



Boundary County Fire Chief's Association

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes for 1/15/20
Hosted by: US Forest Service

Recorded by Ken Homik

Members present:

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

Guests:

SMT-----Mike Elam
Boundary County Emergency Management-----Andrew O'Neel
Boundary County Sheriff-----Absent

Meeting began at 1838

Minutes -- Reading and approval of Minutes from November 20th, 2019. Ken H. made motion to accept minutes without corrections, Brad S. seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report -- Review of all accounts for Chief's Association. See Balance Sheet for specifics.

Guest Speakers – Andrew O'Neel – AAR for train derailment following January LEPC. Considering forming a county IMT and looking for thoughts and interest. Discussion followed supporting the idea. Andrew will explore further.

Honor Guard – (Len via text) Starting practice on Tuesdays, need some further uniform bling and belts.

Fire Prevention Co-Op Updates – Ken Homik – Conducted elections of officers on 1/14/2019. Ken Homik will continue as president, Lee Colson or representative from Forest Service will serve as vice president, and Jason Wilkerson will serve as secretary.

Home Fire Safety program is continuing, and will be outreaching county-wide, focusing on the elderly, in the next phase of the program.

Upcoming Trainings/Events

- February 7-9 and & 21-23, 2020 - Fire 1 Instructor, City of Bonners Ferry. Starts at 6PM. Need 10 students minimum, will be pushed out regionally.
- May 14-17, 2020 - Swift Water Rescue 1, \$335 per student.
- 2020 integrated response to active shooter, September-ish. 3-4 day class with exercise at conclusion. 50% of student population needs to be law enforcement.
- March 27 & 28, S-131 Wildland Firefighter 1 and April 9 – 11, S-211 Wildland Pumps, 2020
- AWR 147 – Railcar Incident Response May 15
- Communication exercise – would like to put together a functional exercise testing our wildland interagency communications. Would make sense to conduct in on location (not field) with responders and radios. Will need more thought to develop, and will need to be prompts and appropriate number of facilitators to gain the most benefit. Could possibly work to satisfy county-wide exercise. Wildland agencies, OEM and structure agencies will continue discussion over winter, for possible May training day.
- Structure FFT2 in the fall?

Old Business

- Color Guard - Tabled until next month
- Active 911 System – been up and running, working well.
- Boundary County Fire 1 Dispatch Protocol, was supposed to go live on January 1, but hasn't happened yet. Protocol needs to be completed and delivered prior to implementation. Any agency that is using Fire 1 frequency will need to operate on protocol.
- Evacuation Process for Wildland Fires (tabled until February)
- Yearly run report and volunteer numbers – Get numbers to Gus by end of February. Also helpful for grants, etc.

New Business

- Election of officers, nomination made by Brad Stalcup for officers to stay the same (Gus Jackson President, Jeff Lindsay Vice President, Ken Homik Secretary), motion closed. Discussion followed, citing Jeff Lindsay's absence for some time. Nomination by Kelley Halleman for Mike Glazier as Vice President. Motion closed. Verbal vote was taken, Gus Jackson, Mike Glazier and Ken Homik elected unanimously. Officers read oath and sworn in.
- Administrative changes necessary with new officers – Jeff Lindsay will need to be removed from checking account and Mike Glazier added to reflect change in Vice President. Gus will work with Mountain West to make the necessary changes.

Open Forum

- North Bench – Annual meeting January 25, 10 AM

Next Meeting – Chaplain's Corp, Providence Church, February 19.

Ken H. made motion to adjourn, Lee seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 20:13