

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

Berrien County Firefighters Information Website: mi-bcfa.org

May 3rd, 2023

Bridgman Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:15 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

Officers present: President Gerry Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2nd Vice President Donnie Johnson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Roll call of departments indicate 14 departments represented with 30 members present. Donations collected at the meal totaled \$93.

The minutes for the month of April was presented. A motion made by Matt Johnson with support from Denny Sexton to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of April indicated the balance in checking is \$456.80 and the money market balance is \$23,621.55. A balance of \$6,186.74 in the car show account. With a combined total of \$30,265.09. A motion made by Brian Dwan with support from Chief Jonatzke to approve the report. The motion carried.

Bills Submitted for payment by BCFA

- Car show expense: Twin City Awards & Trophies. 3 trophies, at \$102.00.
- State of Michigan: 501c yearly payment fee of \$25.00.
- A motion to pay the submitted bills made by Denny Sexton with support from Cory Burks, the motion carried.

Communications/Announcements:

- Bertrand Pancake and Sausage Breakfast May 6th, 8 – 11 am.
- Buchanan Twp. FISH FRY May 6th, 3 – 8 pm.
- May 13th Recycle Event at Southeast Berrien County Landfill 8 am – 12 pm.
- Rail Car Response class May 20th, New Buffalo Twp.
- FI & FII Graduation Ceremony Berrien Springs Fire Station Wed. May 24th. 6:30 PM
- Berrien County Youth Fair Car Show May 27, 9 am – 1 pm. Rain date May 28th.
- Benefit Car Show June 24th, 9 am – 4 pm. information on web page. Looking for volunteers to help and a representation of fire trucks representing our communities.

Dispatch:

- Low staffing = patience with the multi-tasking dispatcher monitoring and answering many frequencies at one time.
- MEDICAL EMS will be on E-911 starting June 1st.
- BCFA acknowledged our Berrien County Sherriff Dispatchers for their dedication they have in serving each of our communities!

Emergency Management:

- New team member added to the Dept. of Homeland Security.
- D.C. Cook Exercise went well with over 30 dedicated volunteers spending three evenings to train and do the observation exercise.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's Meeting May 17th.

Training Committee:

- FF I&II classes had their finals April 29th.
- FF I&II Graduation ceremony on May 24th at the Berrien Springs fire station at **6:30** pm
- Lots of trainings happening around our county, as well as an instructor 1 class in Cass County. Visit SMOKE regularly for updates on all the trainings.
- Make sure the surveys that were sent out are turned in by June 1st.

Loading Zone:

- Ready for Landing zone training classes and also taking part in mock accidents.

Resource Directory/Website:

- Please check your departments directory information and send in those updates.
- June 24th Benefit Car show information on the web site. mi-BCFA.org/CarShow.htm

Hazmat:

- Available for trainings and response information.

Business Notes:

- BCFA Constitution was read aloud for the third reading. A motion to accept the amendments to the Constitution by Cory Burks with support by Joseph Dyniewski. Motion carried.

Host Chief Joel Buist welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The presentation for the evening was EV Vehicles.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Cory Burks and supported by Matt Johnson. Motion carried meeting adjourned at 19:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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The next meeting June 7th, 2023

Buchanan City Fire Department

6:30 meal

7:00 meeting