

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **Buchanan City Fire Department**

Meeting called to order at 19:24 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 13 departments represented with 35 members present.

The donations received for dinner were in the amount of \$67. The 50/50 amount was \$102/\$51.

The February minutes were presented. A motion was made by Noah Brent with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of February was presented by Sec/Treas Dennis Graham. The balance in checking is \$6,093.03 and the money market is \$8,742.51 for a combined total of \$14,835.54. Check no. 282 wrote in March has cleared. A motion was made by Chris Burks with support from Don Hughes to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

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

- None

### **Communications:**

- None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **911 Committee:**

- No Report

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

- Weather spotter course-how to report-at Andrews-3/13 at 6 p.m.
- 2 day Homeland exercise on 4/3 and 4/4.
- Training with Michigan National Guard April 30

#### **DNR: Ben Osterland**

- No Report- New representative.

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

- Gerry Kabelman talked about FirstNet Cell priority network available to first responders ONLY. ATT is the only carrier of this option plan. Using Galaxy S9 phone at \$.99 per month & \$39.99 unlimited talk, text & data, 40% off accessories and a \$150 CREDIT. Discounts for other family members phone service, internet and TV service.

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

- No report

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

- No Report

#### **Dispatch: Denny Sexton**

- New equipment and technology are being researched for future upgrades to the systems.

**Training Committee: Cory Burks**

- FF I&I classes going good with practical review dates are on March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>, those with FF I&I wishing to help visit [www.bcfftc1.com](http://www.bcfftc1.com) to sign in on Google Doc.
- March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - Education Methodology
- March 11<sup>th</sup> – Forcible Entry Door at Lincoln Twp. Door YTD-10 departments-100 + trained
- March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - CTE Program
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – Forcible Entry Door at North Berrien
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Incident Safety Officer
- Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> - Globe CARES NFPA 1851 Class – 7pm – Baroda Fire Department – Advanced Inspections, cleaning, and repairs to fire gear.
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – Driver Training make-up date
- March 31<sup>st</sup> - Training Committee Meeting

**Resource Directory: Gerry Kabelman**

- New firetrucks - need pictures More pictures of old retired trucks added to web site. If anyone has pictures they want to add please share.

**HazMat: Cory Burks**

- No Report

**Sheriff: Paul Bailey**

- No Report

**Old Business:**

- The Audit Committee completed the review of the 2018 files and reported clean audit. The audit was signed returned to the Sec./Treas. A motion to pay the Sec./Treas. for the 2018 year at \$1 per day was made by Chris Burks supported by Noah Brent. The motion carried.
- No update on the Non for profit status.

**New Business:**

- No Report

**Announcements:**

- Stop the Bleed classes offered by Lakeland Health, Email [juandersen@laklandhealth.org](mailto:juandersen@laklandhealth.org)
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> - North Berrien Trivia Night – FOP Lodge – doors open at 6 and starts at 7.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Day at LMC 3-7 p.m. - [www.berriencounty.org](http://www.berriencounty.org) click Recycling Services for more information.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Mass Casualty Response Workshop - \$49 cost – Mendel Center – 8a-12p

Host Chief Adams thanked everyone for coming this evening. The program was presented by Rob Blaylock on Fire Missions in Africa.

- The 50/50 winner was Gerry Kabelman who donated the winnings back to the Association.

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

Meeting adjourned at 20:41 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec/Treas*

**The next meeting will be held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Buchanan Twp. Fire Department  
Meal at 18:30 hours and the meeting at 19:30 hours**