



BERRIEN COUNTY
FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Call to Order: 1630-1652

Date: October 18, 2023

PRERSENTATION:

Old minutes: Old minutes emailed out. Motion to accept old minutes by Chief Harper. Seconded by Chief Klaer. Motion passed. None opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Starting Balance: \$6420.91. No changes. Ending Balance: \$6420.91. Motion to accept treasurers report by Chief Klaer. Seconded by Chief Steinke. Motion passed. None opposed.

Communications:

Fish fry October 21, 2023, Buchanan Twp. Fire, 1500-2000hrs.

Chili cookoff October 28, 2023, Galien Fire, 1700-2000 hrs.

Pancake Breakfast November 12, 2023, New Buffalo Twp. Fire, 0800-1200.

New Chief/Visitor:

Great Lakes Drone: None (emailed after meeting see attached)

Medic-1: None

S.M.C.A.S.: None

Med Flight: Mark requested to please keep watchful eye on LZ. Had an incident where rock was thrown at helicopter damaging rotor system. LZ class if need them.

Med Control: None

Dispatch/911: VHF simulcast is dismantled. Working on console update. Continue to work on towers for simulcast. Tower outage on October 31, 2023. Will send out info as date approaches. New tower approved to move forward. behind Buchanan Twp FD. Foundation and building will need to be installed. Hope to have tower operational in first Q2024. Closed on AEP building. Renovation next hope to move in 2026. MGU grant for wireless headsets. Staffing: 4 vacancies; 2 offers; 1 in call taker training; 1 in development training; 1 in dispatcher training.

BCFA: Next meeting at Galien November 02, 2023. Smoke detectors and CO detectors ordered. \$2500.00 from Serv-Pro for smoke detectors and \$2500.00 from Centsable for CO detectors.

Training: Nothing New

Emergency Management: Nothing

MABAS: Plan Coordinators meeting. In need of a regional response coordinator for region 5 so if any MABAS departments has someone interested contact Frank. Boxcard training recently went well. Continue to work on active violence training for divisions in need. Working on special operations awareness videos. Working on MABAS101 for 2024. Looking for divisions to host if interested.

Other Communications:

Old Business: NFIRS (see attached)

Cache radio cabinet discussed last month but no motion to reimburse. Motion to reimburse BSOT FD for cache radio cabinet \$129.97, by Chief Dwan, seconded by Chief Nitz. Motion passed. None opposed.

New Business: Mayday Policy updated discussed. Motion by Chief Klaer to accept mayday policy. Seconded by Chief Steinke. Motion passed. None opposed. Train the trainer following November BCFA meeting. Discussion on mayday policy as presentation for November BCFA meeting.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2023, at 0830. Lincoln Twp. Mayday train the trainer training to follow November meeting. Chief's please let your training officers know.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Chief Chase. Seconded by Chief Steinke. None opposed.

Meeting adjourn: 1652 hrs



**THE NORTH BERRIEN
FIREFIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION**

Kindness and Compassion

Toy Drive

**Saturday, November 11th and
25th, 2023**

5:00pm-8:00pm

**North Berrien Fire Rescue Stations 1
170 Washington St.**

The North Berrien Firefighters Association is hosting a toy drive on Saturday, November 11th, and Saturday November 25th, 2023, from 5:00pm-8:00pm. You can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the North Berrien Fire Rescue Station 1, located at 170 Washington St. Coloma, MI.

All toy donations will be donated to the Kindness and Compassion Drive being held at Coloma Elementary and Coloma Intermediate. Gift cards and cash donations will also be accepted and donated to the Kindness and Compassion Drive. Can't make it on November 11th or 25th? Donations will also be accepted during the week from 8:00am-3:00pm, November 13th to November 27th 2023, at the North Berrien Fire Rescue Station located at 3061 Coloma Rd. Benton Harbor, MI. Donation boxes will also be at the Coloma and Hagar Township Dollar General stores and the Coloma Subway restaurant.

Monthly Incident Counts 2023-2

Report Year: 2023

FDID	Fire Department	2023												Totals	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
01129	Weesaw Township FD	Count	3	5	4	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
01130	Buchanan Township Fire Departm	Count	5	4	8	4	4	8	12	7	0	0	0	0	52
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	2	3	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
01131	Royalton Twp FD	Count	6	6	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
01201	BRONSON FIRE DEPT	Count	33	49	19	37	38	36	34	23	30	0	0	0	299
		Exposures	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
01202	Coldwater FD	Count	117	112	104	94	112	107	109	131	141	0	0	0	1,027
		Exposures	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	16
01203	QUINCY FD	Count	9	24	10	15	17	11	21	20	0	0	0	0	127
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	4	1	4	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13
01204	Sherwood Twp FD	Count	1	7	1	2	6	4	4	5	2	1	0	0	33
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
01205	Union City FD	Count	6	8	4	8	5	8	7	5	5	0	0	0	56
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	1	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	10
01206	Lakeland VFD	Count	3	20	8	7	10	9	6	6	3	0	0	0	72
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6

Monthly Incident Counts 2023-2

Report Year: 2023

FDID	Fire Department	2023												Totals	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
01119	Niles Township FD	Count	24	26	45	31	37	37	44	33	25	0	0	0	302
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	5	4	3	6	2	13	2	3	2	0	0	0	40
01121	St Joseph FD	Count	12	7	12	21	19	19	32	33	0	0	0	0	155
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	2	4	1	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	18
01122	St Joseph Twp FD #1	Count	9	8	6	10	2	8	9	13	9	4	0	0	78
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
01123	St. Joseph Twp FD #2	Count	3	7	4	4	3	7	3	10	5	0	0	0	46
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	4	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
01124	Chikaming FD	Count	43	27	39	48	42	60	64	51	44	0	0	0	418
		Exposures	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	2	0	3	1	2	6	2	1	0	0	0	17
01125	Sodus Township VFD	Count	2	0	3	3	8	5	7	5	4	0	0	0	37
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
01126	Lincoln Twp FD	Count	13	14	18	17	4	25	23	41	24	0	0	0	179
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	2	2	3	3	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	15
01127	Three Oaks FD	Count	3	2	5	9	5	6	5	4	5	1	0	0	45
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
01128	Watervliet FD	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Monthly Incident Counts 2023-2

Report Year: 2023

FDID	Fire Department	2023												Totals	
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
01108	Coloma FD	Count	17	13	23	19	16	22	28	20	13	0	0	0	171
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	2	3	4	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	18
01109	EAU CLAIRE FIRE DEPT	Count	19	13	12	28	17	18	23	19	0	0	0	0	149
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
01110	Galien Twp FD	Count	2	3	6	2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	26
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	3	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
01112	Hagar Township FD	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
01113	Lake Township Fire Department	Count	29	23	32	46	46	44	69	48	35	0	0	0	372
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	1	5	2	4	4	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	24
01115	Morris VFD	Count	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
01116	New Buffalo FD	Count	0	6	4	3	7	4	12	11	0	0	0	0	47
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	1	1	0	5	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	12
01117	New Buffalo Twp FD	Count	7	13	15	12	10	23	35	27	19	0	0	0	161
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	6	6	3	7	4	9	11	6	0	0	0	52
01118	Niles FD	Count	57	49	61	58	50	63	62	0	0	0	0	0	400
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	1	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

Monthly Incident Counts 2023-2

Report Year: 2023

FDID	Fire Department		2023												Totals
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
01006	Thompsonville VFD	Count	9	2	5	1	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	27
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
		Aid Given	0	2	0	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
01007	Inland Twp FD	Count	12	14	16	20	21	18	16	20	22	0	0	0	159
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	5	6	2	7	3	2	3	4	2	0	0	0	34
01101	Baroda Fire Department	Count	2	3	5	10	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
		Aid Given	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
01102	Benton Harbor FD	Count	36	44	48	46	70	42	51	65	70	1	0	0	473
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	1	6	3	2	3	6	8	2	3	0	0	0	34
01103	Benton Twp FD	Count	62	54	53	83	84	100	77	82	90	0	0	0	685
		Exposures	5	0	0	3	5	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	19
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	3	5	7	2	4	1	11	3	2	0	0	0	38
01104	Berrien Springs-Oronoko FD	Count	14	6	12	12	24	13	21	16	15	0	0	0	133
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	7
01105	Bertrand Twp FD	Count	12	5	6	11	7	7	5	6	8	0	0	0	67
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	0	2	0	2	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	11
01106	BRIDGMAN FD	Count	7	8	12	11	9	12	11	16	12	0	0	0	98
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	2	2	2	3	1	3	7	6	3	0	0	0	29
01107	Buchanan FD	Count	5	12	12	7	9	10	13	6	14	3	0	0	91
		Exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		No Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Aid Given	1	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	11



Kits for K9'S

WHERE: SMCAS EDUCATION CENTER, 32097 BERTRAND RD, NILES, MI 49120

WHEN: DECEMBER 21, 2023 AT 1500 (COURSE LAST 2-3 HOURS)

COST: FREE, DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED

TEACHING: DR LISA BOOTH DVM

REQUIREMENT: NEED AT LEAST 15 PARTICIPANTS FOR COURSE TO OCCUR

CONTACT: Deputy Jessica Frucci (269)235-1014 or jfrucci@berriencounty.org

**Please notify how many will be attending. Dr Booth will be checking in closer to the date to assure proper number of attendees. **

MORE INFO: www.kitsfork9s.org

Police/Fire/EMS

Our K9 First Aid training is very thorough from the extra care working dogs need to emergency life threatening situations. A good portion of the training is geared just to working canines. Not only does a veterinarian train you, you also receive a well-stocked field first aid kit for free. Everything in the kit is gone over during the training.

KEY POINTS

- **Free First Aid Kit** - You receive a well-stocked field first aid kit.
- **Trauma Care** - K9s get hurt in the line of duty; we give you information to stabilize them before transport.
- **Canine CPR** - Yes, pets need CPR sometimes learn how to do it correctly. It's different then humans.
- **Preventive Care** - Preventive care for your dog from nails trimming, ear cleaning to paw care.
- **Pet First Aid** - Find out what you can and can and cannot use on your pet for first aid care.
- **Smoke** - Smoke can cause all kinds of breathing issues we will show how you can apply oxygen safely.
- **Hands on course**



Great Lakes Rescue

September 2023

Response Review

UPDATES



On September 12th, 2023 we were requested by the Michigan State Police and Lawrence Twp Emergency Services to assist on a missing aircraft search for 3 days. The pilot departed on 9/10/23 around 11am and had not been seen since. Extensive coordination between MSP, Cass County Authorities, Van Buren Authorities, Civil Air Patrol and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center lead to the discovery of the aircraft in Silver Creek Twp on 9/14/23 within the 2 mile arrival/departure path of Dowagiac Municipal Airport. The extensive coordination between fixed wing, rotary wing and UAS operations was a testament to safety tiered aerial operations.

1. Total calls in Allegan County 2023: 16
2. Total calls in Barry County 2023– 9
3. Total Calls in Berrien County 2023– 164
4. Total Calls in Calhoun County 2023– 1
5. Total Calls in Kalamazoo County 2023– 59
6. Total Calls in St Joseph County 2023– 37
7. Total Call in Van Buren County 2023– 47
8. Total Calls in 2023 to Date: 333
9. Numbers are as of September 30th, 2023

Remote ID Update:

Effective September 16th, 2023 remote ID (RID) is now required by the FAA for all drone flights within the US National Airspace. The FAA has provided some exemptions as well as provided a delayed enforcement MEMO to all investigators that allows a until March 16th, 2024 to become compliant if the pilot shows proof of attempts to be compliant due to product availability delays.

Anyone can now monitor a drones location in the air via a free phone app. We currently recommend [Air Sentinel](#) which is a free android based app you can download. They do have an IOS version coming out in November 2023. If you are a public safety agency, you can also see the pilots location after a vetting process with Air Sentinel. If you would like more information, visit their website or contact us for more information.