



Boundary County Fire Chief's Association

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes, June 19, 2019
Hosted by Bonners Ferry FD Station 1

Recorded by Mike Elam

Members present:

Bonners Ferry Fire Department----- Dave Winey
North Bench Volunteer Fire District-----Gus Jackson
South Boundary Fire Protection District----- Tony Rohrwasser
Idaho Department of Lands-----Absent
Moyie Fire----- Absent
Paradise Valley-----Mike Glazier
Hall Mountain-----Brad Lowther
Curley Creek Fire Department-----Absent
Search and Rescue-----Absent
Boundary County Chaplain's Corp-----Len Pine
US Forest Service-----Absent
Boundary Ambulance Service-----Kelly Halleman

Guests:

Mark Baldwin-----Chaplains Corp
SMT-----Mike Elam
Boundary County Sheriff-----Dave Kramer

Meeting began 6:39 PM

Minutes - Approval of minutes from May, 15 2019 Brad L. made motion to accept without change. Tony R. seconded. Motion passed.

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

Guest Speakers – Dave Kramer – Active 911 – Text 911 is active sheriff's office tried it in Eastport and it was directed to Canadian Towers. Medical Dispatch Cards arrived today. Sherriff Kramer was appointed interim Emergency Manager. The office is separating the emergency management from the public information office. Sheriff Kramer has been seeking a meeting between the county commissioners and the fire chiefs association, to establish financial responsibility.

Honor Guard Update – Len Pine- The honor guard was able to participate in the Memorial Day parade including leading the parade and a service held at the cemetery. They were contacted by the high school for a flag raising ceremony and were able to

participate. They wanted to host a chili cook off fund raiser this month however they believe that the weather is too warm this time of year and hope to reschedule for September 14th.

Fire Prevention Coop Update – No officers were available from IDL so a written update was distributed. Burn Permits are still required. Ken would like to schedule a fire prevention coop meeting for early July.

Training Updates

- End of June/July – field days with IDL
- September 5th and 6th The Boundary County Chaplains Corps will be hosting a suicide prevention course at the Boundary County Sheriff's office.

Old Business

- Simulcast system ownership – No updates on the simulcast system.
- Active 911 / CAD integration – Sheriff Kramer is still working on it.
- Communications Group update – They reviewed the blue card system. On June 26th starting at 13:00, the communications group is hosting a field day.

New Business

- Honor Guard SOP updates – Len Pine - Discussion on marking the property of the Honor guard to make identification possible and mitigate lost inventory. Len will draft a plan for inventory management and submit it for review.
- Blue Card – Tony Rohrwasser. A meeting was held at South Boundary fire by Bill Deruyter and Tony Rohrwasser. Tony Will Send out an email with more details for the group to review related to the blue card system.
- Evacuation Process For Wildland Fires – Brad Lowther. Brad Lowther would like to arrange a meeting to discuss evacuation procedures between law enforcement and the local fire departments. Brad would also like to host a county wide training exercise. At the next chiefs meeting a time for this training exercise will be finalized.
- Drones & Wildfires, what to do and possible press release. At a recent fire on moon shadow road a drone was spotted overhead. The association would like to draft a press release regarding drone safety and potential harm caused by drones interacting with Air Ships operating in the airspace above a wildfire.
- Wildland Season Updates – Jason Wilkerson submitted a written update. The Idaho Department of lands is staffed for the summer and sent two officers to Alberta. Fire danger was moved to high last weekend.
- July 4th Hose Competition - Dave Winey Details pending on if the event will be possible, the event is currently in limbo but as details become available they will be sent to the chiefs association for an update.
- Spot Forecast On Wildland Fires – Gus Jackson Fire departments can request spot forecasts from the weather service. Gus mention that the info account for the fire chiefs association can be used to relay spot weather data to all of the chiefs simultaneously.

Open Forum

Gus Jackson wished to thank the Boundary County Chaplains Corp for providing support during the Moon Shadow Wildfire.

Next Meeting – July 17 – North Bench Fire District

Motion made by Brad to adjourn, seconded by Len.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:41