

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, October 4th, 2017

Niles Twp. Fire Department

Due to low turnout an informal meeting was started at 19:35 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Dave Albers, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham were present.

2nd Vice President Craig Brent was absent.

Roll call of departments indicate only 8 departments were represented with 18 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$49.00. No 50/50.

The September minutes were present. No motion.

The treasurer's report for September was present. No motion.

Committee Reports:

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- The Mass Fatalities Planning and Response course: Nov .6th-8am to 5 pm. Registration required.
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training: 7 Thursday sessions beginning Oct.5 through Nov.6th with gradation on Nov.18th. The training will be held at the Berrien Springs/Oronoko Twp. Public Safety Building.
- Lakeland St. Joe - Decon Drill - 9\26\17- **Canceled**
- 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

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is Nov. 8th, at 8:30AM

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Willing to attend department training nights to test pagers at the fire stations for reception defects on the 800 pagers.

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- Have 16 high school students attending the class.
- Have 15-16 signed up for FF 1&2.
- The fire officer 1 & 2 class has finished and had a good turnout.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- Check out or web page for upcoming trainings.
- The Fair coloring contest winners have been posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

The need for a nominating committee was openly discussed and Frank DeLaTorre and Bill Knisely agreed to form the committee to search for new 2018 officers.

Announcements:

- Berrien Springs pancake breakfast-Oct.8th, 7:30a.m.-11:30p.m.
- Niles City Fire offering a EMT course-Oct. 2nd- March 9th.- M/W/F – 6pm-10pm
- North Berrien Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Quarter Auction-Oct.12th at 6p.m.at Sta1.
- Buchanan City pancake breakfast-Nov.4th, 8 a.m.-12p.m.
- Bertrand Twp. Chili Supper-Sat. Nov. 12th, 5 p.m. – 8p.m.

We thanked everyone for coming and also thanked the Niles Twp. crew, Pam Pauszek, and Don Wise for the set up and preparing the meal.

The program was from INSERV, Inc. They are an environmental cleanup service from Mishawaka. Go to their web site at www.INSERV24-7.com for more info.

The informal meeting adjourned at 20:08.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on November 1st, 2017
North Berrien Fire Department
Sta.1 on Washington St.
Meal will be at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours.**