

# **BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

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

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

**Berrien Springs Emergency Services Building**

Meeting called to order at 19:12 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, which was given to Gerry Kabelman who purchased pizza and drinks.

Roll call of departments show 10 departments represented with 18 members present .

Minutes for May presented. A motion made by Adrian Willaner with support from Tyler Burks to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The May treasurer's report including the checking balance, the money market balance, and the car show balance were presented. No bills were presented. A motion was made by Matt Johnson with support from Sam Badreddine to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Next Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Training Committee:**

- 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!
- Seeking BCFA support on help covering recalibration and maintenance on the burn trailers.
- Graduation date and time to be posted on web.

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

- Need those Updates!!!!!!
- WIFI host carrier is up and running (thank you Ryan Klear for hosting web site)
- June car show updates posted.
- Make sure to check web site for the extensive list of upcoming trainings and events

### **Sheriff:**

- Looking forward too and sending help for the 2026 car show

### **Old/New Business**

- 2025 audit complete; motion to pay Sec./Tres. \$400 for 2025 audit by Sam Badreddine with support of Corey Burks. Motion carried.
- Annual elections committee needed for August PRESIDENT and 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT. Request made. Corey Burks and Adrine Willaner will serve as elections committee.
- 501C state form fee of \$25 check to the State of Michigan (once a Year fee) requested, written, and check presented to State.

**Announcements:**

- **Baroda Fireworks** July 3<sup>rd</sup> looking for any available fire fighters willing to help with traffic control and parking.
- **Berrien Springs Fireworks** July 4<sup>th</sup> fairgrounds seeking help with parking and traffic control
- **Benefit Car Show** June 27<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 3 St. Joe twp. Soccer field.

Host Corey Burks welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting

The evening program was a presentation by Cory Berglin sales manager representing Elkhart Brass

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Corey Burks and supported by Matt Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:51.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennis Graham*

*Sec / Treas*

**The next meeting July 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Niles City**

**EV/AFV Incident Management Safety and Response  
Techniques Class following the meeting  
WATCH WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE Training**

**18:30 meal**

**19:00 meeting**

**Class after meeting**