

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Serving Berrien County Firefighters Since 1950

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

May 6th, 2026

New Buffalo Twp. Fire Sta. 2

Meeting called to order at 19:00 hours by President Gerry Kabelman.

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

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$132.

Roll call of departments show 15 departments represented with 34 members present .

Minutes and Notes for Feb./Mar./Apr, were presented . A motion made by Joe Dyniewski with support from Tom Wicker to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report including the checking balance, the money market balance, and the car show balance were presented. The \$300 check made out for the dispatch meals and the \$500 check for the Arches to Ashes training have cleared. No other bills were presented. A motion was made by Corey Burks with support from Sam Badreddine to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Next Meeting for the month of May has been CANCELED.
- Reassigning truck numbers to match code system

### **Training Committee:**

- Awaiting results for the written exams from the State. Graduation times will be announced when received. May 21<sup>st</sup> is a target date chosen. BCFA Welcomes our new firefighters.
- Training sessions across the county are listed on Smoke and the BCFA websites.
- Annual survey's are being sent out, make sure that your department fills one out by June 1<sup>st</sup> so they can be sent out by the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline!
- NFA offering free trainings, they will pay for travel and lodging expenses excluding food.

### **Resource Directory/Website:**

- Need Updates! New Chiefs and staffing changes, equipment
- June car show updates posted.
- Make sure to check web site for the extensive list of upcoming trainings and even

### **Sheriff:**

- It is Blossomtime Weekend STAY SAFE
- Sheriff's office has a charitable golf outing June 19<sup>th</sup> supporting Tunnel to Towers.

### **Old/New Business**

- 2025 audit submitted to the audit committee for review.
- Annual elections committee needed for August PRESIDENT and 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT. Request made. No response.

**Announcements:**

- Benefit Car Show June 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 3 St. Joe twp. Soccer field.

Host Jamie Flick welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting and his crew for setting up for the meeting. Chief was given \$132 to help cover the meal and it was donated back to the BCFA.

The evening program was a presentation by Jim Scholz from Great Lakes Search and Recovery (GLSAR.ORG)

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Corey Burks and supported by Chief Flick. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:20.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec / Treas*

**The next meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

**BCFA EMERGENCY SERVICE BUILDING**

**PLEASE ENTER AT THE 4273 E SHAWNEE GATE**

**WATCH WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE PROGRAM**

**18:30 meal**

**19:00 meeting**