

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, September 6th, 2017

Niles City Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:35 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll calls of departments indicate 12 departments represented with 19 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$55.00. The 50/50 was \$18/9.

The August minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Keith Lehman to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for August was presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Keith Lehman to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- BCFA Fair Education Center Expense total from Gerry Kabelman was \$649.69. The Berrien County Chiefs Association presented Gerry a check of \$400.00 toward the balance. This brought Gerry's presented bill down to \$249.69. Dennis Graham also presented an expense total of \$90.46. A motion was made by Bill McAllister with the support from Mike Davidson to pay the two fair expenses. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams

- AEP Hydroelectric message to area responders: The dams are designed to allow natural flow of the river. They cannot lower the levels of the river.
- Working with FEMA on flood map revisions for along the lakeshore. Drafts and examples of their findings can be found at GREATLAKESCOAST.org
- Lakeland St. Joe - Decon Drill - 9/26/17- 08:00-Patients and volunteers needed.
- Lakeland Niles – Decon Drill – 10/31/17-08:00-Volunteers needed.
- CAMEO Suite Training-10/3, 10/4, 10/5-Berrien Springs Fire – Register in MiTrain.
- AWR 232 MASS Fatalities Planning -11/6/17-Health Dept. - Register in MiTrain.
- Radiologically Contaminated Patient Drills:
Lakeland St. Joe-Drill-12/1/17-FEMA Eval-12/15/17
Lakeland Niles- Drill-12/5/17-FEMA Eval-12/14/17

DNR: Steve Schrader

- No Report

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's meeting is September 20th, at 6:30 p.m.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Two 800 pagers are available for area testing. Willing to attend department training nights to test pagers on location.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-Dave Albers

- Have 19 high school students attending the class.
- Dates and Hours of operation for the Niles Scream Park were handed out to those interested in working to help fund the burn trailers. Asking each department to send 5 members one night to work. This will keep the training with the trailers free to each department in the county. Contact Paul Rainwater or Chris Burks for more info.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Pictures of the firefighters that attended the National Fire Academy have been posted.

HazMat: Corey Burks-Dave Albers

- Department participated in a HazMatIQ-PropPanelIQ training and will receive a Propane Emergency Response Kit soon.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- Winding down from a very busy summer-Marine division mostly shut down for season-Benton Harbor Patrols went very well-Jail renovations for the inside have started
- Keep the Chris Corteville's family in thoughts and prayers (death of his sister and hurricane Irma)

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Announcements:

- Over 30,000 people in Red Cross shelters in Texas- Long term deployment-numbers could climb with hurricane IRMA approaching Florida.
- Ride to Remember-Sunday September 10th –Berrien County Courthouse-Run leaves at noon!
- Niles City Fire offering a EMT course-Oct. 2nd- March 9th.- M/W/F – 6pm-10pm
- 2017 Recycling events taking place throughout the county, view the guide at www.berriencounty.org/recycle. Next is September 23rd - 9am -1pm at Silver Beach County Park.

Host Chief Larry Lamb thanked everyone for coming and his crew for set up and preparing the meal. Remember Texas and Florida while they endure the hurricanes. Chief Lamb introduced Andy Hartman from Pro Safety Innovations as our program for the evening.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:15 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on October 4th, 2017
Niles Twp. Fire Department
Sta. 2 on 3rd St.
Meal will be at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours.**