

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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**Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: [mi-bcfa.org](http://mi-bcfa.org)**

**Wednesday, August 1st, 2018**

**Berrien County Youth Fair**

Meeting called to order at 19:25 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll of officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dave Albers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll calls of departments indicate 19 departments represented with 56 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$115.00. The total for the 50/50 was \$30/\$60.

The July minutes were presented. A motion was made by Chris Burks with support from Ryan Klaer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of July was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$2,911.86 and the money market is \$8,739.86 for a total of \$11,651.72. A motion was made by Dave White with support from Tom Wicker to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

A moment of silence was observed to honor Retired New Buffalo Fire Chief Bill Taylor and Retired Royalton Fire Chief Dale Tilly.

## **Bills submitted for payment:**

- Tom Wicker presented a check for \$300 from The Friends for Berrien Springs to the BCFFA towards the Korn Dog Meal at the meeting.

## **Communications:**

- A Critical Incident Stress Management Session for the Hotel fire in Sodus is being held on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. at BCEOC office on Empire.
- Sandra Duja from First Responder Task Force Life Insurance spoke to the assembly about the company and benefits offered by them.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911Committee:**

- No Report

### **Emergency Management: Rocky Adams**

- On-Scene Crisis Leadership and Decision Making Course on Tuesday, September 11, from 8:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. at the Berrien County Conference Center (Health Department Complex) Registration on MI-TRAIN after 8-9-2018 with a deadline of Sept.4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dep. Dave Albers at [dalbers@berriencounty.org](mailto:dalbers@berriencounty.org)

### **DNR: Steve Schrader**

- No Report

### **Chief's Association: Mike Davidson**

- Next Chief's meeting is August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. at the Berrien County Fair Grounds in the Fire Education Center.
- 800 MHz Pager/Radio grant will be resubmitted toward the end of September.

### **Landing Zones: Steve Shedd**

- In the process of checking on submitted LZ's
- Metro-Alert app. to be added soon.

**EMS: Frank DeLaTorre SMCAS**

- Red Bud went real well with only three transports and they are hosting the Motocross of Nations in October.

**Dispatch: Denny Sexton**

- No Report

**Training Committee: Chris Burks**

- Chief's need to submit their training report forms.
- FF I-II applications have been e-mailed to the chiefs.
- The 2018-19 class schedules were e-mailed to the chiefs. These will be Saturday classes.
- The August 4<sup>th</sup>, seminar has been cancelled to a later date.
- Forcible Entry door now available for training. The cost of \$100 to cover material per session. The door and the digital fire and hose will be at the Fire Education Center during the fair.

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman**

- Updates and pictures of those new trucks are needed.
- The website at mi-bcfa.org has a lot of information on trainings and announcements.

**HazMat: Dave Albers**

- No Report

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey**

- No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Identify and submit those landing zones in your area.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Fair Time approaching August 13<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Signup sheets for working the Fire Education Center through fair week.

**Announcements:**

- Glad Peach Pancake Breakfast August 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 a.m.-noon. And August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 a.m.-1 p.m. at station 1 downtown.
- Ride to Remember September 9<sup>th</sup>, all proceeds go to the American Red Cross.
- A lot of Federal Grant funding is available and needs to be applied for.

Host Tom Wicker thanked everyone for their attendance and for all the help and support throughout the fair. We touch so many lives in such a short time. Matt Wedde went over Fair Week Safety Operations and the signup schedule for fire trucks and personal from represented county departments throughout fair week.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Wise and supported by Donnie Johnson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec/Treas*

**The next meeting will be held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Baroda Fire Department  
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**