

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, April 4, 2012

New Buffalo Twp. Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19.30 hours by 1st Vice President Denny Sexton.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 15 departments represented with 33 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$59.83 and 50/50 was \$43.

March minutes were not available for review. Minutes were not approved.

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. Motion by Rob Gruener with support from Denny Sexton to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Chief Jesswin stated that there will be a fish fry (all you can eat for \$8) April 14 from 4pm-8pm at Buchanan Twp. Fire Department.
- Chief Stover stated that there will be a pancake breakfast at Berrien Springs/Oronoko Fire Department April 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am-11:30am.
- Chief Long stated that there is a pancake breakfast April 15<sup>th</sup> at Sodus Township Fire Department from 7:00am-12:00 noon.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **911 Committee: Rich Knuth –**

- Rich reminded everyone that the 911 millage is about to run out and encouraged everyone to support its renewal.
- Starting in October St. Joseph city will be dispatched by the BCSD dispatch.

#### **Emergency Management: Mike Davidson –**

- Stated that Corey is soon to have the hardware removed from his ankle and will start physical therapy soon.
- We are preparing for the upcoming Senior Golf Tour coming to town. If there are any special events being planned, be certain to get your plans in early. These events require a lot of time in planning and coordinating to be successful.

#### **DNR:**

- None

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

- Dave Agens is still working on the new set of frequencies for the county. All equipment is in place.
- We are looking at a delivery time of late June for the fire simulator training trailer. It was delayed due to a problem with the chassis manufacturer. There is a list of potential instructors in place. They will be contacted for training as the delivery time gets closer.

**Dispatch: Denny Sexton –**

- Nothing new to report that hasn't already been mentioned.

**Training Committee: Corey Burks –**

- Nothing to report.

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –**

- No recent updates

**HazMat: Rocky Adams-**

- Mercury spill in Buchanan at the school. Call came in as small spill turned out to be rather large. Rocky stressed the importance of notifying local resources/agencies as soon as possible.
- Royalton Twp. had a fuel spill of 5-10 gallons and called to find out what the reporting procedures were. Rocky said to call anytime if you have questions or concerns.
- St. Joseph Twp. had an auto accident and thought narcotics/meth lab chemicals may have been present.

**SHERIFF: - Paul Bailey**

- Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS: -**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:-**

- Denny Sexton asked about the need for a power point projector. The cost would be split between the BCFA and Chiefs Association. Tabled for more research.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> at Baroda Fire Department a Mercury Spill Class from 6:30pm-10:30pm, cost of \$15.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> at the beach house in Bridgman-smoke class
- It was mentioned that Chief Billy Goldfeder will be in Bangor in the early fall.

Host Chief Ed Lijewski thanked everyone for coming and introduced Mike Davidson and the evenings program "Michigan School Lock Down/Shelter-in-Place Drills".

Meeting adjourned at 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2012  
at Niles City Fire Department**

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