



# Boundary County Fire Chief's Association

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes for 10/16/2019  
Hosted by: North Bench Fire District Station #1

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-----Mike Glazier  
Hall Mountain-----Brad Lowther  
Curley Creek Fire Department----- Brad Stalcup  
Search and Rescue-----Absent  
Boundary County Chaplain's Corp-----Len Pine  
US Forest Service-----Lee Colson  
Boundary Ambulance Service-----Drew Rinella

Guests:

SMT-----Mike Elam  
North Bench Volunteer Fire District-----Granite Aligner  
North Bench Volunteer Fire District-----Tom Chaney  
Boundary County Emergency Management-----Andrew O'Neel

Minutes -- Reading and approval of Minutes from September 18, 2019. Len made motion to accept minutes without corrections, Mike Glazier seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report -- Review of all accounts for Chief's Association. Len had question about PayPal account, as to whether there have been any donations. Gus will check.

Guest Speakers – Andrew O'Neel, Emergency Manager. Introduction, started 10/14/2019. Will be trying to figure out the job over the next weeks. Wants to know what chiefs think we should work on to improve response at county level. Please forward thoughts and ideas to Andrew as concerns arise. Will also be functioning as PIO. LEPC will continue to be once a month. Some question as to what the purpose of the LEPC will be going forward. Andrew brought up that County Emergency Response Plan is dated and needs to be updated; group may work on tasks such as this.

Honor Guard Updates - Len Pine – Been doing color guard duties at High School, two more games to go. Gearing up for service for Bret Hamilton. Will be scaling back in December/January. Chili feed still a go for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Fire Prevention Co-Op Updates – Ken Homik – Smoke detector program is up and running. Reply from schools was minimal; will reach out to other vulnerable populations once the school responses have been taken care of.

#### Upcoming Trainings/Events

- 10/31/2019 17:00-20:30, Glowing Treats – Starts at 5:30
- 11/02/2019 17:00-20:00, BCFCFA HG Chili Feed
- 11/02/2019 08:30-16:00, FODA
- 11/16-17/2019 Selkirk Fire hosting NFA training
- 11/24-25/2019 STCO training in Moscow
- Naples Helping Hands Meal– October 26, 4-6:30
- Cabinet Mountain public meeting October 29 at Station 1
- Naples Elementary Chili feed next Thursday.
- North Idaho Fire Chiefs meeting at North of the Narrows.
- Chariots of Fire – December 14.
- S-131 and 211 in the spring, date yet to be determined.

#### Old Business

- Simulcast System Ownership – Subcommittee – Fire Chiefs Association is not the best organization to take over ownership due to the need for providing insurance. Best choice would be to go to the county, if that doesn't go, BCFCFA may be an adequate second choice. Will have meeting with Joint Powers Group to make that decision.
- Color Guard – Len solicited interest from fire departments. Two from South Boundary, couple from North Bench, maybe a couple from the city. This is probably enough, since some Honor Guard members are interested. Len conducted some research for uniform; package is about \$250 per person. Additional bling adds cost. Len will put together draft of SOP's for next meeting.
- Active 911 System – No updates.
- Boundary County Fire 1 Dispatch Protocol– sent to Sheriff's office and has been approved by Crystal – January 1 is the go live date. Protocol will be handed out to dispatchers for their input over next month.
- Evacuation Process for Wildland Fires – Evacuation process table until next calendar year

#### New Business

- Communications Group Updates – Gus Jackson – 9B Interoperability Bank – review of test last summer; need more tactical channels. Wildland tactical channels – IDL Direct 5 and Direct 3. Trying to determine final channel mix for Interoperability bank. Drew will look into differences between State Com and EMS 2. Will report back to the group. Looking to start up radio training in December to meet new protocol, then go to quarterly training as needed. Also personnel and equipment rosters by May of next year.

#### Open Forum

- Mike Elem – free domain available

- Hall Mountain - Mega Tender up and running.
- Fire Prevention Trailer – South Boundary, will be acquiring from City of CDA.
- FS – waiting for snow
- Angle 1 – at LEPC next month, will have coffee and donuts
- Boundary Ambulance – reduction in staffing due to call volume plummeting. EMT's are on volunteer basis. Makes it more difficult to cover. Been on lower staffing level for last two weeks.
- Boundary Ambulance – FDA is relabeling medications. Base units will be in larger case quantities. Will add significant cost.

Next Meeting – Hall Mountain

Len made motion to adjourn, Mike seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 19:35