

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: www.mi-bcfa.org

Wednesday, January 2, 2013

Sister Lakes Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1925 hours by President Rob Gruener.

Roll call of officers indicated officers present, President Ron Gruener, 1st Vice President Denny Sexton, 2nd Vice President Mike Moran, and Sec/Treasurer Bill Long.

Roll call of departments indicated 10 departments represented with 27 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$57.00 and 50/50 was \$28.00.

December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Dennis Graham with support from Craig Brent to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was verbally presented. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Dennis Graham to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

There were no bills submitted for payment.

COMUNICATIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rich Knuth-

- None

Emergency Management: Corey Burks-

- Corey announced that the CERT Class starting January 8, 2013 still has openings.
- Reminded everyone of the Motorola 800MHz Rebanding taking place January 11, 14, and 15 at the Berrien County Complex, 2100 E. Empire Ave. and January 16 and 17 at the Niles Law Enforcement Complex 1600 Silverbrook, Niles. The rebanding of the Kenwood radios will take place January 23 between 0800-1500 hours at the Berrien Springs Oronoko Twp. Public Safety Complex on Snow Road.

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

- None

Dispatch: Denny Sexton-

- Reported there is currently a job opening in dispatch.
- Reported that the back-up transmitters are still being worked on. New Buffalo Township and City still waiting to switch to the new simulcast.
- There are still departments reporting issues with little to no reception. If you are experiencing any of these issues please let Denny know so they are aware of them.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- Nothing to report.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

- Reported that the directory was updated December 9th. The new frequencies and chief's information was updated.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- Reported that there were no calls in December.

Sherriff: Paul Bailey-

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gerry asked about the bible order. Corey reported that Bruce is still working on them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dennis Graham and Dan Cronin volunteered to audit the financial records for 2012. Thank you gentlemen.
- President Gruener reported that he is working on changes to the by-laws. He will email the changes as they take place to the area chief's who can then pass them along to the departments members for review. They will be discussed at the February meeting and voted on at the March meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Dennis Graham thanked the Sherriff's Dept. and Dispatchers for once again announcing the BOL site (be on the look-out for Santa).
- Jeff Moses reported that they also have been having issues with receiving pages on their pagers in Van Buren County. He asked if anyone has been using cell phone paging. It is something that they have been using that has proven to be quite successful in dead areas. It is called "Alternate Alert". It could be worth looking into.

Host Assistant Chief Anthony Stewart thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Craig Brent and supported by Dennis Graham. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours to the program "Accident Aircraft Response Awareness: Systems and Materials Hazards" presented by Lee Scherwitz Director SWM Regional Airport. The program can also be found on this website: www.faa.gov/aircraft/gen_av/first_responders/

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Long

**The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2013
At Three Oaks Fire Department
Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours.**