

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND  
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on February 21, 2008 at the Maugansville Community Building hosted by Company 13.

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

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Eng 2. All officers were present except the Secretary.

Note: These minutes were transcribed from a CD of a recording of the meeting. There are several places that I could not hear reports, comments or motions made because the mic. did not work or the person talking did not go to a microphone. People must go to the mic. or the Chair must repeat the question, comment or motion into the mic. This may be important if anything is questioned about what took place at any meeting. - Sec.

The 1st VP introduced the Guests.

GUEST: Rick Lillard, DNR, had no report.

Frank Underwood, 1st VP MSFA, reported the following: A. The Executive Committee met and a report is in the packet. B. Several deaths of officers or past officers have occurred. Several officers are ill. Bob Cumberland is hospitalized and is recovering. C. Committee members are needed for next year if you are interested contact Frank. D. The Convention is available on line. E. Legislative committee is working to keep current funding intact. Don't expect any new money. They are trying to get the Tax Modification increased. F. The proposed dues increase is needed because expenses are going up.

Doyle Cox, MSFA Awards Committee, reported: A. Award packets are being mailed. Please nominate people for the awards. B. He also said he is running for 2nd VP.

Brigitte Heller, DFES, reported: A. Ernie Truax had a heart attack in December. Companies 5 and 59 were honored by the County for "Save Your Own." Ernie is in Rehab and doing well. B. Brigitte's report is in the packet. C. Someone asked about the BOE not being in compliance with AED requirements. Brigitte reported that the BOE is working on the paperwork.

Doug Mullendore, Sheriff, reported: A. Doug is ready for Ernie to be a Fire Policeman in Hancock when he is ready. B. The radio system is progressing. There is a water problem at the 911 center that will take about 2 months too correct. The system is scheduled to come on line in January or February 2009. The tower at Keep Tryst is still pending. There will be a meeting on March 26, at the Pleasant Valley School at 1900. Doug suggested that the Association have someone get on the agenda to speak for the Association. There should be a Consolidated Dispatch Center with all Police, Fire and EMS in one location, since the MD State Police have agreed to come aboard. (Some questions which I could not hear were asked about current system support after the cut over.) Doug's answer was that systems will be supported as long as parts are available.

Dale Fishack, MSFA EXEC. Comm, reported: A. The Executive Committee wants each Association to sponsor a \$100 basket for the Basket Bingo to be held at the Convention. B. MSFA is cleaning up its house and cutting the budget was possible. C. Dale will furnish copies of the Awards packets to the Association. Please nominate people for the awards. D. Attend the Grant Writing work shops. E. MSFA is pushing for certification of Live Fire Burn instructors we need Safe Burns. F. The MSFA has been asked to supply suggestions about how to improve the Convention Center. G. A list of motels that have reduced rates for the Convention attendees is available. H. Check the website for the Executive Committee meeting minutes. I. Several people have announced to run for Secretary. J. Leonard's car is for sale.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. He hasn't read MSFA Live Burn policy, so he can't comment. B. Only one class has been cancelled. All the classes coming up have good support. C. 300 people are preregistered for the Mittenberger seminar. D. Class requests for the fall will be due soon. E. A grant workshop will be held on March 5, in Cresaptown and one will be held in Mt. Airy on February 26. F. All of the Western Division instructors will have Live Burn Instructions by March 1.

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MINUTES: The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The P & L statements are in the packets. The bank balance as of January 17 was \$1069.28 and the balance as of February 21 is \$13806.20.

#### OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: Glenn reported: A. He has attended several meetings including a luncheon meeting with the BOCC AT THE Association office. He feels that we will have a good relationship with them. B. He is looking for training space at The State Hospital and at HCC. C. He wants to have grants written for the Rehab Unit and for equipment for the Fire Police. D. A meeting was held with all Companies except 3 in attendance and representatives of the Health Department, the Sheriff's Department, the Gaming Commission, the Liquor Board and the County Attorney. This is to try to keep Companies out of trouble. If you have questions, you know who to contact.

Budget: Greg Yost reported: A. The budget information is in the packet. The proposed budget is \$323523 and the anticipated revenue from the Gaming Commission is \$268998 which leaves a short fall of \$54525 that was requested from the County. In addition \$50000 a year for three years was requested for replacement of the Rehab vehicle, a one time \$50000 was requested for temporary training center, \$42000 for fuel reimbursement for the fire companies, and \$500000 to purchase land for a Training Center and a one time \$63280 for equipment for additional Fire Police. The BOCC indicated that they have a Training Center at HCC in 2012 in their budget. This center would be for Fire, EMS and Police.

EMS: A question about the roll out date of the new protocols was asked. (Brigitte answered the question but I could not hear it.)

2nd VP: Fire Reports: All fire reports for 2007 have been submitted to the Fire Marshal. LOSAP: There will be a meeting of all Coordinators to discuss several new reports added to the program. There is a memo numbered 8 in the packet for the Coordinators. Please make sure they receive the memo. The reports are 1) Indicating a primary company and 2) change of address. If you need to complete these forms please contact your LOSAP Coordinator.

Legislative: Report is in the packet.

Property: This is a new committee. The members are Charles Shindle, Jason Baer, and Tom Altman. One of their first jobs will be to inventory all Association property and to indicate the condition of the property. Their main job is to keep the building in proper repair.

Public Relations: Steve Heefner is available to assist any Company PIO and to assist any Company wishing to establish a Company PIO. If you have something that you wish to have publicized contact him.

Standards: Dale Fishack reported: A. Officer certification should be in the office by 4/15. Send transcripts with a letter signed by the Company President, not the Chief. B. The committee would like a complete inventory of equipment in the station by 4/15. C. NIMS 300 is a requirement for all Chief Officers this year. D. The Committee will review all standards and try to determine which ones have been accepted by the BOCC.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Steve Heefner made a motion to donate \$100 to MSFA to sponsor a basket at the basket bingo. The motion was seconded and Passed. B. Brigitte suggested that the Association send a letter in support of building a tower on Keep Tryst Road. Someone made a motion to do this and it Passed. The President requested the Sheriff to write the letter and the President would sign it. C. Clint reported that the 911 Advisory Committee was going to send a letter and Chairman Ron Horn was going to testify. D. Jason asked about proposed budget cuts to the Forestry budget. Several people reported that a 59% cut was proposed. In addition Forestry could not respond unless they actually saw fire and smoke or were dispatched to the incident. They could not respond to a report of fire. E. Rick Lillard reported that the DNR had received three 1000 gallon Forest/Woodland trucks capable of pulling trailers with dozers on them. One is stationed at Green Ridge. Forestry's main jobs are to investigate fires and to be available for extended duration fires.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. The Sheriff discussed HB 1085. Currently there are no requirements

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for notification of special events being held in the County. This bill would require a permit for such events. B. If

a Company receives new equipment of any kind, the County Insurance office must be notified. C. The President said there would be a meeting of the EMS Committee on Tuesday and a Chief's Committee meeting on Wednesday and The Rehab would provide food both nights.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 20, AT COMPANY 2.

Meeting adjourned at 2034.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray  
Secretary