



Boundary County Fire Chief's Association

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes, 01/16/2019
Hosted by USFS

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----- Ken English
Paradise Valley-----Absent
Hall Mountain-----Brad Lowther
Curley Creek Fire Department-----Absent
Search and Rescue----- Tony Jeppesen
Boundary County Chaplain's Corp-----Len Pine
US Forest Service-----Lee Colson
Boundary Ambulance Service----- John Minden

Guests:

Mark Baldwin-----Chaplains Corp
South Boundary Fire Protection District-----Wayne Wilkerson
South Boundary Fire Protection District-----Wanda Wilkerson
Sherriff ----- Dave Kramer
Boundary County Emergency Management-----Mike Meier
SMT-----Mike Elam
Chaplain's Corps----- Dave Lutz
Chaplain's Corps-----Lewis Clark

Meeting began 6:30 PM

Minutes - Reading and Approval of Minutes from November 28, 2018. Tony made motion to accept. Brad Lowther Seconds. Motion passes.

Financial Report – Dues notices will be sent out shortly. See Financial Report

Guest Speakers – Mike Meier – Emotet Computer Virus – need to be aware. Express Bagger – flood season is right around the corner. If you need contact information, see

Mike. Grants – process has slowed due to the government shutdown. If you're waiting, be patient.

Dave Kramer – Dispatch – doing some renovation to improve dispatch area. Construction zone currently, but will be much better when complete. Late spring – Dispatch will have text 911 capabilities. Medical dispatching – half dispatchers have been through Medical dispatching training. Was supposed to be done by December, but extension has been granted. Citizen's Academy – planning on an academy this spring, will be one day a week for 12 weeks, looking to have 12-15 folks maximum. Naples Burglary – suspect in custody.

Honor Guard Committee Updates – Len Pine- Taken most of winter off, will be kicking off again soon. Will be meeting every other Friday unless event comes up. Did event at Hall Mtn. for young boy that passed recently. Standing ready to take place of Explores, who are apparently disbanded.

Fire Prevention Coop Update – Ken Homik - Also been pretty quiet since last meeting. Still looking for folks to participate in the coop. Will be scheduling meeting sometime in the near future. Other updates given on structural assessment training, which is covered below.

Training Updates

- January 18th, Normal Kido to Injustice Seeker, TTX – Mike Meier 8 AM
- February 21st, Essentials of Community Cybersecurity – Mike Meier – All dates are subject to change because of federal government shutdown.
- February 28th, Cancer Prevention & Rural Fire Tactics – Tony Rohrwasser – does the class for free, but have to pay mileage, accommodations, etc. Will be about \$850. Can add on an additional Rural Fire tactics class for an additional \$250. Motion made by Tony to bring Chief Barker out to teach both for \$1100. Seconded by Ken English. Motion carried.
- March 9th, Penguin Plunge with pirate theme – Dave Kramer – registration at 11, event at 12.
- March 21st, Biological Incident Awareness AWR-118 – Mike Meier - May be pushed back.
- Chaplains – Starting in February, bringing some new chaplains on and anybody is welcome to attend if interested. Radio protocol – Tony will host January 26 at 8 AM.

Old Business

- 2018 SHSP Grant through count OEM – Gus Jackson – Those that have gotten items approved great, some are not yet approved and are yet to be determined. From Mike – reluctant to pay for parts to maintain old equipment, go for equipment upgrades rather parts for old equipment.
- Common command system and rehab process county-wide – Kelly Halleman – Kelley not available, Gus will re-send the information Kelley had sent out previously.

New Business

- VFA/RFC Grant updates – Ken Homik – The VFA program is now the Rural Fire Capacity Grant. The match has increased from 10% to 50%. Nothing IDL can do about it, driven by federal changes.
- NFPA Structure Assessment class – Ken Homik – IDL checked with NFPA to bring the course here. Total cost will be in the \$10 to \$12K range. Turns out there is an NFPA-certified instructor in IDL that can put the class on for the northern counties. Looking at dates and locations; will keep folks posted.
- Radio training classes, county wide – Gus Jackson – will be looking for a date toward the end of February.
- Communications group meeting – Gus Jackson – get everybody back to the table, shoot for mid-February to work on some of the issues that were noted at Fleming Creek.
- Radio frequency MOU – Len Pine – with Angle 1 up and going, getting channels programmed. Have template for MOU's, have one for each agency, have boards sign as necessary.

Open Forum

- Len – Angle 1 will be at Penguin Plunge. Six chaplains in total. Also looking at putting together additional resources to hand out at the scene of an event to help guide victims/responders dealing with adversity.
- Tony J. – Board member change at Search and Rescue – Bart is out as president, Tony is new president. Bart will remain on Board.
- Gus – Tender they picked up from Paradise is approaching completion, will be the new 171, should be up and running in May. Converted to high pressure SCBA's. Also have some folks interested in completing paperwork. Also using new system called FFRS that shows who is available, who is on call, about \$200 a year for a department. Been real happy with it.
- Dave K. – new records management system, and three new dispatchers. Please be patient with dispatch.
- Tony R. – making some changes; Smurf is gone, now use Freightliner as mutual aid unit; carries 1000 gallons. Smurf will be at Station 2. Rescue unit will be up for sale for \$6,000. Other rig will be up for \$20,000
- Ken H. – Encourage the Bonners and Moyie city councils and fire departments to adopt the IDL burn permit program. Willing to present to city council at any time.

Next Meeting – February 20 at IDL. Meeting Adjourned. 7:50