



Boundary County Fire Chief's Association

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes, 02/20/2019
Hosted by IDL

Recorded by Ken Homik

Members present:

Bonnors Ferry Fire Department----- Absent
North Bench Volunteer Fire District-----Gus Jackson
South Boundary Fire Protection District----- Tony Rohrwasser
Idaho Department of Lands-----Ken Homik
Moyie Fire----- absent
Paradise Valley-----Mike Glazier
Hall Mountain-----absent
Curley Creek Fire Department-----Brad Stalcup
Search and Rescue----- Tony Jeppesen
Boundary County Chaplain's Corp-----Len Pine
US Forest Service-----Lee Colson
Boundary Ambulance Service----- Kelley Halleman

Guests:

Chaplains Corp ----- Mark Baldwin
South Boundary Fire Protection District-----Wayne Wilkerson
Sherriff ----- Dave Kramer
Boundary County Emergency Management-----Mike Meier
SMT-----Mike Elam
Chaplain's Corps----- Paula Desbiens
Idaho Department of Lands----- Jason Wilkerson
Idaho Department of Lands-----Nate Rogers

Meeting began 6:31 PM

Minutes - Reading and Approval of Minutes from January 16th, 2019. Minor corrections.
Len made motion to accept. Tony Seconds. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Review of all accounts for Chief's Association. See financial report.

Guest Speakers – Dave Kramer - Dispatch is coming along, getting new dispatchers trained up. Getting new radio system installed; will result in interoperability with BCH1. Getting new inkless finger print system. Other improvements for tracking of inmates.

Mike Meier – Emergency Management – Less is more for the next couple years in regards to funding. Commissioners, IOEM, FEMA, all are implying this is the future.

Honor Guard Committee Updates – Len Pine- back on regular schedule, training every other week. Been working on flag folding recently. Been invited to do honors at law enforcement memorial in May. Would like to work toward a portable brass bell, but purchase price is steep, around \$800. Something to work on down the road.

Fire Prevention Coop Update – Ken Homik – reviewed notes from coop meeting early in the month. Thanks to Gus for taking lead on conducting the meeting and taking notes. Reviewed list of activities planned for the coop this spring and summer. Discussed the upcoming Structure Assessment training course. Still working on locations for highway signage.

Training Updates

- February 28th, Cancer Prevention & Rural Fire Tactics – Tony Rohrwasser – got about 30 folks, 5:30 to 7:30 Rural Fire Tactics, then dinner, then 8 to 10 for Cancer Awareness
- March 9th, Penguin Plunge with pirate theme – Dave Kramer – Law enforcement are guardian of the Flame for Special Olympics. Raised \$56 million nationwide last year.
- March 21st, Biological Incident Awareness AWR-118 – Mike Meier – Please sign up, or it will be cancelled. 20 is minimum. April 23 AWR-136 Cyber Security, will be a 4 hour class. Watch for information. Both classes are free.
- March 22nd, Wild Fire Home Assessment Class – Ken Homik – registration email has been sent out.
- April 4,5,6th, NIESA. Have about 30 folks signed up; lots offered. Tony will have Driver Simulator up here, so don't bother taking any driving courses.

Old Business

- 2018 SHSP Grant through county OEM – Gus Jackson, Mike Meier. Mike emphasized interoperable communication in the past. Looks like there is about \$7000 left in 2018 grant, once Mike knows how much for sure he will let folks know.
- Common command system and rehab process county wide – Kelly Halleman – Intent is to get one protocol for all agencies so BVA knows how to respond and what assistance is expected. Protocol was distributed again for review. Cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in first responders; close monitoring may be able to help catch early signs. Kelley wants the SOP to be reviewed and agreed upon by most, if not all. If there are holdouts, it complicates things. Discussion of historic support provided by BVA on incidents and when it's appropriate for BVA to leave a scene. Kelley stated that if multiple 911 calls are received, there may be a need for BVA to leave and need to backfill with other EMT's. Regardless, BVA would not leave the scene until it has been cleared with the Incident Commander. Discussion of how long firefighters should be in rehab, whether it should be 10 minutes or 20 minutes. Kelley suggests that it can all be negotiated, this (what is in the draft rehab policy) is just a suggestion, and it is always at the discretion of the command. Numbers and times spent in rehab can

be manipulated to meet the needs of rural firefighting. Please get comments to Kelley. Discussion – Tony has it set up for SB folks to take care of their own, with some support from BVA when necessary. SB protocol is different. Discussion favors EMS integrate with fire department rehab to provide medical support. Idea – put together a committee to work through this through the rest of the month to come up with a protocol, or pass on it. Len made motion that president appoint 5 folks to put committee together. Tony seconded. Motion passed. Committee is Lee, Tony, Dusty, Mike, Len. Will have something together by next meeting.

- Communications group updates – Gus Jackson – had meeting, minutes distributed with highlights. Minutes will be emailed to chiefs. Next meeting will be scheduled in April.

New Business

- EMS and Fire dispatching, standard format and terminology – Gus Jackson – distributed handout for possible ways to streamline. Agreement that the format is an improvement in keeping it short and sweet. Gus will email out.
- Trike racing for hose competition – Gus Jackson – look up drifting trikes. North Bench is getting them. Gus thinks they are really cool.
- Need dates for S-130/S-190 Wildland classes – Ken Homik – Scheduled for evening of April 26, then all day on the 27th and 28th, at IDL office. RT-130, 6 PM at Bonners Ferry Station
- Active 911/CAD integration – Ken Homik – Boundary Co. may not have the capability. Dave will look into it.
- Funding request Beta WeDo2. Len made motion to contribute \$300. Mike seconded. No opposition, motion carried.

Open Forum

SB – 25 year old autistic member needs help. There will be a spaghetti feed following the penguin plunge to help offset some outstanding bills left by his deceased grandmother. Any donated items for silent auction would be appreciated. Time will be 4 to 7, by donation.

BVA – DUI for high school. BVA will be in touch with department heads for support. Scheduled for May 1.

Next Meeting – March 20 at Paradise Valley. Meeting Adjourned. 8:52 PM