

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Craig Brent, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicate 10 departments represented with 19 members present online.

The minutes for January were presented. A motion was made by Matt Remmo with support from Ryan Klaer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of January was presented. The balance in checking is \$8,383.10 and the money market balance is \$8,752.16. Dennis stated that the BCFA needs to pay our portion of the shared expense with the Chiefs Association to provide holiday meals last year. The amount for approval is \$161.50. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Jamie Flick to approve the treasurer's report and approve the expense payment. 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.
- Benton Charter Township has announced Rob Harper as the new incoming Chief replacing Dan Durham upon his retirement.
- Retirement Party for Chief Stover will take place Thursday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7 at the BSOFD station.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **911/Dispatch: Denny Sexton**

- Work being done on Target Hazards updates. A good example is the LMC campus with all the buildings on site with different addresses and their access points.

### **Emergency Management:**

- IPAWS and B-WARN test will be on Friday afternoon February 5<sup>th</sup> between 3 – 4 p.m.

### **Chief's Association:**

- Next Chief's meeting will be February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- New grant being written by Chief Stove. A very short window opportunity for grant. A good response for reports being filed in a timely matter helps out a lot.

### **DNR: Ben Osterland**

- No report

**Landing Zone: Mark Berger**

- Available for trainings and noted that snow cover effects a landing zone.
- Snow cover can hide unseen objects and cause uneven stability for the bird to safely land at the chosen LZ.
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**Training Committee:**

- More instructors getting trained on the new curriculum on fire officer train the trainer courses
- Ice Rescue classes are planned for Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> 1-8 p.m. at the LMC Bertrand Campus.
- Survival RIT class is planed for September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. More info at SMOKE.

**EMS: Medical**

- No Report

**MI-TRIS:**

- Building Collapse and Confined Space Trainings are being planned for this fall.

**Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman**

- Keep those department updates coming, been a lot of changes happening lately with equipment updates and new chiefs!!!

**Hazmat:**

- New pick-up placed into service and the team had a few minor calls out on the highway for accidents.

**Old Business:**

- No updates on information from the Smoke/CO detector Committee

**New Business:**

- 2020 audit to be completed and presented to audit committee.
- Denny Sexton and Matt Remmo have volunteered to represent the 2020 audit committee.

**Announcements**

.Area will be experiencing extreme cold conditions for the next few weeks, make sure to hydrated and keep extra dry PPE and clothing available.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:46 with a motion by Jamie Flick and supported by Denny Sexton.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec / Treas*

**The next meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm**

**This will be a zoom online meeting**

**WE WILL SEND OUT A E-MAIL ON THE INFORMATION**