

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, November 1st, 2017

North Berrien Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:33 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Roll calls of departments indicate 11 departments represented with 30 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$111.00. The 50/50 amount was \$46/23.

The September minutes and the notes taken from October were presented. A motion was made by Donnie Johnson with support from Denny Sexton to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made by Cory Burks with support from Bob Adams to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- No Bills reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams

- The Mass Fatalities Planning and Response course-Nov.6th, 8 a.m. - 5p.m. Registration is required on MI TRAIN.
- Senior PGA coming up in May 2018.
- *Red Bud* to hold an International Championship for Oct. 6th-7th, 2018. This event ay be twice as big as the July 7th event.
- Lakeland Niles –Decon Drill-Went very well with B.C.S.HAZMAT, Niles Fire, and SAMCAS EMS participating in the drill.
- 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

- 6-8 wk. window to start up a class on SMOKE web site.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's meeting is November 8th, at 6:30 p.m.
- Communication Grant deadline approaching and it is very important to try out those 800 pagers in your area for dead spots so they can be logged for improvement. Also helps if more antenna sites are needed. Contact Denny Sexton for more info!

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Two 800 pagers are available for area testing. Willing to attend department training nights to test pagers on location.
- Building size and construction play a big factor in the reception of the pagers.

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- Saturday Nov. 4th the burn trailers are open for any department to use. The High School class will be training on them also.
- Check out the SMOKE web site for posted classes and trainings.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- New updates were made. Baroda now has a set of jaws. The pictures that Dave White takes now are digital.

HazMat: Corey Burks

- Encourage department to do those site checks in your community to check the hazards that are out there!
- FEMA offers free training!

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- The Association congratulates Sheriff Bailey on being named the President of the Michigan Sheriff's Association.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Election slated for 2018 officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- White elephant auction and elections will be held at the Royalton Dec.6th meeting.
- The 2018 schedule for the meetings has been confirmed and approved by the participating departments.

Announcements:

- Buchanan City pancake breakfast-Nov.4th. 8a.m.-12p.m.
- Bertrand Twp. Chili Supper-Sat. Nov. 11th, 5 p.m. - 8p.m.

Host Chief Mike Mattix thanked everyone for coming. Thank you to the North Berrien Ladies Auxiliary for the preparation of tonight's meal.

Our program tonight was by Shields of Hope of Zeeland. They are a non-profit organization that spreads hope, love, and encouragement to those in local communities affected by cancer.

After their presentation Frank DeLaTorre asked for a motion that was supported by Rob Harper for the Association to donate \$300 to the Shields of Hope program.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Davidson and supported by Mike Mattix. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:40 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on December 6th, 2017
Royalton Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the elections and auction at 19:30 hours.**