

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Buchanan City Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19.35 hours by President Gerry Kabelman, after a presentation by MedFlight out of Memorial hospital in South Bend.

They flew their helicopter up to Buchanan City and explained to the assembled audience the dos and don'ts of helicopter operations when working with the fire and EMS services.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton, and 2nd Vice President Rob Gruener, Sec/Treasurer Richard Wing.

Roll call of departments indicated 19 departments represented with 39 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$88.00 and 50/50 was \$38.00.

March minutes were presented. Motion by Chris Corteville with support from Pete Fister to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. Motion by Chris Corteville with support from Pete Fister to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth – No report

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Commented that we are now into the spring storm season and to keep an eye to the sky if severe weather is forecast
- Was very happy that over 160 people attended the recent NWS Storm Spotter class held last month in Lake Township

DNR: No report

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- Still working on the simulcast grant but there has been little or no movement to date.
- Chief Stover talked about the new training trailer and their recent visit to various manufacturers during the FDIC Expo in Indianapolis. They will be seeking sponsorship of the new trailer to help offset some of the associated costs over the forthcoming year

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- Briefly touched on the simulcast grant and commented on the future of 800mhz radio system

Training Committee: Corey Burks –

- FF 1 & 2 Practical skills test will be on May 14 beginning at 07.00 at the Berrien County Fairgrounds. The Training Committee is likely to need help and Skip Munson or Tom Hall can be contacted for more information
- The written test will be on May 12

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- No recent updates

HazMat: Chris Corteville

- Had two calls this past month
 - A crane fell into the St Joe River and required a 100' boom to be deployed
 - A 150lb LP tank needed purging in Benton Twp

OLD BUSINESS: -

- No old business

NEW BUSINESS: -

- No new business

SHERIFF:-

- Sheriff Bailey spoke about Mike Tucker from Michigan Works and the \$100,000 he has in grant money available for potential fire and police training

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Berrien Springs will be hosting a pancake breakfast on April 10th from 7.30am – 11.30am
- Sodus Township will host a pancake breakfast on April 10th from 7.00am – 12.30pm
- Buchanan Township will be hosting a fish fry on April 16th.
- Chris Huston was introduced as the new Fire Chief of New Buffalo City Fire Department
- Angie Laskarides from the American Red Cross mentioned that they will be hosting a fundraiser at South Shore Health & Racquet Club in St Joe on April 16 starting at 5.00pm
- Ken Doroh announced that he is putting together a basic arson investigation class, more details to follow as things progress
- Pete Fister mentioned the upcoming ISO class that is being held at Michigan Works in Benton Harbor on April 28. The class is free and details will be posted on the BCFFA website
- Royalton Township will be having an Open House / 50th Anniversary celebration on April 24th from 2.00pm – 5.00pm
- Chief Brevold mentioned the recent DEQ notice that revokes the current open burn ordinance. It has been e-mailed to all the chiefs for their review

Host Chief Tim Gowen thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Corteville and supported by Pete Fister.

Motion was carried

Meeting adjourned at 20.03 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Wing

The next meeting will be held on May 4th, 2011

at Buchanan Township Fire Department

Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.