

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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March 6th, 2024

New Buffalo Twp. Sta. 2

Meeting called to order at 19:07 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 15 departments represented with 35 members present.
Meal donations collected \$113.

The minutes for the month of March was presented. Motion made by Mark German with support from Joe Dyniewski to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of March indicated the balance in checking at \$3,973.80. Money market balance is \$21,442.39. A balance of \$4,015.67 in the car show account. Combined total of \$29,431.86. A motion made by Chris Huston with support from Keven Burkhard to approve the report. The motion carried

Bills submitted for payment:

- Payment in the amount \$500 for the Resilience & Self-Care class presented to Judith Malinowski held on March 2nd.

Communications:

- Niles Twp Rescheduled their Pancake Breakfast for March 10th 8-11 at 3rd street station.
- Skywarn Spotter training March 9th, 2- 4 at Mattawan High School.
- Berrien County Recycle event April 9th 2-6 at LMC
- Benton Harbor Public Safety offering many different Training classes available Register on SMOKE
- Benefit Car Show updates, contact information, and sponsor information are listed on the mi-BCFA.org website.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chiefs Meeting is March 20th at 16:30 pm.
- New MAYDAY Policy in effect March 1st
- Plans to draw up a mass casualty incident policy soon.

Training Committee:

- Check-in on SMOKE for more information and to register on the many courses offered in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties. Particularly important that every department member check in on SMOKE and verify that all their information is up to date.

Resource Directory/Website:

- No Department updates added to web page. Check your departments lists for changes so we can keep the Directory up to date.
- Check out the Car Show page for recent updates. Donor Recognition page added. Click on the yellow car to see the sponsors.

A moment of silence was requested in Honor of Thomas (Tom) Mayne a Paw Paw Fire Department member and sales representative for West Shore. Tom passed away unexpectedly on February 29th.

Sheriff:

- New mobile command unit to arrive this month.

Old Business:

- 2023 audit in progress – handed over to the Audit committee for review.

New Business:

- Request made to by Gerry Kabelman for local departments to order extra FEMA safety brochures for 2024 BCYF. Each department is only allowed a 100 English or Spanish, we do NOT Need Spanish only English..
- Request made Gerry Kabelman to purchase 2,000 multiple colored plastic fire hats for the Fire Education Center. A motion to order the hats made by Kevin Burkhard with support by Chris Houston was presented. The motion carried.

Host Chief Jamie Flick thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced the presenter of the evening program.

Kim Pashkowsky Mi Prevention Program Manager and Fire Service Training Coordinator. --- Mi-Prevention Smoke Detector Program.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Doug Wise and supported by Mark German carried meeting adjourned at 19:33.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec / Treas

The next meeting April 3rd, 2024
New Buffalo Twp. Sta. 2
18:30 Meal
19:00 BCFA Meeting