

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: www.mi-bcfa.org

Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017

Berrien Springs Fairgrounds

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll 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 21 departments represented with 71 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$162.00. The 50/50 was \$50/25.

The July minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

Bills submitted for payment:

- \$410.00 for Korndog meal. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Frank DeLaTore to approve payment. Motion carried. Payment presented.
- Friends of Berrien Springs presented the Association a check for \$300.00 towards the meal. (From all the members of the Berrien County Firefighters Association, thank you!)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- Red Cross 100 year Open House was held and had good attendants.
- The draft to decommission Palisades has been started.
- MSP disaster relief given toward the flooding in Midland granted as state wide.
- Tom Dumminger is retiring from Sherriff dept.
- School Crisis Management at the Berrien County Conference Room on August 15th.
- Silver beach parks dept. seeking applicants to work at beach.
- REP 101Training at Buchanan City Fire station, on August 21st at 18:30p.m.
- ICS 300 training on September 2nd & 9th. ICS 400 training on October 7th & 14th. Sign up on MI TRAIN.

DNR: Steve Schrader

- Dry conditions throughout state have led to possible dangers of grass and mock fires.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's meeting is August 23rd, at 08:30 a.m. Topic will be on grants for pagers.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Two 800 pagers are available area testing.

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- Schedules for Firefighter 1 & 2 class are in the air and is planning to partner with Cass County. All Saturday classes, 8-5:30. Testing on May 12th. Cost \$400, includes books and tee shirt.
- Our thoughts and Prayers are extended to Tom Hall, the high school instructor who has been ill.
- Company officer 1 & 2 are being offered and register on SMOKE web site.
- Dates and Hours of operation for the Niles Scream Park were handed out to those interested in working to help fund the burn trailers. Asking each department to send 5 members one night to work. This will keep the training with the trailers free to each department in the county. Contact Paul Rainwater or Chris Burks for more info.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- No updates lately. There are a few new trucks that more information needed on.
- Sign in sheet for the Fire Education Center at the fair still has open slots.

HazMat: Cory Burks

- Participated in an air monitor and sampling class with Battle Creek
- October Cameo training Hazmat Logging, pre-plans, and evidence collections. This will be held at Berrien Springs FD

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- It's fair time, be safe and enjoy!

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Announcements:

- Fair Volunteer appreciation breakfast Saturday August 26th, from 8-10 a.m.
- 2017 Recycling events taking place throughout the county, view the guide at www.berriencounty.org/recycle. Next is August 16th in Berrien Center.
- Ken Nemes from Med Flight has retired and we wish him well.
- Mutual Aide Tanker Shuttle course will be held Monday August 14th, and August 28th at Baroda Fire station from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Host Chief Bruce Stover thanked everyone for coming and also to all the volunteers throughout the week of the fair. There are still time slots where personal and trucks are needed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:14 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on Sept. 6th, 2017
Niles City Fire Department
Meal will be at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours.**