

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, September 7, 2011

DC Cook Fire Department – C/O Lake Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 19.30 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Gerry Kabelman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Denny Sexton, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rob Gruener, Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 22 departments represented with 45 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$112.00 and 50/50 was \$68.00.

August minutes were presented. Motion by Tom Wicker with support from Mike Davidson to approve the minutes with one correction. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. Motion by Greg Kovacs with support from Harold Heyn to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Fair Chief Tom Wicker thanked all of the firefighters and support staff for their help at this year's youth fair. There were no fire calls. Over 1628 hours were logged by firefighters with 20 mutual aid vehicles. A special thanks to North Berrien for the loan of 5" supply hose and for covering the demolition derby, to Royalton Township for covering the tractor/truck pulls, and Benton Township for help with the kids at the fire station. Chief Stover reminded departments to apply for SAFER R & R grant later this year.

Chief Spiegel mentioned that they will be donating the 5" supply line to the BCYF and that they also have some 1 ½" and 2 ½" hose available if any departments are in need of hose.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **911 Committee: Rich Knuth –**

- Niles dispatch has changed the time of pager testing on Wednesday's to 1630-1700 hours to better accommodate their schedule.

#### **Emergency Management: Corey Burks –**

- The new Emergency Management Regional Planner Karen Klug was introduced and welcomed aboard.
- Reminded everyone of the NIMS 300/400 classes. NIMS 300 has been scheduled for October 15 and 22. NIMS 400 is scheduled for October 29 and November 5. If interested contact Ron Bush @ [rbush@berriencounty.org](mailto:rbush@berriencounty.org).

#### **DNR:**

- None

#### **Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –**

- No new news on simulcast grant.
- Thanked the BCFA again for their commitment of \$10000.00 toward burn trailer. Please keep pushing letters out to the community for support. Please email Chief Davidson with periodic updates of donations received.

#### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton –**

- Denny asked chiefs to pass along their updated business lists to dispatch that they are using for sending out donation letters so they can update their records also.
- Reported that by accident found that a mobile unit from Niles was stepping on dispatch during pager testing.

**Training Committee: Tom Hall –**

- Reminded everyone to get firefighters signed up for FF I & II through the state reporting system. They are still looking for help with classes and training.

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –**

- No recent updates

**HazMat: Rocky Adams-**

- Reported that with all of the September 11 memorial activities going on this weekend to be aware of any suspicious behavior and report it if necessary.
- Mentioned that the Electronics Recycling Collection for Public Service Departments is coming up on October 20 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Berrien Springs/Oronoko Township Fire Department.

**OLD BUSINESS: -**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS: -**

- None

**SHERIFF:-Paul Bailey**

- Introduced Berrien County Prosecutor Art Cotter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- New Buffalo Township Fire has t-shirts for sale. Proceeds will be used to erect a memorial for the piece of beam they received from ground zero.
- Jerry Yun mentioned that there will be a September 11 memorial Saturday night at Peace Lutheran Church St. Joseph.
- Rob Gruner mentioned that New Buffalo City Fire has a September 11 open house Sunday from 1pm-3pm.
- Baroda Fest is having a parade Saturday, line up to start at 1:30pm at St. Johns Church, Cleveland Ave.
- Ron Koebel reminded everyone of the upcoming Ride to Remember this Sunday. Sign up from 10am-12pm at the St. Joseph court house.

Host Fire Protection Supervisor Rod Pletz thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Leo Rodriguez. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20.15 hours.

Presentation was made by Duane Cobb from DC Cook on Nuclear Disasters and what we can learn from them.

Respectfully submitted,

William Long

The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2011 at the Eau Claire Fire Department. Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.