

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Niles Charter Township Fire Department

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 15 departments represented with 33 members present.

Program: "Blue Card Program"; Hazard Zone Management, Planning, Training, Certification Program was presented by Lt. Bob Ruff.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$72 and 50/50 was \$37.

The May minutes were presented. A motion was made by Bill Knisely with support from Mike Moran to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

The Treasurers Report was presented for review. A motion was made by Mike Davidson with support from Chris Corteville to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911 Committee: Rich Knuth –**

- Rich stated that the 911 mileage has been raised to .45 and is being placed on the ballot. The current cell phone surcharge will remain the same.

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

- There is a weather programming event coming June 30<sup>th</sup> at the St. Joseph and Niles Martin stores; sponsored by WNDU and Martins. They will be selling weather radios and programming them for free.
- Please update your resource typing information.
- Thank you to everyone for all of your communications during my recovery.
- Gave a brief overview of the Senior PGA Championship Tournament. It was a very successful event.

## **DNR:**

- No report

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

- The simulcast grant has a second set of frequencies. They are coming from the DNR and have been approved by the DNR. We are awaiting final federal approval.
- The fire simulator is on schedule and should be shipped June 25<sup>th</sup>, arriving on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The second search and rescue trailer should arrive on July 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public showing of the trailers Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Stevensville Meijer Store. All departments are asked to bring a fire truck.
- Next Chiefs Meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1830.

**Dispatch: Denny Sexton –**

- Dispatch will be taking over calls for St. Joseph in October.
- They are currently training one new dispatcher.

**Training Committee: Corey Burks –**

- June 12<sup>th</sup> is FFI&II graduation at 7pm Youth Memorial Bldg. at fair grounds.

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –**

- No updates

**HazMat: Rocky Adams-**

- On behalf of Rocky Chris Corteville reported no incidents.

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey**

- No report

**OLD BUSINESS: -**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS: -**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- There was a moment of silence for retired firefighter Wayne Hodges.
- The Niles Burn Run will be July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Any departments wishing to help with traffic control for the bike run on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> will be appreciated.
- Susan from the Red Cross stated that they have received a new van for canteen purposes. Please feel free to let them know if they can be of service.
- Don Curtis spoke about the “Support Our Troops” parade, car show, and bike run in Baroda on July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom Wicker reminded everyone of the propane training June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm at Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Department. They will also be hosting a pancake breakfast July 4<sup>th</sup>, 0730-1130.
- Still need patches for the fire station on the fair grounds. Please give them to Tom Wicker.
- Corey reminded everyone to take a look at the e-mail sent out by Ron Bush concerning the Michigan Public Safety Communications System meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo.

Host Chief Brovold thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Davidson and supported by Gary Brovold.

Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 2055 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2012  
at North Berrien Fire Department, Station 1 Coloma  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**