BERRIEN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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October 7th, 2026

North Berrien Station Sta. 1

Meeting called to order at 19:04 hours by President Kabelman.

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

Roll call of departments show 10 departments representing 32 members present . Donations collected at meal totaled $100. The Donation was presented to Chief Mattix towards the meal. The donation was presented back to the Association.

Minutes for September presented. A motion made by Douglas Wise with support from Donnie Johnson 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 Sarah Henderson with support from Frank DeLaTorre. Motion carried.

Bill's Submitted

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management:

- The mobile command unit is available for tours after the meeting.
- FEMA evaluation on evacuation schools.

C**hief's Association:**

- Next Meeting October 21st , at the B C Health Department on Napier.
- Online seminar training on the CAD system in planning stage.

Committee Training:

- Emails sending out application for FF1&FF2. Dec. 2 orientation and Dec.5th class start. May 2nd Practical test day.
- Training sessions across the county are listed on Smoke and the BCFA websites.
- CSX Emergency Response to railroad incidents training Nov.2nd 9am-11am.
- CSX Rail incident HAZMAT tabletop exercise Nov. 2nd. 1-4pm.

MITRT5:

- Call out in Kalamazoo on a rescue.

Resource Directory/Website:

- 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, making sure that you check your department pictures and resource directory matches the new number system.
- Still have a few departments with no feedback on truck ID & number assignments.
- Make sure to check web site for the extensive list of upcoming trainings and events.

Hazmat:

- Assisted Beton Twp. On a small evacuation caused by a ruptured gas main.

Hart:

- The Niles Chapter Salvation Army Director met with Corey and Dennis recently to discuss and go over the condition of the Canteen truck. Maintenance on the truck has been planned moving forward on utilizing its services soon.

Sheriff:

- Thank you for helping making the benefit car show a great success.
- There have been a considerable number of car accidents in our area.

Old/New Business

- None

Announcements:

- Berrien Springs Pancake Breakfast and Flu shots Oct. 11th.
- Buchanan Fish Fry Oct.24th 3-8 (get there early)
- Niles Twp. Pancake, Waffle and Sausage Breakfast November 1st, 8-11am

Host Chief Mike Mattix welcomed everyone thanked everyone for coming and his crew and the ladies axillary for meal preparations.

Chief Mattix was presented with plaques honoring his upcoming retirement from the Berrien County Fire Chiefs Association and Berrien County Firefighters Association.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Douglas Wise and supported by Tom Wicker. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 19:24.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Graham
Sec / Treas

The next meeting is on Nov.4th
Berrien Springs
18:30 meal
19:00 meeting