

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, April 2, 2014

D.C. Cook Fire Brigade (Lake Township Hall)

Meeting called to order at 19:30 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 Secretary/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 18 departments represented with 54 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$135 and 50/50 was \$68.

The March minutes were presented. A motion was made by Marlene Beach with support from Craig Brent to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was verbally presented. Motion was made by Dennis Graham with support from Gerry Kabelman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Reminder of the three minute D.C. Cook siren test this Saturday
- Gerry reported he has sent out the previous email concerning the Berrien County Youth Fair Education Committee. Please share this information with your members for their input.
- Dr. John Byer talked about helicopter protocol for Berrien County. They will be assessing areas within the county for possible landing zones.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- Rich reported that the VCall 10 Frequency (Mayday Channel) will be used for helicopter landing zone operation.

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- Deputy Klug has recorded 94 school lockdown drills within the county
- Still working with Palisades on upcoming drills
- Working on the upcoming PGA Event
- Working with AEP on dam flooding scenarios
- Weather Radio Programming coming up April 9 Stevensville, April 16 Niles Walgreen, and May 21 Benton Township Meijer. All times are 1700-1900.

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Paul Rodgers from the DNR was at the last meeting discussing DNR Resources available to local departments and discussed MESO West Weather Mapping.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- They appreciate all of the feedback being received from departments concerning radio and pager activity. Please keep it coming as it does help in pointing out problem areas.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- FFI&II final review and practicals are coming up quickly. They will need previous FFI&II firefighters to assist with the review and practicals testing.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-

- Nothing new to report. Any announcements that need posted please get them to Gerry.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- No calls for service were needed.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Thanks everyone for their help and continued support.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Buchanan Twp Fire is hosting a fish fry Saturday April 26, 2014 3pm-8pm.
- Rocky has the 2014 Berrien County Recycling Guides Handout available if you would like one

Host firefighter Leo Rodriguez thanked everyone for coming.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dennis Graham and supported by Marlene Beach. Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on May 7, 2014
at the Eau Claire Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**