to perform a coverage test soon. An electrician from Telerad is starting tomorrow to work on the back up sites. Control stations added in back room for EOC and system performance.

High incident protocol was also discussed. Dave hopes to have it ready to go by the next 911 committee meeting. Dave will also put together some training tools for departments to use for training.

Quality assurance- review of calls with all disciplines. Roland discussed back to back water rescues that occurred in June in Lake Michigan. IC Communication was well handled. Chief Davidson reported everyone worked well, no excitement, professional, the multijurisdictional aspects went well. Some issues with VHF and the Dunes were discussed. The Sheriff added a report on the success of the life rings that are in place. We have had 3 saves since they were deployed with only 3 coming up missing. There is an account to replace any that are stolen.

Chief Jones raised concerns about radio performance in his area. He would like tests to be performed sooner than later. It has steadily gotten worse since installation when it performed acceptably. The last few weeks have been very poor in the Coloma and Watervliet area with pager coverage. Mike asked that North County be the first area addressed when testing is conducted.

**DNR** –none.

**Funeral Protocol** – Berrien Springs

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/LEPC** – Director Adams reported on Larry Webbers briefing from Cook relating to the Fukushima incident.

The 302 Site workload has diminished. Cleaning up old reports now. Rockey reviewed the fair and the PreFair Tabletop that was conducted. He has also been working with Gerry's Resource Directory to type equipment. Make sure your keeping your departments list up to date. Municipalities over 10,000 are asked to prepare and or update a supplemental plan. In regards to schools he hopes to keep plans broad, multi-discipline, to keep from getting bogged down. He hopes continual progress can be made with our school incident planning. He hopes to gain continual input as we move forward with these plans and protocols. He reported that Karen's last day will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. She has been a great addition to the EM team and will be missed. Deputy Dave Albers will

be joining the EM team. He brings both Fire and Hazmat experience in addition to his Law Enforcement background.

**SHERIFF-** Events unfolding in Ferguson Missouri was discussed. Concerns being generated by some relating to the armored vehicles used by local law enforcement. MRAP, HumV's are a huge benefit to our community. Steps to paint less military being discussed.

**RED CROSS-** None

**HAZ-MAT-** Corey Discussed 2 new members. T-1 Training, T-2 in Lansing next week. 3 new responders in all. Hosting Cameo classes in Berrien. Free. 3 days. September 16-18<sup>th</sup>.

**BCFFA& BCYF** – . Gerry Kabelman thanked everyone who participated with the prevention activities at the Youth Fair. 13 departments ordered materials with over 9000 being handed out over the week. Corporate sponsors including 1800 Board up, Red Cross, Precision INC, ServePro, Walworth, and First Due all contributed to the success of the event. Spent \$1417 to do the Fair. Banner, Photo Props, Passes, \$199 donated \$521 out of Gerry's Pocket. The Chiefs in attendance all felt strongly that the program was a great success and Gerry and Dennis Graham should be commended. The Group voted to provide \$50 credit cards to both men to reimburse for their expenses at the fair.

**TRAINING** –. Corey Burks discussed the switch to IFSTA for our curriculum. So far he likes the new material. Internet access is required as testing is only found on line. Chiefs are reminded to go on line as soon as possible to register. The High School Program has 13-15 students signed up so it should be a go. This is Skips last year so other instructors are being used to team teach.

**MABAS-**.. Bylaw changes discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS** -.None .

**NEW BUSINESS** – .None

*Adjourned at 2030*

Next Meeting 9-17-14 at 830 hours Lincoln Twp Fire Station

RS Larry Lamb