**Know How to Call DPI and OPI?**

Dan Foreman, a local college football official and member of the ANEFO, discussed defensive pass interference and offensive pass interference before a packed house at the ANEFO meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2016. Dan use several clips from National Football League games to show how to make the proper calls. He illustrated what to look for when covering pass plays.

Some of the aspects of the passing game he explained are as follows: If there is an illegal forward pass, there can be no defensive pass interference. If a receiver steps out of bounds voluntarily, there can be no defensive pass interference. When a receiver goes downfield on a play were a forward pass crosses the neutral zone, he may not block until the pass has been touched.

Pass interference fouls apply only when the legal pass crosses the neutral zone, contact is against an eligible receiver beyond the neutral zone, contact takes place during a pass that has not been touched anywhere inbounds by a player or an official, and if the contact is by the defense it must be during a pass that is catchable by the receiver with whom the contact is made. Offensive pass interference has more restrictions on part of the eligible receivers. The offensive receivers are restricted from the snap until the pass is touched or falls incomplete. It is the responsibility of the offensive receiver to avoid contact with the defensive player. This means offensive “picks” are not allowed. Tight ends are not allowed to block down on a lineman during a pass down in which the quarterback throws a pass beyond the neutral zone. Dan made this points very clear as he stood on the stage next to the screen and pointed out what infractions should be called. A special thank you to Dan Foreman!