

# **Boundary County Fire Chief's Association**

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes for 07/17/2019 Hosted by: North Bench VFD

Recorded by Jason Wilkerson

#### Members present:

Meeting began 6:34 PM

<u>Minutes</u> – Brad L. had one correction of minutes from 06/19/2019, seconded by Tony J. Then minutes approved with one change. Motion Passed.

<u>Financial Report</u> – Review of all accounts for Chief's Association. Boundary Ambulance and Curley Creek are paid up but payment has not been reflected in the report yet.

<u>Guest Speakers</u> – Active 911 & MOUs – Dave Kramer – Talked about sign-ups for Active 911 and getting 'alert email' to Crystal at dispatch to get those interested onboard. Followed up with getting updating M.O.U.s signed with the Sheriff's department to help facilitate calls and response to incidents.

Wildland Season updates - Jason Wilkerson - Fire season has slowed down but still in "High" fire danger. Burn permits for burn barrels and yard waste only. IDL/KV office at 10 fires and 10.8 acres burned. Nationally the fire season is slow.

<u>Honor Guard Update</u> – Len Pine- Honor Guard on break and will reconvene in September. The Honor Guard had successful Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July presentations.

<u>Fire Prevention Coop Update</u> – Jason Wilkerson – Talked about preparations for the fair next month including: getting demonstration trailers, providing prevention material and promoting home assessments. Updated the group on highways signage including 'Burn Permits/Fire Danger Rating' information and Gus working with ITD to develop those signs. Highlighted the good work done in Pleasant Valley and the efforts to create a "Firewise Community" there. Tony R. – added that we did get our spot at the fair again this year.

## **Upcoming Training and Events**

- Gus Jackson/Tony Rohrwasser Boundary County Fair Discussed when to start setting up our area at the fair.
- Len Pine Suicide Prevention Seminar Will probably be held at the Bonner County Sheriff's office on either September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Len will update when confirmed.

#### Old Business

- <u>Simulcast system ownership</u> Gus/Tony R. Decision to table Simulcast discussion until later date.
- Active 911 / CAD integration Dave K. is working on it. Looking to get everyone that is interested in Active 911 to be up and operational by the end of July.
- <u>Communications Group update</u> Gus 9BINOP testing day was completed and identified some issues for dispatch to work on. Dave K. announce a new tower going up by Wood's. A few members addressed issues with tones not coming through, and Gus will check on tone-out issues.

#### **New Business**

- <u>Honor Guard SOP updates</u> Gus/Len Revisions handed out with revisions in red. See handout. Tony R. motions to accept changes, Len seconds. Motion carries.
- <u>Idaho Public Safety and Security Information System (ILETS)</u> Gus/Dave K. –
  Discussed security and distribute access agreements. Dave K. needs to have
  signed and filed.
- <u>Clarification on evacuation levels</u> Jason W. Presented 'Ready, Set, GO!' forms from the following sources: International Association of Fire Chief (IAFC) and Bonner County OEM. Dave K. provided handouts for Boundary County 'Ready, Set, GO!' evacuation forms. Brief discussion on differences between them and wording. Sheriff's office has distributed 'Ready, Set, GO!' already.

- Tony R. motions to table a review of the 'Ready, Set, GO!' materials until after the 2019 fire season, Gus J. seconds. Motion carries.
- <u>Evacuation Process for Wildland Fires</u> Brad L./Dave K. Discussion on how to label driveways during evacuation process. Decision to check with structure departments in CA to see how they do it. Dave K. motioned to have Wayne W., Mike G. and Brad L. to report back with information at next Chiefs meeting. Tony R. seconded. Motion carries.
- Boundary County Dispatch Protocol Gus Jackson/John Minden Handout for 'Boundary County Fire 1 Use Protocol'. PowerPoint presentation of proposed protocol and examples. John/Gus – Gives a good place to start from, open for feedback, hoping to improve quality and consistency. Want buy-in from everyone. A few wanted time to review it. To be revisited next meeting.

### Open Forum

- Mike G. Pancake Breakfast Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup> (8am-11am).
- Tony R. Highway 95 construction in Naples. Tested emergency lights at stoplight and attendant switched light successfully. Phone number for light after hours.
- Wayne W. Tour loop road closed.
- Dusty K. Safety message. Be careful driving, there were a few close calls at 3-mile. Rushing to open the highway is not the highest priority, getting home safe is. Have a safe mission.
- Tony R. Announced North Idaho Chiefs meeting August 15<sup>th</sup> 10am @ South Boundary Station 1.

Next Meeting – Paradise Valley Station 1 - July 25<sup>th</sup> ?

Motion made by Tony J. to adjourn, Gus seconded. Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:25