

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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**Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: [mi-bcfa.org](http://mi-bcfa.org)**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

## **Online Zoom Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 19:07 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 21 members present online.

The minutes for February were presented. A motion was made by Cory Burks with support from Ryan Klaer to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of February was presented. The balance in checking is \$8,383.10 and the money market balance is \$8,752.50. A motion was made by Denny Sexton with support from Mike Essig 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.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Making progress on getting departments to switch to all 800 mhz paging.
- Working on towers in the dispatching area.

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

- LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) has planned the Q3 meeting for Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Q4 meeting for Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Check the LEPC web link for any changes and updates on the meetings and zoom links.
- D.C. Cook Exercise Security Drill is in the July planning stages.

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

- Next Chief's meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

- No report

#### **Landing Zone: Mark Berger**

- Available for those LZ trainings with a few planned in April

## **Training Committee: Cory Burks**

- The ice rescue class held last month had 27 members trained.
- The 1&2 class with 26 students and high school class with 8 students is moving toward the end of their curriculum. Participation from the supporting departments with students in the class in upcoming practical sessions will be appreciated.
- A VERY important notice to all firefighters that are registered on SMOKE is to check-in on the site and do any updates on your personal information that has changed.
- There are many local Trainings listed on Smoke.
- Driver Training course on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- RIT classes on September 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Robert Stokes had been named as the Fire Fighting Training Division Region 2 Coordinator.

### **EMS: Medical**

- No Report

### **MI-TRIS:**

- Plans are being made to work with local departments to hold trainings together in their response area.

**Resource Directory/Web: Gerry Kabelman**

- Updates needed

### **Hazmat:**

- No Report

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business:**

- 2020 BCFA audit has been completed by Dennis Graham and was presented to audit committee for review.
- Denny Sexton and Matt Remmo represent the 2020 audit committee.

## **Announcements**

None

Meeting Adjourned at 19:4 with a motion by Matt Berger and supported by Mike Essig .

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec / Treas*

**The next meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

**This will be a zoom online meeting**

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