

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Buchanan Twp Fire Department

Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by President Rob Gruener.

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

Roll call of departments indicated 9 departments represented with 16 members present. It was noted that no quorum was present.

Copies of the November and December minutes were distributed. Donations for dinner were \$50. No 50/50 due to lack of attendance.

Treasurer's report was not presented.

There were no bills presented for payment

COMMUNICATIONS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911 Committee: Rocky Adams-

- 911 calls are still being answered

Emergency Management: Rocky Adams-

- Rocky reported that Sgt. Ron Bush will be offering an ICS 300 class March 11 & 12. ICS 400 will be April 1 & 2.
- Despite major snow storm, no fatalities were reported in Berrien County. Rocky credits all emergency responders, plow drivers and municipal leaders for their efforts in the storm. Rocky also credits media and social media for their efforts in keeping people informed, and the general public with following advice and being prepared. 2 minor power outages were reported, as were CO calls, but no major incidents as a result of the storm. Several issues were identified including businesses planning for such events and people who out of medications getting them delivered which will be discussed in the future.

DNR:

- None

Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-

Next meeting will be Jan 15th.

Dispatch: Rocky Adams -

- 911 center still in operation.

Training Committee: Corey Burks-

- 27 students in current class
- Practical being held on Jan 12, with midterm on Jan 18th. Those departments with members in the class are asked to send fire 1&2 certified members to assist. All fire departments are encouraged to send fire 1&2 certified members to help out, and certified instructors are invited to assist with the class. Contact the training committee for more information.

Resource Directory/Webmaster: Gerry Kabelman-

Gerry reminded everyone to get him any new updates

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- One incident to report on the I-94 bridge over St. Joseph River in Royalton Twp. A semi accident spilled approx 230 gallons of diesel from ruptured fuel tank. Chief Ron from Royalton Twp. was credited with quick thinking calling Adent's Landscaping for a truck load of dirt to contain spill. Several issues were identified, mostly involving coordination of information being passed on to government agencies, but all responders did a good job.

Sherriff: Rock Adams for Sheriff Bailey-

- Rocky reported that the Sheriff thanks everyone for their help and continued support.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Announced need for audit committee
- Moment of Silence for the passing of Michael Burks, formerly of Buchanan City Fire, and father of Chris and Corey Burks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pancake Breakfast- Berrien Springs Fire.
- EMT-B class at Niles beginning in Feb.
- Calendars from Medflight were available.

Host Chief thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Corey Burks with support from Dale Stover. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2029 hours to training on Firefighter Safety in cold weather provided by Frank from SMCAS.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Moran

The next meeting will be held on Feb 5, 2014

At Chikaming Fire Department

Dinner will be at 1830 hours, followed by the meeting at 1930 hours