

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION#**

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**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

**Benton Harbor Fire Department**

Meeting called to order at 19:37 hours by President Rob Gruener

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

Roll call of departments indicated 13 departments represented with 27 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$112.00. The 50/50 was \$70/\$35.

The February minutes were presented. A motion was made by Bill Long with support from Jim Fogarty to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for February was presented. A motion was made by Pat Corteville 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-**

- 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. Free 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. This will be held at the Berrien Springs Middle School.

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. This will be held at the Watervliet High School.

### **DNR:**

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- 800mhz demo pagers are programed and are being tested in different locations for dead spots.

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

- No report

### **Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-**

- New updates continue to be posted. Keep sending them in!

**HazMat: Cory Burks-**

- No Report

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- Summer Patrols in Benton Harbor
- MSP to start a task force teams to be sent to high crime areas in the state.
- Receiving bids on new receiving area at jail.

**Old Business:**

- 501c3 application is on hold.

**New Business:**

- None

**Announcements:**

- Due to building construction timing for the new Covert station, the Red Cross will host the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- Bertrand Township Fire holding a Pancake Breakfast March 9<sup>TH</sup>, from 8am-11:30am.

Hosts Public Safety Director Dan McGinnis and Fire Marshal Steve Johnson thanked everyone for coming. The evening presentation was on the development and operations of the Benton Harbor Public Safety Department by Fire Marshal Johnson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:35 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dennis Graham*

**The next meeting will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
At Berrien Springs\Oronoko Township Fire Station  
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**