JANUARY 18TH 2018

WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT LEITERSBURG, COMPANY 9. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT DALE HILL. ALL COMPANIES WERE PRESENT EXCEPT MT. AETNA. OFFICERS NOT PRESENT WERE THE TREASURER, ASSISTANT TREASURER AND THE SECRETARY.

CHAPLAIN BOWER LED THE PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

GUESTS:

1. JULIE ALBOWITZ- FROM SENATOR CHRIS VAN HOLLEN OFFICE. SHE INFORMED US ABOUT THE UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR GRANTS.

2. DAVE HAYS- SHARED INFORMATION REGARDING THE BUDGET FOR FIRE AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE PPE PROGRAM. SAID THE GRANT CLASSES WOULD BE HELD IN THREE WEEKS. THE AFG GRANTS ARE OPEN AND HE MIGHT APPLY FOR SCBA OR PORTABLE RADIOS. SPOKE ALSO ON THE ICE SITUATION AT SNUG HARBOR AND KEMPS MILL. THANKED EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT WITH THIS SITUATION.

3. JOHN HART- TALKED ABOUT THE FIREFIGHTERS STAFFING PHASE 1 PLAN. NOW HAS 8 PEOPLE UP FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSIONERS THAT COULD POSSIBLY BE EMPLOYED AFTER TWO WEEKS, PENDING TESTS COMPLETION. WILL USE PART TIME PEOPLE TO HELP OUT AT STATIONS AFTER THEY HAVE VISITED STATIONS AND FAMILIARIZED THEMSELVES WITH THE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT.

4. MORGAN.....MISS WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE QUEEN....REPORTED THAT THE NEW SMOKE DETECTOR POLICY IS IN EFFECT. SHE ADDED THAT SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO COME TO THE STATIONS FOR ANY EVENTS.

THE DECEMBER MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

TREASURER’S REPORT IS IN THE PACKET ...PAGES 5-7.
CHAPLAIN’S REPORT… CHAPPY HAD A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER FOR THE TROOPERS LOST IN AN AVIATION ACCIDENT 2 YEARS AGO. DOUG SNOW REPORTED THAT ERNIE TRUAX IS DOING BETTER AND IS IN A REHABILITATION CENTER. ALL NAMES OF DECEASED COMPANY MEMBERS SHOULD BE SENT TO JOHNLONG. CHAPLAIN FRALEY SPOKE ABOUT PROGRAMS BEING HELD AT COMPANIES 26-2- AND ADDING 12. THESE PROGRAMS ALLOW FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND TALK, IF NEEDED, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT JUST WHAT YOUR CHAPLAIN CAN DO FOR YOU.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES REPORTED:

EMS…..STEVE BARNHART ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING NEXT MONTH.

EMERGENCY SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL….MEETING THE FIRST THURSDAY OF NEXT MONTH. THEY WILL DISCUSS PLANS AS TO WHAT THEY WILL DO THIS YEAR.

FIRE POLICE….NOTHING

LOSAP…..ALL FORMS ARE OUT

PICNIC…..WILL BE HELD AUGUST 25TH.

SAFETY….THEY ARE STILL INVESTIGATING A MAY DAY SITUATION. PRESSING WRONG BUTTONS CAUSED AS CONFUSION AS TO WHERE TO GO….LESSON LEARNED …PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHIEF REVIEW BUTTONS ON THE RADIOS. SEE PAGES 33-34 IN THE PACKET

STANDARDS….IN PROGRESS

EMERGENCY SERVICE OPERATION PLAN IS BACK AND WILL BE GONE OVER NEXT THURSDAY.

TRAINING… IN THE PACKET…49-51

REHAB….MAKING PROGRESS
LEGISLATIVE…. GLEN FISHACK REPORTED THAT STEVE COX IS MSFA CHAIRMAN AND CAN BE REACHED AT 443-867-6303. THEY WILL ADDRESS THE INCOME TAX MODIFICATION ISSUE AND MOTORCYCLE/BICYCLE RESPOND UNITS.

BUDGET AND FINANCE…WILL BE SUBMITTED TOMORROW.

COMPUTER AND TECH…. SKIP SAID HE HAD RECEIVED GOOD FIREHOUSE REPORTS.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION… IN THE PACKET

OLD BUSINESS …..NONE

NEW BUSINESS…. DALE ASKED FOR THE ASSOCIATION’S APPROVAL TO APPOINT DOC PRATHER AS CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SAFETY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

BOB AND DALE WILL BE AUDITING 911 SUBSCRIPTIONS AT THE COUNTY STATIONS. WILL BE REVIEWING THIS WITH THE CHIEFS.

SPOT ON WEBSITE WILL BE USED TO POST OUR INFORMATION PACKETS.

COMPANIES WILL BE RECEIVING E-MAILS FROM RICK HEMPHILL REGARDING WORKMANS COMP. IF THIS COULD BE PUT UNDER ONE UMBRELLA, IT COULD CUT COMPANY’S COST BY AS MUCH AS 25%. PLEASE HAVE THE CHIEF SEND ALL SALARY INFORMATION BACK TO RICK.

GOOD OF THE COMPANY…..DALE HILL WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HE DOES SUPPORT THE FIRE PLAN. HE HAD RECEIVED TWO CALLS THAT A RUMOR WAS CIRCULATING STATING THAT HE WAS NOT IN APPROVAL OF THE PLAN.

DALE HILL GAVE JIM SPRECHER A PAST PRESIDENT’S PIN AND THANKED HIM FOR ALL THAT HE HAD DONE FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED…
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LYNN HUNSBERGER……ASSISTANT SECRETARY