

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, March 7th, 2012

New Buffalo City Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:20 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. Absent Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 14 departments represented with 35 members present.

The donations received for dinner was in the amount of \$96.15, 50/50 total being \$86 with \$43 to winner Kris Wulff, Michiana Shores. Ken Nemes from Medflight donated a lunch cooler as a second prize, won by Jeff Moses.

February minutes were presented. Motion by Dan Corran with support from Mike Davidson to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was presented for review. Motion by Mike Moran with support from Chris Huston the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**911 Committee: Rich Knuth**, nothing to report.

**Emergency Management: Corey Burks** – Sheriff Bailey

- Corey is doing better, 3-4 weeks before returning to work.
- Also report Ron Bush would be out for several weeks due to training, contact Mike Bradley, Karen Klug or Gayle Bassett if you something.

**DNR: Paul Rogers** not present.

**Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson** –

- Burn training trailer is under construction, probably won't be ready until first part of May.
- Reminder the chief's meetings are being held monthly. **Next meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 AM.**

**Dispatch: Denny Sexton** –

- Testing of Simulcast found a problem with one of the frequencies, so a search for a new frequency has cause additional delays.

**Training Committee: Tom Hall/Skip Munson** – not present

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman** –

- Resource Directory was updated last month go to [mi-bcfa.org](http://mi-bcfa.org) for the latest version.

**HazMat: Rocky Adams**- Not present, was Buchanan High School for Mercury spill.

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- Whirlpool has made donation to add more staffing for patrols this summer in Benton Harbor, additional funds from local agencies.

**OLD BUSINESS: -**

- Annual Audit is due, but with Bill Long promises it will get done in the next couple weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Jerry Sirk from Red Cross reminded everyone support is needed for all the tornados going one, but do it through one of the agencies that know what is needed and how to best handle donations into the disaster zones. LAPC meeting on storm planning coming soon.
- March is Brain Injury Awareness Month, March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting see flyer on web under Announcements. Contact information Jayne Daniel, Dan Daniel's wife 208-2862.
- Firefighters ball is Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 90 people have signed up.

Host Chief Chris Huston thanked everyone for coming and all of those involved in the evening's dinner.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Johnson and supported by Jay Pendergrass. Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:10 hours with a demonstration a present by Chris Huston (Bertrand Firefighter) from Everyone Goes Homes about Courage to be Safe. Go to [everyonegoeshome.com](http://everyonegoeshome.com) for more details.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Kabelman

**The next meeting will be held on April 4th, 2012  
at **New Buffalo Middle/High School Cafeteria.**  
Hosted By New Buffalo Township Fire Department.  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**