

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, October 4, 2013

Bertrand Township Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1940 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 10 departments represented with 19 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$64.00 and 50/50 was \$30.00.

September minutes were presented. A motion was made by Dennis Graham with support from Dan Cronin to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was verbally presented. A motion was made by Chris Houston with support from Frank DaLeTorre to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were no bills presented for payment

COMUNICATIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- No report

Emergency Management: Mike Bradley-

- Mike reported that Chris Corteville is still working on the updates for the TIC Plan and would appreciate everyone getting their updates to him as soon as possible. Please call with any questions 269-519-0011.
- They are working on the completion of the FEMA approved mitigation plan. The plan needs to be through the county and state process and to FEMA by December 5th.
- Mike announced that as of October 28 Sgt. Rocky Adams will be the new Emergency Management Coordinator

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Mike reported that they are looking into digital program for paging purposes which would include text messaging. Bob Ruff is the liaison with dispatch.
- Mike also spoke about the subject of putting life rings on county piers. County commissioners are worried about the liabilities and therefore are hesitant to do so. A motion was made by Gerry Kabelman with support from Frank DaLeTorre to send a letter from the firefighters association in support of using the life rings. Motion carried

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Denny asked the firefighters present from south county if their paging coverage area was better, worse, etc. General statements were that there was little to no change at all. Denny stated that alternate methods will likely be necessary to see an improvement.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- FFI & II Classes have started.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

- Gerry reported that Tim Williamson is the new chief of Weesaw Township.
- Gerry also reported that he will be sending out an email detailing the objectives of the Berrien County Youth Fair Fire Education Committee.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- No Hazmat calls to report. Rocky reported that Corey and Christy Burks are having some medical concerns with family and to please keep them in your prayers.

Sherriff: Paul Bailey-

- Mike Bradley reported that there is nothing to report. He did give everyone a heads up that FEMA Typing Resources will be upcoming the first of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Dennis Graham with support from Gerry Kabelman to donate \$600 to the American Red Cross. Motion carried. (second time the motion brought to members)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rob reported that the 2014 proposed schedule has been sent out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- It was reported that Tim Jessiwin is in the hospital and doing well.
- Buchanan Township Fire is having there fish fry this weekend-see bcfa web page for more information.
- Servpro has free smoke detectors available-see bcfa web page for information.
- Lincoln Township Fire announced that the extrication class has been cancelled.
- Dispatch is moving along with helicopter protocol and active shooter protocol.
- October 15th is Buchanan Pizza Hut Night Out. \$ will be donated to the apartment fire victims.

Host Chief Bill Knisley thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denny Sexton with support from Mike Davidson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2010 hours to a presentation by Susan Bandsma who introduced the AmeriCorps Volunteers who spoke about their roles in the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on November 6, 2013
At Bridgman Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours**