

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
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Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Sodus Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19.25 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton, and 2nd Vice President Rob Gruener, Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 15 departments represented with 42 members present.

The donations received for dinner is in the amount of \$101.00 and Association Auction was \$802.00.

November minutes were presented. A motion was by Mike Moran with support from Bill Knisely to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report was submitted for review. A motion was made by Rob Gruener with support from Ron Burkett to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

A moment of silence was observed for Active Firefighter Elmer Froehlich; who gave 49 ½ years to the Sodus Township Fire; who passed away following an ATV accident.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth –

- Nothing to report.

Emergency Management: Corey Burks –

- Corey announced that there will be a basic CERT class starting January 8, 2013 at the Berrien Springs Oronoko Fire Station. The flier for the class is posted on the BCFA web page.

DNR:

- None

Chiefs' Association: Mike Davidson –

- Mike reported that the simulcast was the main topic of the last meeting. The one tone only for pages has been changed and there will be two tones per page as before. There have been some reports of false trips. As of the meeting approximately 80% of the departments are complete.
- The next Chief's Meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2013 @ 1830 hours.

Dispatch: Denny Sexton –

- Reported that New Buffalo City and New Buffalo Township are the last two departments to switch to the new simulcast. By the end of this week they should be complete with setting up the back-up transmitters.

Training Committee: Corey Burks –

- Corey reported that the FFI & II class is going well. They are approaching the midpoint.

Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman –

- Gerry reported that he has numerous updates which will be completed in the next couple of weeks. If you have any updates please get them to him so he can update them all at once.

HazMat: Rockey Adams

- None

Sherriff: Paul Bailey

- Corey reported that the Sherriff is home recovering from a hernia. He will be scheduling an appointment in the future for surgery.

OLD BUSINESS: -

- Gerry reminded Chief's Association of the need to order Bibles. Chief Stover is working on it.
- Elections: There was one nomination to add for the position of second vice president, firefighter Mike Moran. Due to this nomination, Gerry Kabelman; who was running for second vice president; declined his nomination. A motion was made by Jim Ashmead with support from Tom Wicker to close nominations and elect Rob Gruener-President, Denny Sexton-First Vice President, Mike Moran-Second Vice President, and Bill Long-Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: -

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Baroda Fire Department is hosting a "Building Construction for Fire Suppression Forces: Principles" starting January 14, 2013. See flyer posted on BCFA web page.
- Buchanan City Fire Department is hosting the complete Fire Officer III Series starting January 19, 2013. See flyer posted on BCFA web page.

Host Chief Bill Long thanked Rich and Stewart Edwards for taking care of set-up and dinner and all departments for coming and participating in the auction.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dennis Grahm and supported by Jim Ashmead. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1945 hours to the Association Auction.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on January 2, 2013
at Sister Lakes Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**