

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, July 6, 2011

Bertrand Township Fire Department Station #1

Meeting called to order at 19.27 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Gerry Kabelman, 2nd Vice President Rob Gruener, and Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 16 departments represented with 40 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$91 and 50/50 was \$64.

June minutes were presented. Motion by Marlene Beach with support from Richard Wing to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. Motion by Marlene Beach, with support from Chris Burks to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- No report

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Reminded everyone of the upcoming NOAA all hazards weather radio giveaway at the Martin's Supermarkets in Niles July 16 from 7AM-1200PM. Sponsored by WNDU and Martin's.
- Mentioned that Deputy Ron Bush has taken over Chris Corteville's position as Assistant Coordinator for Emergency Management and Deputy Karen Klug will be taking over as Planner for Emergency Management.

DNR:

- No report

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- No new news on the simulcast grant.
- Reminded all Chiefs of the upcoming Chiefs Meeting July 20 at 7PM. Will be discussing funding for the training trailer.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- No report

Training Committee: Tom Hall–

- Reported that the schedule has been set for this fall's Firefighter I & II class. The materials will be distributed at the next BCFA Meeting in Berrien Springs.
- St. Joseph City Fire Department will be hosting Company Officer I & II starting in September. The flyer has been posted on BCFA website.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman – Send updates to gerrykabelman@mail.com

- No recent updates

HazMat: Rocky Adams

- Reported that there were no significant calls to report in June.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- None

NEW BUSINESS: -

- New Buffalo Township has a new Fire Chief, Ed Lejeski.

SHERIFF:-

- **No report**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Doug Myers spoke about the upcoming Niles Burn Run July 16, 17.
- Ron Warner reported that the Galien Fire Dept. is hosting a water ball tournament Saturday August 6 at 10.00.
- Ron Koebel reported that the 911 beam that the Red Cross received will have a final resting place at a memorial located in Royaltown Twp. The beam will lead the upcoming “Ride to Remember” to be held September 11.
- Richard Knuth announced that the annual street dance will be held this Saturday and Sunday July 9 and 10.
- Carole Post handed out a flyer for the 1st Annual Support Our Troops Festival to be held Saturday July 23.
- Gerry reported that the BCFA received a Thank You from Little Squirt for their donation.
- Board-Up announced that they will once again provide water for this year’s Berrien County Youth Fair Volunteers.

Host Chief Bill Knisely thanked everyone for coming.

Presentations were made by Joe Grutza, Director of the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council and Joe Garski, Team Member of The Berrien County Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Richard Wing. Motion carried:
Meeting adjourned at 19.54 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on August 3rd, 2011
at Berrien Springs - Fairgrounds
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**