

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, December 6th, 2017

Royalton Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:23 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 15 departments represented with 44 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$123.00.

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

The November treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made by Cory Burks with support from Chris Burks to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- A bill was presented by SEC/TREAS Dennis Graham to pay \$20.17 for the web domain yearly renewal. A motion was made by Cory Burks with the support from Denny Sexton to pay the bill. Motion carried. Payment sent Dec. 7th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- Radiologically Contaminated Patient Drills:
Lakeland St. Joe- Drill-12/1/17-FEMA Eval- 12/15/17
Lakeland Niles- Drill-12/5/17-FEMA Eval-12/14/17
- MGT416 Continuity of Gov. Op. Planning for Rural Communities-Jan.23rd. From 08:00 to 17:00 at the Health Department. Register on MI Train.
- REP Core Concepts Course-Feb. 6th-09:00 to 12:00. And Feb.7th-09:00-12:00.
- REP Post Pume Planning Concept- Feb. 7th-13:00 to 17:00. Email BOCOEM@BERRIENCOUNTY.ORG FOR Registration info!
- Palisades Ex. - EOC Drill 1-March 28th. – EOC Drill 2 April11th – EOC Drill 3 April 24th
Contact RADAMS1@BERRIENCOUNTY.ORG to observe the EOC.
Special Note: Be running an ICP during these EOC Ex's. We are looking for anyone (Command OFC. Preferred); that will help run this simulated Resource Management group to test the EOC/IPC Interface. This is a huge learning opportunity. This will not be evaluated by FEMA. Only ask those doing the April 24th date please attend one of the practice dates.

DNR: Steve Schrader

- No Report

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's meeting is December 13th, at 8:30 a.m.
- Pager/Radio Grant is in the works.
- Working on appointing someone for the 911 committee.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Two 800 pagers are available for area testing. Keep Testing! 8-9 departments tested.
- More auto mutual-aid agreements are being worked on.
- Up and coming state requirements of a multiline telephone system by 2019. Fines up to \$5,000 per day if noncompliant.
- Get familiar with Frist Net. gov - Phones through ATT who adds a chip to the phone to enhance first responder's communications.

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- Ice Tech class-January 27th-sign up on SMOKE site. Limited to 40.
- The Training Committee Presented Chief Koebel with a plaque recognizing his dedication in the support of training firefighters. A true mentor to the fire service!

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

A lot of changes happening in command at local departments and will be posted.

HazMat: Corey Burks

- Sending techs to Anniston in April.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- Merry Christmas

OLD BUSINESS:

- The officer nominating committee asked the body that the present slate of officers stay the same. A motion was made by Bill Knisely with the support of Frank DeLaTorre to elect the present officers for 2018. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The 2018 schedule for the meetings has been posted.

Announcements:

- Retirement Party planned for Chief Ed Lijewsk from New Buffalo Twp. will be held on Jan. 5th from 2-4p.m. at the Twp. hall.
- The Royalton Twp. Fire Dept. has a cellulose Evac trailer available to any department in need of it

Host Chief Ron Koebel thanked Chemical Bank, Sysco Foods, and The Catering Service for their donations for our meal tonight. He also thanked his crew for their help and to the young guy's thank you for your commitment! Thank you Chief Koebel for 33 years of dedicated service!

Thank you to all who attended the BCFA meeting and helped this year's fund raiser a success. We raised \$1734.00.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Frank DeLaTorre and supported by Robin Sanders. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:14 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on January 3rd, 2018
Saint Joseph Twp. Fire Department Station 1
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**