

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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July 1st, 2026

Niles City Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 19:07 hours by 1st Vice President Craig Brent.

Officers present were 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2nd Vice President Donnie Johnson, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Donations collected at the meal totaled \$118.

Roll call of departments show 13 departments representing 33 members present .

Minutes for June presented. A motion made by Doug DeBest with support from Corey Burks to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

The June treasurer's report including the checking balance, the money market balance, and the car show balance were presented. Car show expense and to date totals were mentioned. A motion was made by Tom Wicker with support from Denny Sexton to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management:

- Sherriff Dept. Helping this years at the car show and with the Gus Maker Basketball Tournaments

Chief's Association:

- Next Meeting July 15th.

Committee Training:

- High school students passed the retest and two from the adult class passed their retest.
- Be sending out information soon on the next FF I&II class.
- Training sessions across the county are listed on Smoke and the BCFA websites.

Resource Directory/Website:

- Many changes have been made with new Ranks within departments and a steady flow of new equipment
- Keep those updates and possible pictures of new trucks coming in
- Make sure to check web site for the extensive list of upcoming trainings and events

Old/New Business

- Annual elections committee for August PRESIDENT and 2nd VICE PRESIDENT are Corey Burks and Adrine Willaner. No updates this month.
- A third reading request for the BCFA to support the funding of servicing the burn trailers at the expense of \$5,000 was presented by Corey Burks as a motion with support by Donnie Johnson. The motion carried.

Announcements:

- **Baroda Fireworks** July 3rd looking for any available fire fighters willing to help with traffic control and parking.
- **Berrien Springs Fireworks** July 4th fairgrounds seeking help with parking and traffic control

Host Chief Jeremy Connel welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Chief Connel thanked his crew for the set up and preparations.

The evening program was a course on EV/AFV Incident Management: Safety and Response Techniques presented by Doug DeBest

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tyler Burks and supported by Doug Wise. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting is on August 4th
Korn Dogs at the Fairgrounds
18:30 meal
19:00 meeting**