

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, July 8th, 2015

Sister Lakes Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1934 hours by President Rob Gruener

Roll call of officers present: President Rob Gruener, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mike Moran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Patty Mattson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicated 14 departments represented with 31 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$85. The 50/50 was \$42/\$21

The June minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Mike Davidson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for June was presented. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Craig Brent to approve the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

- We honored Skip Munson with a moment of silence
- A request and motion was made by Mike Davidson for the Fire Fighters Association to match the training committee's \$300.00 donation to cover meal and arrangements for Skip Munson's Funeral. With the support from Dale Stover and the Association a check for \$300.00 was presented.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911 Committee: Rich Knuth-**

- No Report

### **Emergency Management: Rockey Adams-**

- Rockey asked that all departments need to notify his office with Special Event Plans. This helps avoid radio traffic talking over each other. These are different events that you don't normally respond to.
- Rep 101 training is being offered to all departments.
- Dispatch has participated in over 36 disaster drills from emergency management and done very well.

### **DNR: Steve Schrader-**

- They are based in Allegan County and serve Berrien, Van Buren, Cass counties.
- The state does have surplus equipment available for fire departments.
- They will be running wildland training as a winter class.

### **Chief's Association: Mike Davidson-**

- Chief's meeting Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 8:30am at the Lincoln Township Fire Station.
- Jonathon Mitchell will head the safety trailer at the fair this year.

### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton-**

- Training of new 2 new dispatchers on day shift and one on the night shift going well.
- New map updates North Berrien/Covert Mutual Aide agreement.

### **Training Committee: Corey Burks-**

- Holding a driver training July 18<sup>th</sup> with openings still available.
- The SMOKE program has been pushed to August.
- *Holding 2 sessions with the burn trailers.*
- *The High School Class has 22 students signed up so far and Tom Hall will be the instructor.*

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman-**

- Need those updates Please.
- Still have slots open for helping out at the fair
- Wants input on starting a web page: Honoring Past Fire Fighters.

HazMat: Rocky Adams-

- **No report**

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-**

- Stay safe out there.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- North Berrien Pancake Breakfast held during Glade Peach Festival Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 5am-11am, Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1 am-2pm, Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 6am-2pm.
- Sodus Fire Department 5K Run/walk Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:15am is sign in and race starts at 8:30am.
- Bridgman Street Dance Friday and Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 7-11pm.

Host Chief Anthony Lozada thanked everyone for coming and his crew for their help with the meal and preparations. There was no program.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Craig Brent and supported by Jay Pendergrass. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:18 hours.

Bill Knisely chief at Bertrand won the 50/50 and donated it to the training committee to honor Skip Munson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

**The next meeting will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Berrien Springs Fair Grounds**

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