



Berrien County Firefighters Association & Sheriff's Department



# BENEFIT CAR SHOW

**Saturday June 24th, 2023 - 9 AM to 4 PM**

(Rain Date Sunday June 25th, 2023)

**Maiden Lane Park**

1051 Maiden Lane, Saint Joseph, Michigan 49085 (The Soccer Fields)

**FREE ADMISSION  
TO THE PUBLIC**



**NITRO CARS FIREUP**

1:00 PM

Sponsored by

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Donations Appreciated

**CAR SHOW ENTRY FEE: \$10 PER VEHICLE**

SWAP MEET SPACES 20' x 20' \$40 - SILENT AUCTION

FOOD VENDORS - LIVE MUSIC (The Resurrection Blues Band)

Pancake Breakfast (Hosted by the St Joseph Masonic Lodge #437)

FIRE TRUCKS & POLICE CARS - PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

Event T-Shirts available

## Opening Ceremony at 9:30 AM

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A special thank you to  
St. Joseph Charter Township  
for use of the Maiden Lane Park.



All proceeds to be equally divided between the Sheriff's department  
and the Firefighters Association both have 501C3 status  
**Make Checks Payable To: Berrien County Firefighters Association**  
PO Box 214, 4411 E. Snow Road Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103

**BCFA Website:**  
[mi-BCFA.org](http://mi-BCFA.org)

**NO PETS  
ALLOWED!**  
(Service dogs welcome)

**CAR SHOW INFO**  
[mi-BCFA.org/CarShow.htm](http://mi-BCFA.org/CarShow.htm)



March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023



RE: Support for Berrien County Radio Project

Dear Michigan Legislators,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Berrien County Fire Chiefs' Association in support of government funding assistance for the proposed new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and 911 Public Safety Dispatch Center in Berrien County.

As an organization whose purpose is to bring together persons to exchange ideas on all questions affecting the safety of life, protection of property, and prevention and extinguishment of fires for the residents of Berrien County, the Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association supports the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center's all-hazards approach to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters, and threats to our County.

The fire service works closely with the County's EOC and 911 Dispatch Center through routine and extraordinary situations. Representatives from the Fire Chiefs Association staff positions in the Emergency Operations Center and participate in training exercises and real world activations, exchanging information, informing decision making, and helping to coordinate emergency response resources utilizing the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guiding principles. Berrien County routinely trains and exercises the EOC, especially in preparation for potential events at the D.C. Cook and the Palisades Nuclear Power Plants. As EOC activation participants, Fire Chiefs Association members have experienced firsthand the challenges, including space constraints and need for amenities, at the current facility.

Granting funding assistance for constructing a new Emergency Operations Center will directly facilitate the coordination of the public safety and partner agency representatives that respond to the EOC during emergencies, and in turn will support the safety and efforts of the almost 500 firefighters and 160 EMS personnel and our police counterparts in effective mutual aid response and Unified Incident Command communications.

The coordination of our departments, as well as with the Berrien County emergency communications dispatch center and the Berrien County Emergency Management for activities that are possible to occur in our area are in need of serious consideration. Our greatest concern is ultimately one of the safety and well-being of our families, friends, neighbors, and visitors in our area, which depends on high levels of participation, coordination, and communications in preparation for and in the event of emergencies.

Please do what you can, in your capacity, to make sure this important issue gets the attention that it deserves.

Yours in service,

Doug Myers  
Fire Chief, Berrien Springs-Oronoko Fire Dept.  
President, Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association

Jamie Flick  
Fire Chief, New Buffalo Township Fire Dept.  
Vice-President, Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association

Frank DeLaTorre  
Firefighter/Paramedic, Niles Fire Dept.  
Secretary/Treasurer, Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association






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what3words is an easy way to give an exact location. Every 10ft square in the world has been given a unique combination of three words.

To give a what3words address in an emergency:

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2. Wait for the blue GPS dot to stabilize, then tap the current location icon .
3. Read the three words to the 911 call operator.

