

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Eau Claire Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19.25 hours by 2nd Vice President Rob Gruner.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 16 departments represented with 37 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$89 and 50/50 was \$0.

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

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

There were no bills submitted for payment.

Presentation was made by Dr. Ray McCallister "General Principles for Interacting with the Disabled"

COMMUNICATIONS:

Rob reminded everyone of the upcoming Electronic Recycling Collection October 20 from 8:30am-3:30pm at Berrien Springs/Oronoko Twp. Fire Department. Rob talked about the need for white elephant gifts for the upcoming December Auction. Chief Jesswin stated that there will be a fish fry (all you can eat for \$8) October 15 from 4pm-8pm at Buchanan Twp. Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- None

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Stated that the NIMS 300/400 classes have been cancelled due to lack of registrants.

DNR:

- None

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- October 14-16 will be the dates for the county wide Fill the Helmet Campaign to raise matching funds monies for the burn training trailer.
- Simulcast grant may be finished by the end of February 2012.

Dispatch: Corey Burks –

- Dispatch is currently upgrading the CAD System.

Training Committee: Corey Burks –

- The current FF I&II class has 37 candidates. The high school class has 22 students.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- No recent updates

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- None

SHERIFF: - Paul Bailey

- Reported that a new vessel was received for use on Lake Michigan. The vessel will be stationed in New Buffalo. It was purchased through the sales of two older vessels and from donations received from various local businesses. There is a press release taking place tomorrow in New Buffalo.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- None

NEW BUSINESS:-

- Volunteers are needed for the nominating committee for elections in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tom Wicker stated that there will be a pancake breakfast this Sunday from 7:30am-11:30am at the Berrien Springs/Oronoko Twp. Fire Department.
- Jim Spiegel announced that North Berrien Fire still has some 1 ¾" and 2 ½" hose available.
- Bruce Stover stated that North Berrien Fire donated 800' of 1 ¾" and 2 ½" hose to the burn training trailer.
- Paul Bailey reported that the Bridgman State Police Post will be closing tomorrow and moving to the Niles Post. The phone number to the Niles Post is 683-1313.
- Tim Jesswin is looking for a lens for an older Model F100 rotating light.

Host Chief Tom Stiles thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Spiegel and supported by Mike Maran.

Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20.20 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2011
at Galien Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**