WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 21ST MINUTES

THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION WAS HELD AT WESTERN ENTERPRISE ENGINE 4, HOSTED BY PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER TRUCK 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT DALE HILL. ALL COMPANIES WERE REPRESENTED AND ALL OFFICERS EXCEPT THE SECRETARY WERE PRESENT. THE PRAYER AND PLEDGE WAS LED BY CHAPLAIN BOWER.

TREASURER’S REPORT - RICK REPORTED

THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER’S MEETING WERE APPROVED.

GUESTS:

TERRY BAKER – TERRY WISHED THE ASSOCIATION GOOD LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR AND FOR ALL OF US TO BE SAFE IN THE UPCOMING FORECASTED STORM.

GREG MURRAY- GREG TAKED ABOUT THE RECENT CHANGES IN FIRE AND RESCUE LEADERSHIP AT THE COUNTY LEVEL.

BRUCE POOLE- WAS INVITED TO EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF “ULTIMATE AUTHORITY” REGARDING WHAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE CONTROL OF REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY.

DAVE KELLER- WAS PRESENT TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE TO STATE ASSOCIATION QUESTIONS

CHARLIE ABRECHT- CHARLIE INVITED ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN’S ASSOCIATION.

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT- CHAPLAIN BOWER ASK THAT WE SEND CARDS TO JIMMIE WINTERS. HE SHARED WITH US THAT LEONARD HORST IS RECOVERING FROM HEEL SURGERY AND DOING WELL IN WARM, SUNNY FLORIDA. HE SPOKE OF THE ZONES BEING SET UP IN THE COUNTY FOR CHAPLAIN AVAILABILITY. REMINDED THE CHAPLAINS OF SPECIAL TRAINING IN BALTIMORE ON MARCH 19TH.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS-

CHIEF OFFICER- IN THE PACKET

CAREE TECH- KINGSLEY REPORTED THAT NUMBERS IN THE EMT CLASS IS DOWN AND HALF OF THE CLASS IS NOT PASSING. THEY ARE TRYING TO RESOLVE WHAT THE ISSUE MIGHT BE. NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 23RD AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY AT 701 FREDERICK STREET. THERE WILL BE A CLOSER REVIEW AND SELECTION FOR NEXT YEARS CANDIDATES.

EMERGENCY SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL- DISCUSSED CHANGES IN THE DES APPOINTED MEMBERS THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE. NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 3RD.

TRAINING- IN THE PACKET
LEGISLATIVE - GLENN FISHACK SPOKE ABOUT HAVING BEEN IN ANNAPOLIS ON TUESDAY NIGHT. THE WHOLE DELEGATION PRESENT HELD A DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE HOUSE BILL REGARDING THE “ULTIMATE AUTHORITY” OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. BRUCE POOLE SPOKE TO CLARIFY EXACTLY WHAT THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS INCLUDE.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION - SEE PAGE 21 IN THE PACKET. NICHOLE REMINDED OF THE TRAINING SESSION TO BE HELD AT FUNKSTOWN ON JANUARY 28 AND 30TH. YOU MUST RSVP BY JANUARY 25TH.

OLD BUSINESS - YOU CAN NOW GET THE PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION MINUTES ON THE WEB SITE. DALE TOOK A VOTE ON THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE HOUSE BILL ADDRESSING “ULTIMATE AUTHORITY” THE MOTION WAS MADE BY BLAINE SNYDER AND SECONDED BY JASON BAER. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS - CHARLIE ALBRECHT INSTALLED THE NEW OFFICERS. HE AND DAVE KELLER WELCOMED THEM AND WISHED EVERYONE WELL IN THEIR POSITIONS.

NEW PRESIDENT JIMMIE SPRECHER THEN TOOK OVER THE MEETING. HE THANKED EVERYONE FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AND CARE FOR HIS SON SINCE HIS ACCIDENT. HE REPORTED THAT HE IS DOING WELL AND CONTINUES TO DO BETTER WITH EACH PASSING DAY. HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE 430 PLUS SPAGHETTI MEALS PREPARED FOR HIS SON’S BENEFITDINNER. HE APPRECIATES EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN DONE FOR HIM. JIMMIE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS TO SUPPORT WHATEVER ISSUES ARE VOTED THROUGH. IF YOU HAVE A VIEWPOINT THAT YOU WISH TO EXPRESS, HE ENCOURAGES YOU TO DO SO BUT WHEN THE VOTE IS TAKEN AND PASSED, HE EXPECTS THAT EVERYONE SUPPORTS THAT FINAL DECISION.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION - CHAPPY THANKS EVERYONE WHO WENT TO FUNKSTOWN TO HELP WITH THE SPAGHETTI MEAL FOR JIMMIE SPRECHER JR. HE ASKED THAT WE PLEASE SUPPORT THE UPCOMING POT PIE SUPPER ON FEBRUARY 5TH.

JASON BAER THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE FINE REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING. THERE WAS A FULL HOUSE.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ENGINE 4 HOSTED BY COMPANY 26. THERE WILL BE FOOD.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:56 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LYNN HUNSBERGER – ASSISTANT SECRETARY