



# Boundary County Fire Chief's Association

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2019  
Hosted by Boundary Search and Rescue

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-----Brad Lowther  
Curley Creek Fire Department----- Absent  
Search and Rescue-----Tony Jeppesen  
Boundary County Chaplain's Corp-----Absent  
US Forest Service-----Absent  
Boundary Ambulance Service-----Absent

Guests:

SMT-----Mike Elam  
Amateur Radio----- DJ Cruttenden  
Boundary County Sheriff-----Dave Kramer  
Boundary Count EOC-----Mike Meier

Meeting began 6:31 PM

Minutes - Approval of minutes from April 17, 2019. Brad L. made motion to accept without change. Tony R. seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report – Review of all accounts for Chief's Association. Brad L. made motion to forget about dues over due by more than 90 days. Mike G. seconded the motion. Motion was passed. In regard to dues for Coop, they are not mandatory, agencies opt in if they choose to support prevention. Search and Rescue will pay in for the coming year, based on approval of the Board. Tony R. made a motion and seconded by Tony J. for Search and Rescue to pay the \$150 for coming year. Motion carried. See financial report.

Guest Speakers – Dave Kramer – Active 911 – attempted to call, but couldn't get through. Text 911 is nearly ready to go live. Have had training for dispatchers, will go live very soon. Peace Officer's memorial 5/16 at armory at 6:30. Looking to move

sheriff's office to Armory, going to commissioners hoping to get a RFQ for movement. Have done some outreach with commissioners regarding understanding of jurisdictional responsibility and costs associated with firefighting.

Mike – severe weather update, wet and thunderstorms coming the next couple days. Mid-June Customs and Border Patrol will have table top exercising communications. AWR118 class was very well received. Asking instructors to come back to instruct part 2 on October 11, or Feb 1. AWR 147- Rail Car Incident - May 15 2020. AWR 148 – Crisis Management for School Shootings Sept 18, 2020. Mike's last day is June 1, 2019.

Honor Guard Update – Len Pine- handouts from Len,

Fire Prevention Coop Update – Ken Homik – Coloring contest to take place early May. Planning on press release for home assessment program.

### Training Updates

- Blue Card, May 29<sup>th</sup> 17:00 SBFPD station #1
- End of June/July – field days with IDL
- Search and Rescue – Low angle class in August, exact date yet to be set. Mock search exercise July 13.
- FART training this Saturday SBFPD Station 1.

### Old Business

- Simulcast system ownership – Was voted on in March to accept. Legal advise is that the BCFCFA should have 1 million policy to cover liability. The simulcast group will have to vote on it to allow the BCFCFA to take it over. There will have to be a board created for governance. Have to figure out if the BCFCFA really realized what it will be taking on and if we really want to do it. Gus recommends a separate meeting to hash out bylaws, etc. Tony J. thinks we need to keep working on it since it is not managed at all. What do we want for a board and size of a board? Ambulance district, which is the county commissioners, and hospital need to be involved since they received grants to build the system. Some discussion, decision to go with a five person board. Simulcast meeting is June 10 in evening.
- Active 911 / CAD integration – Dave is working on it.
- Communications Group update – Last meeting May 6. Minutes were distributed.

### New Business

- Mike Meier retirement – Official June 1. If you are interested in either the PIO or OEM job, talk to Mike.
- Honor Guard SOP updates – Revisions handed out, please work on and mark up and get back to Gus for voting next month.
- ARES / Amateur Radio – DJ – FCC charter – to promote the art and science of radio, and as a backup means of communication when needed. Mike has been including elements of amateur radio into the County Emergency Plan. HAM's do it as a hobby, and by that nature, they have coverage virtually everywhere. HAM radio can assist in a number of ways, such as for asset tracking, eyes and ears for situational awareness, can be backup communications for individuals if radios become inoperable, can serve as door to door notifications, landing zones

assistance (will need training). Idea of a mini field day was proposed so agencies understand how to integrate and be used. June 22 10 Am to 4 PM is the Amateur Radio Field Day, will be setting up at Armory. Stop by and see what they can do.

Open Forum

Next Meeting – June 19 – Bonners Ferry City FD

Motion made by Tony to adjourn, seconded by Brad S.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:23