

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, October 3rd, 2011

Saint Joseph Charter Township Fire Department Station #1

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

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

Roll call of departments indicated 10 departments represented with 33 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$81 and 50/50 was \$50 (\$25).

September minutes were presented and a motion was made by Rich Smiedendorf with support from Mike Moran to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review and a motion was made by Jim Robinson with support from Bill Martindale to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

No Bills

COMMUNICATIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- None

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- FEMA at the end of the month for Palisades testing.
- EOC Practice October 17th, guests welcome.
- 300/400 MIMS class coming next year
- Large Animal Roundup Oct 10, 6:00 PM, see web site training page for details.

DNR:

- None

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- Simulcast testing is going on and should be up and running within 4 weeks.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Nothing else to report

Training Committee: Tom Hall/Skip Munson/Corey Burks –

- Class of 37 students started, had first class October 2nd. Schedule has been posted on the MI-BCFA.org web site on the training page.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- No new updates. Any updates please get to Gerry for posting, will be making update soon. Check out Buchanan City's 150th celebration, go the stations for pictures.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- None.

SHERIFF: Paul Bailey-

- None.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- None

NEW BUSINESS: -

- Auction coming in December at Sodus Fire Department, start collecting you white elephants.
- Elections of officers coming in December, need nominating committee, got Jim Asmead and Bruce Cole to volunteer with a little help from the 50/50 drawing. Contact them at j.h.ashmead@earthlink.net or colemotorcar@ameritech.net if you have any interest in running for an office, all positions are available.
- BCFA president Gerry Kabelman presented Ryan Klaer from Saint Joseph Charter Township Station #1 with a certificate of appreciation for five years of hosting our web (mi-bcfa.org) site at no costing to BCFA.
- Proposed calendar for 2013 was presented, one issue was brought up about moving the July 3rd meeting to July 10th. This will be discussed with officers and hosting department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Berrien County Youth Fair is doing a dinner/dance fund raiser Nov. 3rd at Pebblewood, details will be posted on the announcement page of the web.

Host Chief Gary Maynard thanked everyone for coming.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Davidson and supported by Jim Ashmead. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 19:55 hours.

Program: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, by Dale Frie, contact him at 269-369-8344 or skifri@gmail.com.

50/50 was won by Jeff Moses and donated back to the BCFA. Midflight also donated a socking hat and a t-shirt as additional prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Kabelman

**The next meeting will be held on November 7th, 2012
at Joseph City Fire Department (program AEP Trailing Trailer)
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**