

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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July 10th, 2024

North Berrien Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:14 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 9 departments represented with 24 members present. Meal donations collected \$145.75.

The minutes for the month of June was presented. Motion made by Mike Mattix with support from Doug Wise to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report for the month of June indicated the balance in checking at \$9,409.92. Money market balance is \$21,564.91. Balance of \$5,890.96 in the car show account. Combined total of \$36,865.79. A motion made by Denny Sexton with support from Mike Mattix to approve the report. The motion carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

- Gerry Kabelman presented a car show expense report of supplies and bills to be paid in the amount totaling \$357.05. The motion made by Gerry Kabelman with support from Tim Jesswein to pay the expenses at listed amount. The motion carried.

Communications:

- Corey Burks sent in a meeting message stating the SJDPS fire hose cart that has been on display at the airport in Benton Harbor is being donated to the BCYF and plans are being made on displaying it this year.
- Second reading on the purchase of the cooler for the public safety building at the fairgrounds. The fire chiefs association is splitting the cost of the purchase. The estimate cost is around \$2,000. A fee for shipping has to be figured with this cost also. More when unit is ordered for final cost.
- Report on the Benefit Car Show held on June 29th stated that weather did keep many from participating this year. Earned a total close to \$18,000 in donations this year. The expenses are totaling around \$6,500 and most of them have been paid out. The only big expense still out is the port-a-johns from Pride and this averaged \$1,800.

Emergency Management:

- Exercises with Palisades and Cook on practicing unified command at each facility during an event happening on site. Great opportunities for departments to come together to unify on scene command.

Chief's Association:

- Next Chiefs Meeting is July 17th at 8:30 am.

EMS:

- Medic 1 willing to bring an ambulance to any department to be more familiar on the location of medical equipment stored on them.

Training Committee:

- The results from the recent surveys show the need for more officer classes and hazmat. Working on the other training suggestions also. Check in on SMOKE

Resource Directory/Website:

- Check your departments lists for changes so we can keep the Directory up to date.
- Benefit Car Show page has more updates and pictures.

MITRT5:

- Team had two call outs during the recent weather events happening in Portage and Dowagiac assisting in searching buildings. Call early and call often, there funding is calculated by their call volume.

HAZMAT:

- New members joining the team soon.
- New ERG'S are available.

Sheriff: Under Sheriff Greg Sanders

- Baroda, Saint Joseph fireworks, the car show, and Red Bud all went very safely and to thank all the volunteers who helped make that possible this year.

Old Business:

- 2nd reading of the Cooler request for the BCYF Public Safety Building.
- No recent updates HART program. Meeting plans have been suggested.

New Business:

- Election Committee member Tim Rogers taking nominations for President and 2nd vice Pres.
- Smoke detectors available through the state. Benton Harbor is the distribution center.
- Fire Education Center signup sheet available. 3 shifts, 3hrs.
- Growing Concerns and Cultivating Safety Course in the works A motion Made by Doug deBest with support by Chris Burch to split the \$450 cost of this with the BCFTC in the sum of \$200. Motion carried.

Host Chief Mattix thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced that North Berrien Fire is hosting Pancake Breakfast August 3rd and 4th during the Glade Peach Festival.

The evening program on The Indiana/Michigan Search & Rescue team of Christian Aide Ministries.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Doug Wise and supported by Donnie Johnson carried meeting adjourned at 19:46.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec / Treas

The next meeting August 7th 2024
FAIRGROUNDS
18:30 Korn Dogs
19:00 BCFA Meeting