

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION#**

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**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

**Benton Charter Township Fire Department**

Meeting called to order at 19:32 hours by President Rob Gruener

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

Roll call of departments indicated 10 departments represented with 31 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$112.00. The 50/50 was \$54/\$27.

The January minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Bill Long to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for January was presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Pat Corteville 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-**

- ICS 300 June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. ICS 400 July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>. They are 8am - 4 pm, lunch provided. Register for each class at miTraining.
- Weather Spotter Training: Andrews University, Chan Shun Hall, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 8 am. Drill 2 April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8 am. Exercise April 26<sup>th</sup>, 8 am.  
Anyone who would like to observe how drills 1&2 are done please contact Rocky! The exercise is a closed session.  
Public Reception dates are March 14<sup>th</sup>&28<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>&25<sup>th</sup> all at 6pm.  
Emergency Worker Decon dates are March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>&26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

### **DNR:**

- No Report

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

- Chief's meeting Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Lincoln Township Fire Station.
- In recognition of our county dispatchers during the holidays and on occasion, Chief Davidson asked the Firefighters Association if they would split the cost of purchasing relish trays with the Chief's Association. A motion was made by Rich Knuth to split the cost and not to exceed over the amount of \$300.00. The motion was supported by Jeff Krolzick. Motion carried.

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

- 800mhz demo pagers are being programed with testing to follow.
- The phone upgrades went very well.
- The rip and run system is still being worked on to correct issues.

**Training Committee: Corey Burks-**

- No report

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-**

- Updates were posted. Several changes were made.

**HazMat: Rocky Adams-**

- No noteworthy calls this month

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- Getting lots of break in's, report any suspicious activity.
- Road Patrol now carries Narcan.
- Bidding to start on new receiving area at jail.
- Screening and helping inmates with drug addiction's in an assistance program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 501c3 application is on hold.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A request was made by President Gruener for an audit committee. Bill Long and Denny Sexton volunteered. Thank you! The 2015 records were turned over to the committee.
- Covert Fire may not be able to host the November meeting due to building construction timing. The Red Cross and the Berrien County Sherriff Department offer to host a meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Pipeline Training February 9<sup>th</sup>, check in at 5pm, starts at 5:30pmat the Mendel Center. Check in at Mipipeline-Awareness.com
- EOD Meth Lab Response Class will be held on Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm-10pm, at the Sodus Twp. Fire Department. Those interested in attending can contact Chief Long.
- Red Cross reminded us to call them on those extended calls

Host Chief Dan Durham thanked everyone for coming. The chief also announced the night's presentation with Doug Bell on stressing fire fighter safety.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:50 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dennis Graham*

**The next meeting will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
At Benton Harbor City Fire Station  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**