

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Berrien Springs/Oronoko Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:253 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 16 departments represented with 50 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$158. No 50/50.

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

The treasurer's report for the month of November was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$3,431.81 and the money market is \$8,741.43 for a combined total of \$12,173.24. Two checks were written last month and have not cleared yet. A motion was made by Chris Burks with support from Chief Davidson to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **Bills submitted for payment:**

The check for \$20.17 for the .ORG Domain Renewal for the Association's web site that was presented at the November meeting has been voided. The check was donated back by Ryan Klaer to the Association. Thank you.

## **Communications:**

- In need of an audit committee and Denny Sexton has offered to serve. We still need one more to serve with him.
- Update on Dave White from Bridgman City, he is staying at Caretel for rehabilitation. He had a pacemaker installed and has been in a wheelchair due to weakness and stability. He has made great improvements and strives to be able to go home soon. He will stay here for the winter due to doctor appointments.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911Committee:**

- No Report

### **Emergency Management: Rockey Adams**

- 25 students graduated the CERT class held at the Berrien Springs Fire Station.

### **DNR: Steve Schrader**

- No Report

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

- Next meeting December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

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

- No report

### **EMS: Frank DeLaTorre**

- Merry Christmas

### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton**

- The wording for PDA's involving rollovers has been changed. Now PDA-ROLLOVER

### **Training Committee: Cory Burks**

- The high school FF I-II class and FF I-II class going good. Studying self-rescue
- Instructors taking the second part of training course Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.
- Matt Wedde, Allen Weich, and Dan Mandalis were presented with Work Recognition certificates for their dedication in the RIT training program.

- Chris Burks was presented a certificate for his work and dedication on the Forcible Entry Door training program.

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman**

- New Directory released.
- Keep those updates coming!

**HazMat: Cory Burks**

- No Report

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey**

- Please come out and support Carol's Hope ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, from 12-2 p.m. They are located at 4032 S M-139, in the Scottsdale Crossroads Center next to Pater True Value. This new center will provide assistance to overcome the effects of substance abuse disorders.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Jim Scholz from Sister Lakes Fire and Great Lakes Search, who is helping our Association with the application process of becoming a nonprofit 501C3 origination, has written up the final draft to be sent to the State. The effective date is posted as January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- Mike Davidson presented the election nominations of the present officers to hold their present positions for 2019 as a motion. Support was made by Chris Burks and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

Host Chief Bruce Stover thanked everyone for a great turn out this evening.

Matt Wedde spoke about the two day RIT class held in November. Another class is planned in 2019.

Blake Martin had a presentation on fire fighter physical fitness. Healthy Hero helps with fitness, nutrition, reporting/logging, and online training.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Davidson and supported by Noah Brent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:01 hours.

The Annual Auction was held after the meeting.

**Thank you** to all that attended and donated items.

***As a result we raised \$2658.00.***

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec/Treas*

**The next meeting will be held on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
Bertrand Fire Department  
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**