

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, January 6th, 2016

Baroda Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours by President Rob Gruener

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

Roll call of departments indicated 16 departments represented with 40 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$133.00. The 50/50 was \$56/\$28.

The December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Sheriff Bailey to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for December was presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from **Craig** Brent 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-

- Start making a Preparedness plan for you and your family. Does your family know what to do and where to go in event of a disaster when you have to respond? Ready Responder.gov can help with information to have family plan.
- Weather Spotter Training: Andrews University, Chan Shun Hall, March 9th, 2016 at 6:30pm. Register at [HTTP:// BERRIENMISPOTTER2016.EVENTZILLA.NET](http://BERRIENMISPOTTER2016.EVENTZILLA.NET)
- **Palisades** drills will be starting in March.
EOC Dates;
Drill 1 March 30th, 8 am. Drill 2 April 13th, 8 am. Exercise April 26th, 8 am.
Anyone who would like to oversee how drills 1&2 are done please contact Rocky! The exercise is a closed session.
Public Reception dates are March 14th&28th and April 11th&25th all at 6pm.
Emergency Worker Decon dates are March 22nd and April 5th, 19th&26th at 6pm

DNR:

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- Chief's meeting Wednesday January 20th, 2016 at 8:30am at the Lincoln Township Fire Station.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- 800mhz demo pager testing
- The phone upgrades are still in progress.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- No report

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-

- Nothing new to report

HazMat: Rockey Adams-

- No noteworthy calls this month

Sheriff: Paul Bailey-

- Larry Weber has retired as plant manager at Cook Nuclear Plant, and Joel Gebbie has replaced him.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Berrien Springs Fire Department will be holding Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday January 10th from 7:30am-11:30am.
- A falling tree has damaged a bridge on Olive Branch Rd west of Dayton Rd. The bridge will remain closed until repairs can be made.
- EOD Meth Lab Response Class will be held on Monday February 15th, from 6pm-10pm, at the Sodus Twp. Fire Department. Those interested in attending can contact Chief Long before Jan.25th.

Host Chief Larry Klug thanked everyone for coming. The chief also announced the night's presentation with Bob Austin on Incident Management Teams.

A moment of silence was given for Frank Nemethy who passed away December 26th. Frank served 60 years with the Saint Joseph Township Fire Department.

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

Kevin Burkhard was the 50/50 winner.
Meeting adjourned at 20:49 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on February 3rd, 2016
At Benton Charter Township Fire Station No. 1
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**

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