

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, July 12th, 2017

New Buffalo Township Fire Department

(Meeting was held at the New Buffalo High School)

Meeting called to order at 19:30 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Dave Albers and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham. 2nd Vice President Craig Brent was absent.

Roll calls of departments indicate 16 departments represented with 44 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$76.50. The 50/50 was \$72/36.

The June minutes were presented. A motion was made by Jeff Krolzick with support from Chris Huston to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for June was presented. A motion was made by Chris Burks with support from Pat Corteville to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- More checks were ordered and received by the Secretary/Treasurer for the BCFFA checking account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- Ready business workshop was very successful with 65 participating.
- Lakeland Hospital SJ code 3 major full scale ER decon drill on Sept. 26th. Starts at 08:00a.m. Tentative Drill Dates for MS-1 to follow in Dec.
- Lakeland Hospital Niles code 3 major full scale ER decon drill on Sept.31st. Starts at 08:00a.m. Tentative Drill Dates for MS-1 to follow in Dec.
- 800MHz Train the Trainer course (w/lunch) \$100 tuition fee on July 31st. (class is full)
- School Crisis Management at the Berrien County Conference Room on August 15th.
- CERT training coming this fall date to follow.
- REP 101Training at Buchanan City Fire station, on August 21st at 18:30p.m.
- ICS 300/400 training on September weekends are planned and Ron is waiting for MSP approval.

DNR: Steve Schrader

- Two strike teams were sent out of state (Montana & Colorado wild fires)
- Grants for DNR are pending.
- Been a very mild year for large fires in our state.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's meeting is July 19th at 18:30 p.m. Topic will be on grants for pagers.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- No report

Training Committee: Paul Rainwater

- BCFFTC is now on social media - Tweeter and Facebook.
- BCFFTC asking to get participation in fund raising for the burn trailers by working crews of 5 or more from one Berrien County fire department each day at the Niles haunted house.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- New Buffalo Twp. has received a new rescue truck.

HazMat: Dave Albers

- Received more training with other agencies of Southwest Michigan and continuing more training threw-out the month.
- New members starting soon from the Sheriff Dept.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- The community events at Lane Automotive, Red Bud Track and Trail and at Silver Beach went very well without any major incidents.
- BC Weighmaster Don Goulooze is doing well after an accident July 11th.
- Two new Deputies for road patrol being added.
- Been a lot of B&E's lately and when see any vehicle that doesn't belong in the area call 911.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Announcements:

- Burn Trailers are in Berrien Springs.
- 2017 Recycling events taking place throughout the county, view the guide at www.berriencounty.org/recycle. Next is August 16th in Berrien Center.
- The Fair is coming up and looking for help and ideas for the Fire Education Center.

Host Chief Ed Lijewski thanked everyone for attending and to all his members for their help for the evening. He introduced Lori House and Heather Heater of the Berrien County Victim Services Unit as our evening program.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:25 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on August 2nd, 2017
Berrien Springs Fairgrounds
Korndogs will be at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours.**