

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, March 1st, 2017

Lake Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:24 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Dave Albers, 2nd Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll calls of departments indicate 16 departments represented with 47 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$90. The 50/50 was \$86/43.

The February minutes were presented. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Jimmy Fogerty to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for February was presented. A motion was made by Bob Adams with support from Denny Sexton to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Joel Buist the new chief for Bridgman Fire Department.

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- Storm damage assessment in Niles area had buildings with structural damage and many downed electric lines.
- **Weather Spotters Training-** March 14th at Andrews, starting at 6:00 p.m.
- **Biological Incidents Awareness Training-** April 4th, 08:00am- 17:00pm. At Berrien County EOC on east Empire. Must register on Mi-TRAIN with course ID 1069194.

DNR: Paul Rogers-

- Allegan field office Forest Fire Officer Steve Schrader contact number is 1-(269)355-0309
- Allegan field office Forest Fire Officer Supervisor Paul Rogers contact number is 1-(269)260-8406.

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson:

- Working on getting the departments in compliance on NFIRS reports.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- False trips on both Motorola and Unication pagers have been reported.
- Two new call takers have been added.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- The FF I and II class going well, a confidence course on Sat. March 11th with the state testing practical on May 13th. Departments with students are encouraged to help.
- Fire Officer Courses have been scheduled. Course dates and times have been posted on the BCFA web site.
- Rail Car Incident Response Training- Baroda Fire Department-Saturday, May 20th, 08:00am-17:00pm. Register to Doug DeBest at debestfire@hotmail.com
- Fireground Survival & RIT Train-the-Trainer course June 5th-8th in Indy. Committee wants to send 4 trainers to this course and asking the Association to split the cost with the Training Committee.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman:

- Updates for new training classes to be added.
- Page of Honor has been updated and a reminder that all firefighters are welcome to add.

HazMat: Cory Burks-

- No calls yet this year
- 2 members in tech classes in Anniston, Alabama

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Heroine usage in our area is on the rise
- The remodel and enlargement of the jail receiving area starting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Non for profit on hold

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wesaw Fire Department wants to replace their Association flag and we have samples and estimates from two suppliers on new flags. Different ways to fund the flags were suggested and each department would get one.

Announcements:

- Flags at half-mast to honor Milford firefighter and Fox 2 News reporter Ronald Savage who passed away during a training.
- May 14th the Berrien County Sheriff Motorcycle team will attend the 22nd Annual LawRide and Wreath laying Ceremony in Washington D. C. to honor of Ron Kienzle and Joe Zangaro.

Host Chief Harold Heyn thanked everyone for coming and introduced Paul Rogers and Steve Schrader from DNR as the evening presentation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denny Sexton and supported by Cory Burks.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:10 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on April 12th, 2017
Lincoln Township Fire Department**

Dinner will be at 18:30 hours, followed by the meeting at 19:30 hours.