

**Genesee County Association of Fire Chief's**

Meeting Minutes

**May 19, 2021**

Held Virtually via Zoom

**I. Call to Order by the President Campbell at 19:00**

**II. Secretary's Report:**

- a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the April 2021 meeting as distributed.
  - i. **Moved By: Chief Blight**
  - ii. **Supported: Chief Burdette**
  - iii. **Discussion: None**
  - iv. **Voice vote taken. MOTION PASSED**

**III. Financial Report:**

- a. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve the financial reports as distributed.
  - i. **Moved By: Chief Flewelling**
  - ii. **Supported: Chief Blight**
  - iii. **Discussion: None**
  - iv. **Voice vote taken. MOTION PASSED**
- b. **HAZMAT Team Expenditures**
  - i. **ACTION ITEM.** Motion to approve MES invoice in the amount of \$109.00 for SCBA flow test, cylinder band assembly, and shipping charges.
    1. **Moved By: Chief Burdette**
    2. **Supported: Chief Cairnduff**
    3. **Discussion: None**
    4. **Voice vote taken. MOTION PASSED**

**IV. Host Department: City of Burton**

**V. Presentations (Presentations are to be 15 minutes of less):**

- a. Tim Hoerner from DigiComm

**VI. Communications:**

- a. Sustaining Members in Attendance

**VII. Reports from Standing Committees:**

*911 Advisory Committee (Ryan Volz):*

- a. Tyler/New Word – Mobile.
  - i. Project managers were chosen for both the fire and police associations at the last committee meeting. The fire manager will be Chief Vogt and the police manager will be Chief Wiles. Deputy Director Jones will be coordinating with the EMS companies to determine an EMS project manager.
    1. Chief Vogt reports that he received contact information for each fire department pertaining to the project. After today's meeting he will start sending out emails with updates and communications as needed.
      - a. 911 will not be transferring over any address warning (currently called SS info) information from the current CAD to the Tyler CAD. Each department will be responsible for inputting information into the Tyler system. Department CAD representatives have been notified and provided a list of

current information already in CAD. We can continue having 911 place information into the current CAD to alert responders but each department has to keep that information in a spreadsheet if they want it transferred to the new CAD system.

2. Project Managers have bi-weekly meetings scheduled with 911 and Tyler for the length of the project.
- b. The May siren test took place on May 1, 2021.

**Coordination (James Young):**

- a. There have only been two activations since 2019. Both activations were on scheduled events - Devil's Night 2019 and Devil's Night 2020.

**EMS (Bob Cairnduff):**

- a. New CDC guidelines and MDHHS orders may affect daily mask usage, however; be prepared to continue using masks and other COVID related PPE when treating patients. More updates to follow as guidelines change.

**Firefighter of the Year (Bob Cairnduff):**

- a. The 2020 award will be presented at the June meeting at Clio.
- b. Remember you can submit nominations anytime throughout the year. Forms are on the website.

**Firefighter Memorial (Jeff Holbin):**

- a. No report submitted.

**HAZMAT Team (Ed Blight):**

- a. No activity.

**Honor Guard (Rich Cummings):**

- a. Posted flags for the Genesee Township Firefighter Michael Anderson's ceremony.
- b. Posted flags for the funeral service of retired Fenton Township Battalion Chief Chris Toot.

**Local Emergency Planning (Bob Cairnduff):**

- a. Nothing to report, no meetings have taken place.

**Legislative (Bob Burdette):**

- a. No report submitted.

**MABAS (Bob Burdette):**

- a. Chief Cairnduff reports that the MABAS committee, the fire project manager, and Chief Campbell attended multiple meetings with Tyler Technologies, 911, and county GIS regarding the box card computer system. After much discussion, it was decided that MABAS box cards will be integrated into the new CAD system. The MABAS committee and fire project manager will be working on logistics during the project.

**MUSAR (Troy Brancheau):**

- a. No report submitted.

**Standards (Mike Vogt):**

- a. Nothing to report.

**Training Committee (Brendt Cole):**

- a. Chief Campbell asked for Chief Vogt to provide any updates. Chief Vogt reported about the upcoming free classes and graduation dinner. Chief Vogt thanked Chief Raysin for academy graduation planning with the venue.

#### **VIII. Reports from Supporting Organizations:**

##### *Office of Emergency Management (Jeff Wilson):*

- a. Hazard mitigation draft has been submitted to all local municipalities for review.
- b. OEM is starting to disengage from COVID vaccination planning due to the health department has everything well under control.
- c. HAZMAT committee will be visiting the Region 3 HAZMAT team.

##### *Genesee County 911 (Tim Jones):*

- a. Surcharge Renewal passed 26,429 Yes and 16,867 No. Five years of funding is now secured with a sunset date 2026.
- b. RAVE – Alert for EMS Shortages when we reach Critical Status. This is a daily issue now. Dep. Director Jones offered MFR fire departments to be added to the RAVE alert call out for critical status. If they want to be added they need to send an email to Director Jones.
  - i. There was a structure fire last night where there was no EMS unit to send for REHAB stand by.
- c. CAD/RMS – Tyler Discovery Meetings still in progress. Fire/EMS Meetings schedule now.
- d. Full time Fire Dispatchers – Still on hold due to COVID and possibly short staffing. Supervisor Jake Reitano is now certified Fire Training Instructor for our Dispatchers.
- e. We are in hiring mode again. We are down 5 dispatchers now.

##### *Department of Natural Resources (Matt Feldpausch):*

- a. No report submitted.

##### *American Red Cross (Dick Beauchamp):*

- a. Red Cross handled 9 events assisting 28 adults and 9 children.

##### *Salvation Army (Lydia Sanchez-Roat):*

- a. No report submitted.

#### **IX. Reports from Special Committees:**

##### *HAZMAT Team Sustainability (James Young):*

- a. Chief Campbell and Chief Young have been meeting with several people to try and find a funding mechanism for the team.
- b. The committee will be visiting the storage area at Bishop Airport to see all the current HAZMAT equipment.
- c. The committee will be visiting the Region 3 team to get a full understanding of their deployment operations and equipment.

#### **X. Old Business:**

- a. EMS shortage – Discussion (Campbell)
  - i. Discussion took place throughout the meeting.
  - ii. During the next general 911 membership meeting the EMS shortage will be discussed so local leaders hear it from 911 as well.
  - iii. It was discussed that it may be time for local units of government to start funding EMS service.

- iv. Questions were also raised if a contract is secured, will that contract be honored from medical control and 911 and will ambulances be allowed to stay within the contracted area.
- v. It was announced at the medical control meeting today that if STAT EMS reaches a critical status and they can't fulfill the City of Fenton contract reliability they will dedicate a unit to the City of Fenton and take it off the board at 911.
- vi. Chief Campbell directed Chief Cairnduff to form a subcommittee under the EMS committee to handle the EMS shortage. If anyone is interested on being on the committee, please contact Chief Cairnduff.
  - 1. Chief Cairnduff – Chairperson
  - 2. Chief Flewelling
  - 3. Dep. Director Jones (approved by members in attendance)
  - 4. Chief Burdette
  - 5. NEEDS TO BE FILLED

**XI. New Business:**

- a. None

**XII. Comments from the Floor:**

- a. Chief Cairnduff expressed his thanks to Chief Blight and the honor guard members who were at Chief Toot's funeral. Chief Blight asked all chiefs who have members on the Honor Guard to please ask them why they are not showing up.

**XIII. Adjournment at 20:17**