

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, February 7th, 2018

Saint Joseph City Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:15 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 12 departments represented with 25 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$50.00.

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

The January treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made by Bill Long with support from Frank DeLaTorre to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- A receipt in the amount of \$127.14 was presented by President Kabelman for the purchase of 6 fire trucks that will be used for the coloring contest at the fair. A motion to pay the amount of \$127.14 was made by Pete Fister with the support by Denny Sexton. Motion carried. Payment check was submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- Fire prevention note: Close doors to reduce fire spread.

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- SKYWARN SPOTTER training-Andrew's Un.-Architecture Building at 8435 E. Campus Circle Dr. - March 14th from 17:30-19:30. Pre-register by March 12th at <http://berrienmispotter.eventzilla.net>.
- Tornado Awareness Course-March 5th, 8a.m. - 5p.m.-at Berrien County Conference Center- Register on mi.train.org – Course ID 1056574 – Deadline Feb. 28th.
- Palisades Ex. - EOC Drill 1-March 28th. – EOC Drill 2 April 11th – 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: Mike Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is Feb. 21st, at 08:30 a.m.
- Pager/Radio Grant submitted.
- The MOU's that are being sent out need to be sent back in quickly! This is Very important!

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

The evening program is on landing zones and helicopter safety.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- 800 MHz pagers have been purchased by Benton Harbor Public Safety and are awaiting programming.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-Chris Burks

- Ice Tech class-went very well with a good turnout.
- Received the digital fire/hose training simulator.
- A forcible entry door has been ordered.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- The new chiefs in place and have been added to the directory.

HazMat: Corey Burks-Dave Albers

- Ordered a Gemini Censor tool which is used to identify a wide range of chemicals and explosives.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- Stay safe out there.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Thankyou Bill Long and Denny Sexton for serving on the Audit Committee.

Announcements:

- St. Joe City Capt. Rusty Schrubba retirement celebration will be Feb. 26th at 1-4 p.m. at the city fire station.
- North Berrien Fire and Auxiliary holding a Trivia Night fundraiser at the Coloma FOP Lodge on March 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Host Deputy Director Jeremy Connell thanked everyone for coming and introduced our evening program on landing zone setup, and a new program and process for establishing pre designated landing zones in each jurisdiction. Steve Shedd and Becky Lahti from Med Flight and Matt Heffelfinger from West Michigan AirCare presented the program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:40 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on March 7th, 2018
Sister Lakes Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**