

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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January 6th, 2021

Online Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 19:09 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Roll call of officers present online: President Gerry Kabelman, 2nd Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicate 14 departments represented with 23 members present online.

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

The treasurer's report for the month of December was presented. The balance in checking is \$5,683.10 and the money market balance is \$8,751.79. Dennis noted that the service fees charged during the last three months have been refunded back into the checking account. No bills were submitted. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Jeff Krolzick to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Communications

- There are extra smoke detectors and CO detectors available if a department runs out of them. Contact Gerry Kabelman for more information on obtaining them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

911/Dispatch: Denny Sexton

- Still working hard to get all the local fire departments on the 800mhz paging system soon.

Emergency Management: Rockey Adams:

- Covid-19 : On going meetings discussing vaccine distribution and what groups they are going to.
- End of the year reporting being done.
- The Monthly D.C. Cook Siren test will no longer be used as of February 2021. The system is being replaced by:
 - 1) B-WARN! which is a signup service.
 - 2) IPAWS – Wireless Emergency Alerts (like the Amber Alerts)
 - 3) NOAA Weather Alert Radios
 - 4) Marine Band Warning (channel 16)
 - 5) Local Radio/TV Broadcast stations

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's meeting will be January 20th.
- Communications Committee met to work on filing the next radio grant and on 800mhz radio and pager solutions.

DNR: Ben Osterland

- Sent resources to help in California.

Landing Zone: Mark Berger

- 2021 new calendars
- Recently worked with North Berrien Fire on a call.

Training Committee:

- Adult1&2 classes and the High School class have resumed after Christmas break.
- Ice Rescue classes are planned for Friday February 12th and Saturday the 13th 1-8 p.m. at the LMC Bertrand Campus. See information to register on SMOKE or the BCFTC web site.

EMS: Medical

- No Report

MI-TRIS:

- No Report

Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman

- Seeking those department updates!!!
- On-Line Training Information on the web site has been updated

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- A check in the amount of \$2,700 from ServPro was donated for fire safety equipment: smoke alarms, CO alarms, and 6 fire extinguishers for the 2021 Youth Fair Fire Education Center.
- A new committee consisting of Pete Fister and Jeff Krolzick was appointed to gather information and costs of Smoke/Co combo alarms for home installations.

Announcements

The Benton Harbor Public Safety Department is planning a Instructor course and a Company Officer course with dates TBA.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:46 with a motion by Donnie Johnson and supported by Ryan Luker.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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The next meeting on February 3rdth at 7pm

This will be a zoom online meeting

WE WILL SEND OUT A E-MAIL ON THE INFORMATION