

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

## **Benton Charter Township Fire Department**

Meeting called to order at 19:30 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 17 departments represented with 38 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$114.00. The total for the 50/50 was \$100/\$50.

The September minutes were presented. A motion was made by Frank DeLaTorre with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of September was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$3,182.81 and the money market is \$8,740.70 for a combined total of \$11,923.51. Both checks written last month have cleared. A motion was made by Chief Jonatzke with support from Chris Burks to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

### **Bills submitted for payment:**

None

### **Communications:**

- North Berrien Quarter Auction Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Last Community Recycle Event Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at SEBC Landfill
- Buchanan Fish Fry Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Chile Cook Off and Sodus Fire Open House, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2 – 6 p.m. Come see the new fire truck and help support River School PTSO.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **911 Committee:**

- No Report

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

- Red Bud Nationals this weekend-Heavy traffic on Red Bud Trail this week during event.
- IPAWS-Test was this afternoon and many filled out the survey, thank you!
- Kalamazoo Field hospital exercise Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. On Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> a show and tell display from 8:30 – 11 a.m. Information through KVCC web site.

#### **DNR: Steve Schrader**

- No Report

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

- Next Chief's meeting is Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.
- 800 MHz Pager/Radio grant application to be sent out with two weeks
- Medical strike team responses for activation on calls with ten or more patients.

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

- No report

#### **EMS: Frank DeLaTorre**

*Red Bud Motocross of Nations – Thousands expected – EMS plan in place with local Ambulance services through-out the event! BC fairgrounds also used with this event.*

**Dispatch: Denny Sexton**

- Look over response plans and target hazards and keep them updated.
- New Buffalo City and Township fire departments running on automatic call due to low staffing between the two departments.

**Training Committee: Cory Burks**

- FF I-II class has 17 registered. The High School class has 12 registered.
- Need help Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> for a rope and water training combined with the law enforcement class at Camp Betz.
- Funding for classes has been approved by the state.
- RIT classes posted on Nov. 8-9 and 10-11 at BSOFD.
- Burn trailers are at Saint Joseph through Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> then they are back at BSOFD.
- The BCFFTC website is now active. Training calendar, Upcoming trainings, Contact info, and the meeting minutes can be found on this site.
- Request was made for a list of the high school students and the departments they represent.

**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: Cory Burks**

- Advanced Decon Course

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey-Cory Burks**

- On behalf of the Sheriff be safe out there.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Estimates for a new garage door for the fire education building are being received.
- Start working on getting our 501C3 status.

**Announcements:**

On behalf of Chief Durham host Lt. Jim Fogerty welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to Benton Twp. for the meal and meeting. Lt. Fogerty introduced the evening program on Firefighter Safety - Looking Forward presented by Rich Mahaney who is a Sales Specialist from West Shore. Upon giving his presentation Rich added he would be willing to present this program to individual departments for trainings this winter or spring. About an hour of time is needed.

The New Sodus fire truck was on display for viewing after the program!

Chris Burks was our 50/50 winner and donated back to the Association. Thank you!

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

Meeting adjourned at 21:11 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec/Treas*

**The next meeting will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Benton Harbor Public Safety  
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**