

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018

Saint Joseph Charter Township Fire Station.1

Meeting called to order at 19:30 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 38 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$38.00.

The December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Jim Ashmead with support from Matt Wedde to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The December treasurer's report was presented. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Jim Ashmead to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee:

- No Report

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams

- SKYWARN SPOTTER training-Andrew's Un.-Architecture Building at 8435 E. Campus Circle Dr.- March 14th from 17:30-19:30. Pre-register by March 12th at <http://berrienmispotter.eventzilla.net>
- MGT416 Continuity of Gov. Op. Planning for Rural Communities-Jan.23rd. From 08:00 to 17:00 at the Health Department. Register on MI Train.
- REP Core Concepts Course-Feb. 6th-09:00 to 12:00. And Feb.7th-09:00-12:00.
- REP Post Pume Planning Concept- Feb. 7th-13:00 to 17:00. Email BOCOEM@BERRIENCOUNTY.ORG FOR Registration info!
- Palisades Ex. - EOC Drill 1-March 28th. – EOC Drill 2 April 11th – EOC Drill 3 April 24th
Contact RADAMS1@BERRIENCOUNTY.ORG to observe the EOC.
Special Note: Be running an ICP during these EOC Ex's. We are looking for anyone (Command OFC. Preferred); that will help run this simulated Resource Management group to test the EOC/IPC Interface. This is a huge learning opportunity. This will not be evaluated by FEMA. Only ask those doing the April 24th date please attend one of the practice dates.

DNR: Steve Schrader

- No Report

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson

- Next Chief's meeting is January 17th, at 18:30 p.m.
- Pager/Radio Grant is in the works. Capped at 2 million.
- Working on appointing someone for the 911 committee.

Landing Zones: Steve Shedd

- Updating communications between AIRCARE and MEDFLIGHT and starting a safety program on landing zones

Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- 800 pagers are available for area testing. Keep Testing!

Training Committee: Corey Burks

- Ice Tech class-January 27th-sign up on SMOKE site. Limited to 40.
- Pipeline Safety Program-Feb. 6th-17:30 – Hilton Garden Inn – Register on Paradigm Liaison Services.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman

- There are three new chiefs in place and have been added to the directory.
- All training officers are now listed.

HazMat: Corey Burks

- Will do HAZMAT Refresh trainings. This class is 8 hours. Departments call to qualify.

Sheriff: Paul Bailey

- Winter weather has brought a lot of accidents to our area keeping both police and fire departments busy. Nice to see both departments work well with each other.
- Remodel on the jail is going good!

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

Announcements:

- Berrien Springs-Pancake and Sausage breakfast-Sunday, Jan. 14th, 730 -11:30 a.m.
- Michigan State Fire Marshal Sehlmeier will be at the Baroda fire station on Jan.24th at 7 p.m. to give a overview of the Bureau of Fire Services. Event is open to all service members.
- Royalton Twp. open house- Jan.28th, 1-4 p.m. held for the retirement of Chief Ron Koebel.
- Royalton Twp. also announced that truck 1750 the '74 ALF is officially out of service. The dept. is waiting on delivery of a new Sutphen aerial platform.

Host Chief Gary Maynard thanked everyone for coming, his crew for meal setup and a thank you to the wives for all the wonderful deserts. Our evening presentation was given by Matt Wedde and Dan Mandalis on their experience attending Fire Ground Survival and RIT training back in June

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Adams and supported by Rockey Adams. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 21:08 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham

**The next meeting will be held on February 7th, 2018
Saint Joseph City Fire Department
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**