WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEETING

JANUARY 19TH 2017

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEETING WAS HELD AT BOONSBORO COMPANY 6 FIRE COMPANY. THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE NOT PRESENT.....SECRETARY, TREASURER, ASSISTANT TREASURER AND THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT. ALL COMPANIES WERE PRESENT EXCEPT COMPANY 59, HANCOCK AMBULANCE.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SPRECHER. CHAPLAIN BOWERS HAD THE OPENING PRAYER AND LED THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

GUESTS:

1. DONALD LEHMAN FROM MSP AVIATION REPORTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP.
2. JONATHAN HART WAS INTRODUCED AS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DES.
3. TODD DYCHE – REPORT IN THE PACKET PAGES 9 AND 10 AND 42. INFORMATION REGARDING CLASSES. INDICATED THAT FALL CLASS REQUEST SHEETS WILL BE SENT OUT VIA E-MAIL.SEE PAGES 41 AND 42.
4. DAVID HAYES- DES DIRECTOR INTRODUCED HIS ASSISTANT AND SPOKE ABOUT BUDGET SUBMISSIONS. HE ALSO SHARED THAT FULL FUNDING HAS BEEN RESTORED TO FAIRPLAY. HE WENT OVER THE PLAN REGARDING GEAR REPLACEMENT THAT CAN BE USED COUNTY WIDE. HE STATED THAT $210,000 HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR THIS PLAN. JOHN HART ADDED THAT THERE IS FUNDING FOR LADDER AND PUMP TESTING.
5. JEFF KLINE- COUNTY COMMISSIONER THANKED EVERYONE FOR ALL THAT WE DO FOR OUR COMMUNITIES.

THE DECEMBER MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT- CHAPLAIN BOWERS SPOKE ABOUT THE RE-ISSUING OF TAGS TO CHAPLAINS ALLOWING THEM TO VISIT AT MERITUS MEDICAL CENTER. THERE ARE SOME ISSUES TO RESOLVE BUT HE WILL SEE THAT ALL CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED . HE READ THE LIST OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR RECOVERING FROM
VARIOUS CONDITIONS. SEE PAGES 10-13 IN THE PACKET FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

REPORTS-

TREASURER’S REPORT- RICK WAS ABSENT. IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS, E-MAIL HIM.

CHIEF OFFICER- REPORTS ON PAGES 14-17 IN THE PACKET. DALE HILL STATED THAT THE BUDGET HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY.

CAREER TECH- KINSLEY POOLE NOTED THAT THE CLASSES ARE GOING WELL AND THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST IN THOSE WHO WANT TO APPLY FOR NEXT YEAR. HE SHARED THAT HE HAD LOST AN INSTRUCTOR BUT HAD FOUND A REPLACEMENT. HE SAID THAT CHIEF BARNHART OF HANCOCK AMBULANCE HAD APPROACHED HIM ABOUT SEEKING FUNDS FOR A NEW RESCUE SQUAD. CAREER TECH SENT A LETTER TO THE COMMISSIONERS ASKING THAT FUNDING BE REASSIGNED TO THEM.

EMERGENCY SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD- THERE WILL BE A CONSULTING FIRM HIRED FOR ANOTHER FIRE PLAN STUDY. SEE PAGE 3 IN THE PACKET.

LOSAP- SKIP SHARED THAT ALL FORMS FOR LOSAP AND TAX MODIFICATION HAD BEEN GIVEN BACK. HE REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FILLING OUT THE FORMS CORRECTLY OR THE STATE WILL REJECT THEM. THE FORM MUST BE FILED WITH YOUR INCOME TAXES AND YOUR COMPANY AFFILIATION MUST BE LISTED AS WELL.

SAFETY COMMITTEE- PRESIDENT SPRECHER APPOINTED TROY LLOYDS AS VICE CHAIRMAN TO THIS COMMITTEE.

STANDARDS- REPORT ON PAGES 50-51 IN THE PACKET

EMS- SEE PAGES 21-25 IN THE PACKET

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION- NICHOLE REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THE XBOX EVENT WAS THIS COMING SATURDAY. SHE IS STILL VISITING STATIONS IN THE COUNTY. SHE IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP HER WITH EDITING VIDEOS.
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION IS IN THE PACKET ON PAGES 36-38. SAMS CLUB IS HAVING A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WITH PERKS IF YOU SIGN UP NOW. CUMBERLAND VALLEY HAS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ALSO IF INTERESTED IN APPLYING.

REHAB- MAKING PROGRESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- DAVE HAYES TALKED ABOUT THE SENATOR AMOS FUND AND THE CHANGES THAT ARE BEING MADE TO SIMPLIFY THINGS. THERE WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO BE SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONIES. YOU WILL JUST SUBMIT YOUR ENVOICE TO DES AND THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF IT. THE MONIES SHOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN THE NEXT 30-60 DAYS. HE WILL DRAFT THE CHANGES AND LET ALL COMPANIES KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING.

NEW BUSINESS- NONE

GOOD OF THE COMPANY- PRESIDENT SPRECHER ASKED THAT EVERYONE PLEASE PAY ATTENTION WHEN SOMEONE HAS THE FLOOR TO SPEAK. HE REMINDED THAT INFORMATION REQUESTED SHOULD BE SENT BACK IN A TIMELY MANNER. HE THANKED BOONSBORO FOR PROVIDING FOOD FOR THE MEETING.

NEXT MEETING AT POTO MAC VALLEY

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LYNN HUNSBERGER

ASSISTANT SECRETARY