

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Niles Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1912 hours by President Rob Gruener.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Rob Gruener, 1st Vice President Mike Moran, 2nd Vice President Patty Mattson. Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham was excused.

Roll call of departments indicated 11 departments represented with 23 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$77. There was no 50/50.

The November and December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Bill Long with support from Austin Carlson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was not available. It will be presented at the March meeting.

Bills submitted for payment. Rob reported that the audit of the treasurer's books went well with no issues. A motion was made by Dan Kronin with support from Rick Smiedendorf to pay the treasurer the annual amount of \$365. Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **911 Committee: Rich Knuth-**

- Rich reported that they have been working on the budget. They are hiring two new supervisor's for dispatch.

#### **Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-**

- Working with the Red Cross on shelter locations in the county.
- ICS 300 & 400 Training 3/31-4/2/2015 (2.5 Days), 4/14-4/15/2015 (2 Days). No cost, free lunch.
- Weather spotter training is scheduled for March 10, 2016, 6:00 PM at Andrews University.
- Free CERT Training, 8 sessions beginning 2/26/2015 and ending 4/30/2015. 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

#### **DNR:**

- None

#### **Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-**

- On going communication issues in south county-Telerad working on them.
- Working on communications with all county medical transport units to better serve FD and PD.
- Minitor V pagers are becoming old and expensive to repair/replace. A committee has been formed to look into some type of replacement. Looking at grant possibilities to purchase.
- The next Chief's meeting will be February 18, 2015 at 1830 hours Lincoln Twp FD

#### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton-**

- No report

#### **Training Committee: Corey Burks-**

- No report

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-**

- Nothing to report

**HazMat: Rocky Adams-**

- Rocky reported that there were a few agencies requesting assistance with proper reporting procedures. No issues of great importance.

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- The Sheriff sends his regards and thanks everyone for their dedication and service.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Combat Ready Firefighting Training 3/6/2015 or 3/7/2015, Bethel College, 0800-1600, \$25 includes lunch
- Pipeline Training at Lake Michigan College 2/11/2015 at 5:30 PM.

Host Chief Gary Brovold thanked everyone for coming. He introduced Bill McAllister Region 5 Technical Rescue Team Director. He gave a presentation on the rescue team's technical expertise, coverage areas, availability, and how to dispatch when their services are needed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Moran and supported by Bill Long. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2010 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Long*

**The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2015  
at the North Berrien (Station #1) Fire Department  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**