

BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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September 2nd, 2026

Niles Twp. Sta. 2

Meeting called to order at 19:02 hours by President Kabelman.

Officers present were President Kabelman, 1st Vice President Craig Brent, 2nd Vice President Adrian Willauer, and Secretary/Treasurer Dennis Graham.

Meal was provided by The Wolverine Pipeline . (evening program sponsor)

Roll call of departments show 9 departments representing 28 members present .

Minutes for August presented. A motion made by Chief Dwan with support from Sam Munson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurers report for the month of September was presented. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Chief Jesswein with support from Nate Effa. Motion carried.

Bill's Submitted

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management:

- Capt. Albers on FMLA until 9/21
- Back to school going smoothly
- Attended Michigan Radiology Emergency Prepared Conference
- New Ludlum detection monitors being calibrated in service soon

Chief's Association:

- Next Meeting September 16th, at the B C Health Department on Napier.

Committee Training:

- Training sessions across the county are listed on Smoke and the BCFA websites.
- Reviewing survey's for future funding and trainings

MITRT5:

- Always looking for new members

Resource Directory/Website:

- Changes made with new number system for each department are in progress.
- 'New Cad ID's now listed
- Vehicle ID'S are posted with old and new Numbers on the Resource Directory also on the stations web page with pictures of the trucks, make sure that you check your department pictures and recourse directory matches the new number system
- It is important to keep those updates and pictures of trucks coming in
- Make sure to check web site for the extensive list of upcoming trainings and event

Hazmat:

- Cass County response – fuel tanker roll over – Pokagon Twp.
- Hazmat trailer had leaking battery in it while inside the building Got high readings
- Checked a local pond for illegal dumping of a cylinder containing a dangerous chemical none were found.

Old/New Business

- Last month's election results stated Gerry Kabelman President and Adrian Willauer for 2nd Vice President

Announcements:

- Stair Climb September 11th, 8am, Lakeshore High School stadium
- North Berrien Quarter Auction October 4th. Details on web
- Buchanan Twp. Fish Fry October 24th 3-8 (or sold out)
- Niles Twp. Pancake, Waffle and Sausage Breakfast November 1st, 8-11am

Host Chief Tim Jesswein welcomed everyone thanked Wolverine Pipeline Company for providing the meal and the evening program on pipeline safety.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chief Jesswein and supported by Sam Munson Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:24.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Graham

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**The next meeting is on October 7th
North Berrien Fire & Rescue at Coloma Station 1
18:30 meal
19:00 meeting**