WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 24TH, 2019 MINUTES


ALL COMPANIES WERE PRESENT AND ALL OFFICERS EXCEPT THE TREASURER, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BOB MONCRIEF.

CHAPLAIN LEONARD HORST DELIVERED THE PRAYER AND LED THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED.

GUESTS:

1. JEFF KLINE – THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR HAVING HIM ATTEND.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAPLAIN- LEONARD REPORTED THAT DENNY HUFFER WAS HOME AND RECOVERING. ALSO THANKED EVERYONE WHO SENT CARDS, CALLED OR VISITED HIM AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE. CHAPLAIN FRALEY GAVE A REPORT ON THE CHAPLAINS TRAINING THAT WAS HELD JANUARY 19TH. OUT OF THE 29 WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE, 7 WERE FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY. CHAPPY BOWER WAS ONE OF THE INSTRUCTORS. THE TOPIC OF “ACTIVE SHOOTERS” WAS DISCUSSED AND HE ENCOURAGED THAT THE CHIEF OFFICERS SHARE WITH THEIR COMPANIES JUST WHAT CHAPLAINS CAN PROVIDE FOR THEM.

CAREER TECH- KINGSLY GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE CADETS. TWENTY ONE OF THE TWENTY TWO STUDENTS HAVE PASSED FIRE
FIGHTER 1 CLASS. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 26TH AT 10:00 AT THE OLD SAFEWAY BUILDING.

EMS- Bob spoke about manpower and financial issues with all companies. He also shared that a representative from VFIS is willing to come one time to meet with the commissioners. Bob suggested if any companies had questions or concerns, they should get written messages to him so that there is time to get things organized for the presentation.

FIRE POLICE – Bob shared that the state police has a new program called ADAPT….aggressive drivers are public threats. Everyone is encouraged to pay attention and not get fines. He also warned of the ramifications of putting things on social media. Advised that everyone be very careful about what they are putting out there.

SAFETY- Troy Loy talked about what they do and what they need to get done. He would like to see more people get involved.

STANDARDS- Brian said that they are making progress. See last month’s minutes. He also stated that the air unit and re hab merger still has a few hurdles to be worked out.

Dave Hays reviewed that he is still working through the final stages of the insurance policies. He will work with John Latimer to be sure that everyone is properly insured. The policy will guarantee full replacement if the vehicle is 10 years old or newer. The money saved will be carried over for additional improvements. He would like for all companies to look over the numbers and get back to him with any questions or concerns. He also spoke about some radio issues. In addition, he shared that he is working with the Hagerstown police department about the graduating cadets from the homeland security side to be considered for employment locally. Also, there are positions open for employment with the division of emergency services.
DETAILS ARE IN THE PACKET. LASTLY, HE INFORMED THE ASSOCIATION THAT THE TRAINING CENTER DRAWINGS WILL BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 4TH OR 5TH AND WILL THEN GO OUT FOR BIDS. HE THANKED JEFF KLINE AND ALL THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SUPPORTING THE TRAINING CENTER.

LASTLY, A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMPANIES 12, 79 AND FUNKSTOWN THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH PHASE 2 OF THE FIRE PLAN TO AID WITH MANPOWER AND MONEY. THIS TO BE TAKEN TO THE COUNTY COMMISIONERS FOR CONSIDERATION.. THE MOTION PASSED.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2019 HOSTED BY ENGINE 1.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LYNN HUNSBERGER

ASSISTANT SECRETARY