



Boundary County Fire Chief's Association

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes for 11/20/2019
Hosted by: Hall Mountain Fire District Station #3

Recorded by Ken Homik

Members present:

Bonnors Ferry Fire Department-----Dave Winey
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 Jepson
Boundary County Chaplain's Corp-----Absent
US Forest Service-----Lee Colson
Boundary Ambulance Service-----Absent

Guests:

SMT-----Mike Elam
Boundary County Emergency Management-----Andrew O'Neel
Boundary County Sheriff-----Dave Kramer
Bonnors Ferry Fire Department-----John Youngwirth

Meeting began at 1835

Minutes -- Reading and approval of Minutes from October 16th, 2019. Corrected misspellings. Tony R. made motion to accept minutes without corrections, Mike Glazier seconded. Motion passed.

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

Guest Speakers – Andrew O'Neel – Grants: two grants in county; two grants for emergency services/fire available in 2020. Looking for ideas. Historically there has been a lot of communications equipment purchased. 25% by law goes to law enforcement. Andrew will be sending email regarding how to apply, and fire districts should send proposals to Andrew. Applications will be ranked by an outside party. Andrew is particularly looking for projects with a county-wide impact. Emergency Management Program Grant provides funding for EOC and OEM salary.

Sheriff Kramer – County hired an architect for putting together a bid to renovate the armory. Plans will include driver’s license office, office for OEM, EOC, meeting rooms, other county employees, bathrooms, and alternative dispatch. Long term plan is to move ambulance to this location.

Active Shooter Training – 2020, 30 student minimum, would like to have mix of law enforcement and fire. Tactical medicine emphasis. Don’t have it secured yet, but need to get enrollees to secure class. Don’t know class schedule.

Honor Guard – 1K in donations from Chili Feed.

Fire Prevention Co-Op Updates – Ken Homik – Smoke detector program is up and running. Emphasized making sure we deliver good customer service by making contact with respondents, even if it is challenging to get a hold of them. Will have a coop meeting in January.

Upcoming Trainings/Events

- 11/16-17/2019 Selkirk Fire hosting NFA training - Cancelled
- 11/24-25/2019 STCO training in Moscow - Cancelled
- 12/14/2019 16:00 Chariots of Fire, schedule of stops will be emailed by Tony R.
- 02/7-9 & 21-23/2020 Instructor 1. Bonner and Kootenai County have interested folks.
- 05/14-17/2020 Swift Water Rescue – priority will be to those who need to keep certification. Date is tentative at this. Cost is \$335.
- 2020 Integrated response to active shooter – head count after January 1. See above under Sheriff. Class is 24 hours.
- 2020 Wildland Firefighter 1 S-211 Pumps (April 9-12, 2020)
- NIESA April 24-26, Lake City High school.
- Harassment class 1.5 hrs, sometime in January, probably session in afternoon and one on evening.
- Northside looking to put together an FFT1 academy, let Tony R. know if are interested. Probably start in January.
- Updated FEMA courses – ICS 300 March 1 Hayden, ICS 400 April 1 Hayden, others that Andrew will share via email.

Old Business

- Color Guard – Draft SOP was distributed. Question was raised as to whether there is enough interest. Seems to be sufficient interest in agencies. Will revisit in January.
- Active 911 System – System is up and running. Need account ID to be forwarded to dispatch. Lots of good functionality.
- Boundary County Fire 1 Dispatch Protocol– Dispatch is happy with proposal, still planning on going live January 1. Fire/EMS training is being developed, hope to be training by beginning of December.
- Evacuation Process for Wildland Fires – Evacuation process table until next calendar year.

New Business

- Voting for positons will be voting on in January.
- Yearly run report and volunteer numbers – putting together a yearly run log for all agencies, as well as how many members are active in the departments. Helps

show community how many calls there are and what the agencies do. May help increase volunteerism. Gus would be willing to put it together to put out to newspaper, etc. Overall goal is to educate public. Will revisit in January.

Open Forum

- Search and Rescue – created associate membership for folks with specialized skills such as snowmobiling, that won't be required to meet all the requirements of a full member of S and R, but available for their specific skill. Training would be minimal, eight hours. Open to anybody that has specialized skill.
- South Boundary – Chief from Kootenai County is retiring. Prevention trailer is here, still some work to be done on it. Will be available for any use.

Next Meeting – Forest Service.

Ken H. made motion to adjourn, Tony seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 19:55