

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, May 6th, 2015

Saint Joseph Charter Township Fire Department Sta.2

Meeting called to order at 1934 hours by President Rob Gruener

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

Roll call of departments indicated 12 departments represented with 30 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$98. The 50/50 was \$78/\$39.

The April minutes were presented. A motion was made by Chris Huston with support from Mark Graham to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for April was presented. A motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Frank DellaTorre to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- EOC Cook drill schedule has the Planning Meeting on Fri 8/28, 9-1130am. Drill 1 on Mon 9/28, 8-13:30pm. Drill 2 on Wed 10/14, 8-13:30pm. Anyone wanting to observe these two drills at the EOC can contact Rocky for more information. The graded exercise will be on Tue 10/27, 8-13:30 pm, and this is closed to public.

DNR:

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Chief's meeting Wednesday May 20th 2015 at 8:30am at the Lincoln Township Fire Station.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Active shooter Protocol to be released soon.
- Working on Helicopter Dispatching and Landing Zone Protocol. Also creating a data base listing area locations of Landing Zones.
- Ken Nemes from MedFlight spoke of a new mobile application that will help provide a GPS location and any information about the Landing Zone to the flight crew and dispatchers.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- No Report

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-

- The Fair Board approved our handout to be presented at the gate.
- BCYF Fire Education Center hours will be 11am-9pm.
- The request for more FEMA coloring books and cut outs.
- Donations continue to come in.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- No report

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Summer is starting. The risk is high for EMS workers. Stay on your toes. Report anything suspicious you see.
- Benton Harbor patrols will start soon. The cars will be doubled and working weekends.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Weesaw Township Fire Department holding Pancake Breakfast Sunday May 17th from 7am-11am.
- Lincoln Charter Township Fire Department holding Pancake Breakfast on Sunday May17th from 7am-12pm.
- Lake Township Fire Department will be holding Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday June 7th from 8am-12pm.

Host Chief Tom Holland thanked everyone for coming and his crew and firefighter wives Lisa and Darcy for their help with the meal and preparations. He also introduced FF Joe Martin as a new member to his department. Denny Sexton held a training session on 800mhz radios.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Frank DeLaTorre and supported by Jim Fogarty. Motion carried.

Chris Huston was the 50/50 winner.

Meeting adjourned at 20:46 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on June 3rd, 2015
At Saint Joseph City Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**