

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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July 5th, 2023

Buchanan Township Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:11 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2nd Vice President Donnie Johnson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicate 11 departments represented with 24 members present. Donations collected at the meal totaled \$109. (Correction was 24 department & 32 members fixed 2/24/2024)

The minutes for the month of June was presented. A motion made by Denny Sexton with support from Cory Burks to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of June indicated the balance in checking is \$6,310.41, money market balance is \$23,633.38. A balance of \$6,842.61 in the car show account. Combined total of \$.34,32352. A motion made by Dave White with support from Jeff Starbuck to approve the report. The motion carried.

Bills Submitted for payment by BCFA

- Car show expense: \$394 for park event insurance
- Car show expense: \$514.83 for show signs and supplies
- 2023 Fire Education Center: \$327.32 supplies and prizes
- 2023 Fire Education Center: \$880 for purchase of plastic fire hats in bulk for fair time. Motion to pay the presented bills presented by Dale Stover with support from Cory Burks. Motion carried. Motion Note; Suggestion to present a yearly detailed expense budget for future reference to the BCFA

Communications/Announcements:

- Friday July 28th Berrien County Battle of the Badges Community Blood Drive. New Buffalo Twp. Sta.2- From 9 am – 2:45 pm. Call 866-642-5663 or scan QR code on flyer listed on BCFA web site
- Salty Ash Cigar Society Charity Golf outing August 12th at Spruce Ridge. Flyer listed on BCFA web site.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's Meeting July 19th.

Training Committee:

- The BCFA September 6th Chikaming Twp. meeting note; Step Up and Lead / Leadership Development Workshop presented by Deputy Chief Frank Viscuso. This is a 4-hour class . Meal provided by Mission BBQ. 5:30 MEAL 6:00 CLASS
- Burn Trailer, Forcible Entry Door Prop and the New Fire Behavior Prop are available, contact Corey Burks at bcfftc1@gmail.com for scheduling.
- Check Smoke with the register Michigan Log In for listed classes going on in the County and State. **EVERYONE must check in at least once a year and check all your information and training records.** Print out that information for your records.
- Promote the CTE Program

Loading Zone:

- Ready for Landing zone training classes and fly- ins at mock accidents.

Resource Directory/Website:

- Please check your departments directory information and send in those updates.
- Check web site for listed training flyers.

Hazmat:

- Available for trainings and response information.

Business Notes:

- Public Education for fire recruitment suggestion. QR codes from each department for applications. WEB links.
- Sign up sheet for Fire Education Center shifts. E-mail Gerry with time slots.
- Berrien County Youth Fair Fire Protection Coverage – Notify Chief Myers with time slots that you may be able to fill through out the week of the fair. A e-mail letter will be sent out to Fire Chiefs explaining requests and detail for the scheduling.

Host Chief Tim Jesswein thanked everyone for attending the meeting at Buchanan Twp. The evening program presented by Cory Burks on the BCFFTC's new training props purchased through the CTE program grants.

The Berrien County Firefighters Association wished Doug Wise of Niles Township Fire Department a Happy 88th Birthday. We appreciate you Doug for all of your wisdom, trainings, and your many years of service.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Doug Wise and supported by Dave White . Motion carried meeting adjourned at 19:53.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec / Treas

The next meeting August 2nd, 2023
Berrien County Fair Grounds
6:30 KORN DOGS
7:00 BCFA meeting