

# Minutes from the Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association meeting October 16<sup>th</sup> 2024

Meeting called to order

Approval of the minutes:

Motion by Brian Kazmierzak, seconded by Donnie Johnson

Treasurer's report:

Frank was absent but sent the report

Starting balance - \$7,102.49

Check for the cooler - \$1,033.97

Ending Balance - \$6,068.52

Motion made by Nick Gowen and seconded by Ted Nitz

Communications:

NFIRS numbers were talked about, Kazmierzak advised that he had a meeting and found out that departments do not need to pull call numbers when installing detectors.

However, when the departments switch to NERMIS there will be a place to add that into the system.

Chief Myers was holding another motorcycle ride meeting on 10/16/2024, there was not a good turn out for the first meeting, and he stated that if the turn out was the same, he was going to cancel any further discussion.

No new Chiefs

No new Visitors

Communication Committee report:

No meeting was held in October, no report to give.

Reminder that Tyler Innovation will hold their meeting on CAD integration on 10/16/2024 at 1300hrs Berrien Springs Fire Department

Policy Committee report:

Still waiting on attorney Senica to answer questions that were brought up on the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Berrien County Fire Association report:

November's meeting will be at Sister Lakes Fire Department

Gerry is asking for updates for the resource directory, please get any changes to him.

Reminder the Auction will be at the December's meeting, at St. Joseph Township Station #1.

Please get any items to Gerry.

Dispatch report:

Reminder of the meeting with Tyler Innovations at 1300hrs, 10/16/2024. This is for the mobile CAD and the mobility demo.

Training:

Benton Harbor has a large list that was emailed out to everyone.  
St. Joe City Fd to hold an EV Class. This class is listed on the FF Association page  
Fire Officer class only has a couple openings still available.  
Berrien County Training committee is helping Benton Harbor fund several of Benton Harbors' classes  
Building an apparatus seminar will be held at Lincoln Twp 10/24/2024 0800-1500hrs

Emergency Management:

There's a hostile action training November 12<sup>th</sup>

Sheriff Heit:

Thanked St. Joe City for adding 2 guys to the Haz-mat team

Other business:

Chief Flick reported that FF Richard Cooper from New Buffalo City Fd passed away. He had been sick and in the hospital. Keep family in your thoughts.

Visitation will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 at Sommerfeld Funeral Home in NB  
Service will be October 21, 2024 at 11am, Sommerfeld Funeral Home

Niles Twp to hold a pancake breakfast November 10<sup>th</sup>

Chief Myers advised that Berrien Springs and Baroda, Galien, and Buchanan Twp. went in together for an AFG grant and got a fraction of what they asked for. He stated that the funding was getting harder to get.

Captain Adams, advised it's not just AFG grants, he stated that grants in general do not have as much money to hand out across the board.

Old Business:

Listserv update – the system is still going away. Kabelman advised that he has a group list that could handle sending out information like the listserv

Constant Contact was brought up as an option, Kazmierzak stated that he has an account that the group could use.

No decision was made at this time.

Agency Having Jurisdiction, (AHJ), was brought up and it was determined that the Chief Association does not have the authority to make those decisions, and everyone was reminded to have conversation with EMS, PD and try to work together.

Pager update go into effect November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. If anyone needs help getting pagers updated to please reach out for help.

Switch over will take place in December.

New Business:

No new business

Nominations for board members will be handed out in November and voted on in December.

Next meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup> at 0830hrs. The meeting will be at Lake Twp.

Meeting adjourned by Ted Nitz, seconded by Allen Weich.

