

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on January 18, 2007 at Engine 4, hosted by Engine 2.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fuscick. Chaplain Leonard Horst gave the invocation and lead in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Company 59. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Amy Turner, Broadmore Assisted Living, invited all Association member to the facility on February 22, for a breakfast buffet. The facility is celebrating National Hero's Day and will host Firefighters, policemen, and EMS personnel. Please make reservation by February 7, so that all can be accommodated.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, discussed the following: A. There are currently five classes running in the County. FFI, Instructor I, FO I, FO II, and FO IV. B. All classes are posted on website www.mfri.org. Please check this site for changes. Have the Training Officer or Chief Officer register students early for classes. Hard copies of upcoming classes are available on the table. C. The WCTHS classes continue to run with 12 students. D. An EMT/B class starts at WVTC on February 1. This is a Tuesday/Thursday class with 29 preregistered. E. A First Responder Refresher is scheduled at Hancock Fire to run on Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11. There are only 7 students preregistered and more people are needed. F. Managing Company Tactical Operation was cancelled - only 3 students were preregistered. G. A Hazmat Operations class is available on the internet. Only 30 people are allowed per month and preregistration is currently open for March. Text material and a CD are mailed to each student and they have 30 days to complete the course. H. A Hazmat Operations class is being offered by the Hagerstown Fire Department. Preregistration is required by calling Cindy at 301-790-2476. I. A 2 hr. Assistance to Firefighter Grant Writing will be held at Mt. Airy on February 20 from 1900 to 2100 and at Cresaptown on February 22 at the same time. No preregistration is required.

Greg Yost, 4th VP CVVFA, discussed having a Training Weekend in Washington County. He is looking for suggestions of what classes to have and a location for the event to be sponsored by his organization. He can be contacted at firefightherco5@hotmail.com.

Brigitte Heller, EMS Coordinator for DFES, had a written report. The report included the following: A. The Medical Review Committee is looking for First Responders to sit on the committee. B. Providers who have not completed protocol updates are listed on the back of the report. These responders have lost Washington County affiliation until the updates are completed. C. Any problems with EMAIS must be communicated to the EMS Coordinator immediately. D. EMS Committee is discussing Echo response. E. Pocket protocols are now available.

Kevin Lewis, DD DFES, had a written report. The report included the following: A. A discussion of the EMS Plan for the Future. B. All reports for the 508 funds have been forwarded to the state. C. County Grid Map and Street Index is being worked on to see how the GIS will provide mapping capabilities for the future.

MINUTES: The minutes for the December meeting were corrected to reflect that Company 19 not Company 1 was absent from the meeting. Company 2 and 29 were excused from the meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: the Treasures reported a balance of \$84855.00 in general checking.

COMMUNICATIONS: A. A letter from Company 75 was read concerning the placing of a unit at Engine 2 was read. B. A lock box has been placed at the Haven Road door of the Association office for after hour deposits. C. A form for reporting the 2007 delegates to the Association is included in each packet. The form should be returned to the Association by the February meeting.

rather than the March meeting as indicated. D. Company 4 is sponsoring a class on February 19, 2007, at 1800 - 2100 covering new vehicle technology. Dr. Richard Prather is the instructor and 2 CEU's for EMS are granted. Preregister at 301-842-3794 or leave a voice message at 301-331-3526.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: A. Utility bills for December are due as soon as possible. B. The QuikBooks system must be used to account for all monies of the Company. Do not maintain cash accounts. C. At the last meeting Company 4 requested that the Association furnish 30 smoke detectors for each Company. These smoke detectors are available at the Association office. The detectors are or the Companies to give to people in your area that can't afford to or unable to purchase their own. Don't use them for prizes at banquets. D. The EMS Master Plan was discussed with all the EMS Companies last night and all were in agreement that the Plan can work. An open meeting will be held at Kepler Theater on February 3, at 1300, so that all member Companies and the public can ask questions for the sub committee that prepared the report. All Companies should come to the February meeting ready to vote on the Plan.

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2nd VP: Skip reported the following: The Safety Committee met on January 9 and developed a Safety Survey which

was sent to each Company. Please complete the Survey and return it to the office. Kevin, Brigitte, Dave Crossland, Becky Maginnis, Ronnie Gray and Skip are the Committee. B. LOSAP: 104 people received checks or direct deposits with few issues. C. The LOSAP Committee will meet with the Coordinators on January 21, at 1300, at Company 2. The Tax Subtraction Modification forms, LOSAP Forms, Department processed data for 2007 and a new CD with LOSAP program changes will be distributed. D. Am RSS News Feed program is available. When installed on a computer it scrolls across the screen with Association news. Maryland Fire Laws are available on CDs. Stop in the office and sign for the CDs. E. The 2007 Company Information sheet is due back to the office on January 19. F. Fire reports are coming to te office in good fashion. They are due to the office by the 10th of the following month.

Chaplain: Leonard reported the following: A. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Eugene Theodore Harris III. B. Fred Smith was taken to a Baltimore hospital today with heart problems. C. Mrs. John Bentley is in the hospital following a traffic accident. D. Jason Baer is experiencing hip pain.

Budge and Finance: The budget should be finalized by next meeting.

Chief Officers will have a meeting on January 24.

Fire Police: Harry Gossard reported that each Fire Policemen was issued 10 new traffic cones.

Legislative: Glen Fishack said that only a few bills have been presented. There will be a reception on February 5, with te new Governor.

Awards: Blaine will have requirements available in March. An Awards Program should be held in April/May to cover the period of January 1, 2006 thru December 31, 2006. He would like additional help on his committee.

Photo Team: Bryan reported that there are still calendars available for sale. A statistical report will be available next month.

Standards: A. The 'NC' standard is in effect. Put 'NC' on the helmet of any person not able to enter a burning building. B. Officer Standard certifications are due in the office by April 1, 2007. If the officer did not change only additional certifications are required.

Training: Any Company requesting training should be able to host the training.

Picnic: The committee will meet immediately after this meeting.

Air Unit: the Air Unit submitted a statistical report for 2006.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

A. Company 10 is holding a bonanza this Friday. B. Jay thanked the Association and the President for their assistance in the consolidation of Companies 2 and 29. Both companies will be members of MSFA this year. C. Company 4 will have a Basket Bingo on February 11. D. Companies 7 and 79 will have a money bonanza on March 3, 2007. E. Company 27 will hold a money bonanza on March 1, 2007.

NEXT MEETING: NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 15 AT COMPANY 69. MARCH MEETING AT COMPANY 75 ON THE 15TH.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary