

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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AUGUST 2nd, 2023

Berrien County Youth Fair

Meeting called to order at 19:08 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 13 departments represented with 50 members present. Donations collected at the meal totaled \$210.

The minutes for the month of July was presented. A motion made by Matt Johnson with support from Chris Burks to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of July indicated the balance in checking is \$2,136.25 money market balance is \$23,748.41. A balance of \$7,500.67 in the car show account. Combined total of \$.33,385.33. A motion made by Corey Burks with support from Chris Burks to approve the report. The motion carried.

Bills Submitted for payment by BCFA

- Dennis Graham presented motion to pay \$1,450 for the signs being made for the new Emergency Service building. With the support From Doug deBest to approve the payment the motion carried.
- Gerry Kabelman presented a bill to pay \$328.25 towards the meal supplies. A motion made by Matt Johnson with support from Denny Sexton the motion carried.
- A check was presented to Sherriff Bailey in the amount of \$4,849.77 from the proceeds of the 2023 car show. Sherriff Bailey thanked the members of the BCFA for their loyal support thru his 23 years of serving as Sherriff. These funds will go towards the Berrien County Mounted Division.
- Tom Wicker presented the BCFA a check of \$400 towards the annual Korn Dog meal in appreciation of the firefighters of Berrien County from the FRIENDS FOR BERRIEN SPRINGS.

Communications/Announcements:

- Salty Ash Cigar Society Charity Golf outing August 12th at Spruce Ridge. Flyers listed on BCFA web site. Also holding Charity Raffle towards a Cass County firefighter.
- North Berrien Car Bash Aug. 4th, 7-9. Aug. 5th, 9-12&4-9, and Aug. 6th, 9-12.
- 9/11 Hero Climb Monday SEPT. 11th at St. Joseph High School Stadium at 8:46 am.
- August 5th Buchanan Twp. retirement party for Kyle Mullen honoring 32 years of service.

911/Dispatch:

- 5 new dispatchers are in different processes of their training.

Emergency Management:

- Welcome Mike Troop to Emergency Management.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chief's Meeting August 16th at the BCYF Youth Memorial Building at 8:30am.
- Working with departments on policies and grant requests.

Training Committee:

- The BCFA September 6th Chikaming Twp. meeting note; Step Up and Lead / Leadership Development Workshop presented by Deputy Chief Frank Viscuso. This is a 4-hour class . Meal provided by Mission BBQ. 5:30 MEAL 6:00 CLASS

- **Check Smoke** with the register Michigan Log In for listed classes going on in the County and State. **EVERYONE must check in at least once a year and check all your information and training records.** Print out that information for your records.
 - Special Hazards Training Blitz August 21st 8-9pm at LMC Todd Center. AEP, MGU,& Medic 1
- Loading Zone:**
- Ready for Landing zone training classes and fly- ins at mock accidents.
 - Fly in at St. Joseph Township national night out.

Resource Directory/Website:

- Please check your departments directory information and send in those updates.
- Check web site for listed training flyers.

Hazmat:

- Available for trainings and response information.
- Hazards of lithium-ion batteries.

Sheriff:

- Many new people have completed training and a few more being sent through the academy.
- Filling contracts for Deputies being assigned to schools.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Public Education for fire recruitment suggestion. QR codes from each department for applications. WEB links.
- Sign up sheet for Fire Education Center shifts. E-mail Gerry with time slots.
- Berrien County Youth Fair Fire Protection Coverage – Notify Chief Myers with time slots that you may be able to fill through out the week of the fair. A e-mail letter will be sent out to Fire Chiefs explaining requests and detail for the scheduling.

Corey Burks on behalf of the Fair board thanked all the volunteers for their time they give to their communities and participation throughout fair week. The presentation for the evening was a tour in the new Emergency Services building under construction.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Gerry Kabelman and supported by Donnie Johnson . Motion carried meeting adjourned at 19:38.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec / Treas

The next meeting September 6th, 2023
Chickaming Twp. Fire Department
5:30 Meal / Meeting (note time)
6:00 Step Up and Lead Workshop