

BRIGHTON AREA FIRE AUTHORITY
September 11, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Brighton Area Fire Authority Board was held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at Station 31 located at 615 W. Grand River Ave., Brighton. This Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Muzzin, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: KEVIN SPICHER
 TODD WALKER
 PATRICK MICHEL
 JOE RIKER
 JIM MUZZIN
 SHAWN PIPOLY
 MIKE CORRIGAN

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michael O'Brian - Fire Chief

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence in Remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001

Call to the Public

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

25:053 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Mike Corrigan
 That we approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Regular Agenda

25:054 Motion by Mike Corrigan supported by Patrick Michel
That we approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

Update on Station 31 Construction Project

The following updates have occurred for the addition/reconstruction of Fire Station 31:

- The City of Brighton planning commission meeting on the amended site plan is scheduled for September 15, 2025.
- The contract with Brivar Inc dated August 30, 2025 has been executed.
- The Congressional grant (Grant Package for : B-22-CP-MI-0459), is now showing as executed and the environmental review is in process.
- The review with Fika and Brivar construction is 30% complete.
- The move out process has begun, including all equipment and repositioning of administration and duty crews/paid on call.

Update on 96WB Incident where Fire Dept. Vehicle was Struck

On Sunday, August 30, 2025 around 6:05 am one of our Staff Vehicles (Chief 32, Chief Mowbray), was aiding an existing vehicle roll-over on I96-WB over US-23. The location of the incident caused difficulty in traffic, having sufficient warning to slow down.

Chief Mowbray was parked at the bottom of the ramp with his emergency lights on, and Chief Tester was approximately 1100 ft. in front of him to reduce traffic to one lane. Chief Mowbray's vehicle was struck from behind by a vehicle that went around the traffic and directly into his vehicle, causing a second accident.

The organization quickly mobilized to support both incidents and work to provide EMS Care, and extricate the victim from the secondary accident. Chief Mowbray was transported to St. Joe Ann Arbor and the patient was transported to U of M.

Discussion on the Need for Repair, Maintenance and Replacement of Communication Systems

The Fire Authority has been working with Livingston County Central dispatch and local fire departments as well as Livingston EMS due to issues with alerting of Fire and EMS through VHF paging.

We are experiencing incidents where staff do not receive the page and rely on backup systems such as alerts on our phones or phone calls by staff. Lack of system maintenance, strategic planning, and repair/replacement has left our VHF paging as well as day to day communication (800 MHz) below standards and affecting our ability to communicate in emergency situations.

Chief O'Brian in coordination with the local communities, Livingston County EMS and law enforcement agencies are requesting that Livingston County Board of Commissioners approve and fund the proposed tower and radio upgrade for 800 MHz immediately with full coverage as recommended by Motorola.

Long-term, Livingston County should approve a dedicated millage and/or increase 9-1-1 surcharge funding to properly repair, replace, staff, and fix radio communications. This includes a long term strategy beyond VHF for alerting firefighters and EMS.

25:055 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Kevin Spicher
That we approve Resolution 25-03, Repair/Maintenance and replacement needs of the County based communication system.

AYES: Jim Muzzin, Shawn Pipoly, Patrick Michel, Joe Riker, Kevin Spicher,
 Todd Walker, Mike Corrigan
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried 7-0

Good of the Order

9/11 Ceremony tonight at 7 pm at Station 31 - 615 W. Grand River, Brighton

BAFA Open House is Saturday, October 11th from 10 - 2 pm at Station 31

Halloween Party is Friday, October 31st from 5 - 9 pm at Station 31

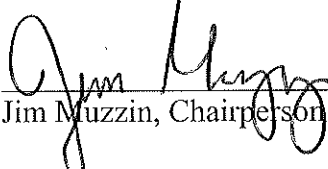
The October 9th BAFA board meeting and subsequent board meetings will be at Station 32 located at 1580 S. Old US-23 due to the construction project at Station 31.

Adjournment

25:056 Motion by Patrick Michel supported by Kevin Spicher that we adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.


Jim Muzzin, Chairperson