WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 17TH 2017

THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEETING WAS HELD AT POTOMAC VALLEY FIRE COMPANY 11 ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT SPRECHER. CHAPLAIN BOWER LED THE PRAYER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. ALL COMPANIES WERE PRESENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WILLIAMSPORT FIRE AND HANCOCK AMBULANCE. ALL OFFICERS WERE PRESENT BUT THE SECRETARY.

THE FOLLOWING GUESTS WERE IN ATTENDANCE:

1. STEVE HENNIGER ECM2 SPOKE CONCERNING THE TOTAL CALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. HE PROVIDED INFORMATON TO BE TAKEN BACK TO EACH COMPANY.

2. CHARLES SUMMERS DES REPORTED FOR DAVE HAYS. HE DISCUSSED MONIES BEING PUT AWAY FOR REPLACEMENT VEHICLES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS IN THE PACKET.

3. TIM GANLEY SHARED THAT THE COMMITTEE MET TO CONSIDER SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS. TWO COMPANIES APPLIED. THEY WILL GO THROUGH THE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. SIERRA SMALLWOOD MSFA MISS FIRE PREVENTION SAID HELLO.

THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

TREASURER’S REPORT….IN THE PACKET PAGES 7-9

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT….CHAPLAIN BOWER REPORTED THAT 8 CARDS HAD BEEN SENT IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY SO FAR. ENCOURAGED THAT WE GET ALL THE NEEDED INFORMATION TO HEATHER SO SHE CAN MAIL THE CARDS. THE CHAPLAINS WILL MEET ON SUNDAY AT THE POLICE BARRACKS AND WILL HAVE AN UPDATE ON CHAPLAIN INTEGRATION INTO 911 CENTER DISPATCH. CHECK PACKET PAGES 14 AND 21-24 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

BUDGET AND FINANCE…..NOTHING

CAREER TECH….DALE HILL REPORTED THAT 20 STUDENTS HAD PASSED AND ONE HAD FAILED OUT. GRADUATION WILL BE WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH AT SOUTH HIGH. THE PROGRAM IS GOING WELL. RICK BLAIR ASKED FOR MONEY TO TAKE THESE STUDENTS TO THE CAPITAL FOR A DAY.

EMERGENCY SERVICE ADVISORY COUNCIL….DALE HILL SPOKE REGARDING THE MEETING. THEY MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7 O’CLOCK. THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING ARE IN THE PACKET. FAIRPLAY IS
DOING WELL. THEY HAVE RAISED $7000 FROM A BONANZA. THEY HAVE HAD NO CALL FAILURES. THEY HAVE REQUESTED THAT SOME FUNDING BE REDIRECTED TO THEM TO HELP THEM GET STARTED. ESAC VOTED TO GO TO THE COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE A COUNCIL MEMBER AND A COMMISSIONER TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE. HAYS WILL SEND OUT A QUESTIONNAIRE AND WILL BE VISITING EACH STATION TO REVIEW STATION SITUATIONS AND TO LOOK OVER EACH COMPANY’S BY-LAWS TO ASSURE THAT NONE ARE IN ANY VIOLATIONS. THE SWOT REPORT WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE STUDY FOR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE MONEY FROM THE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED CAMERAS HAS TO GO TO PUBLIC SAFETY. PERHAPS THIS CAN BE USED TO HELP FUND THE NEW TRAINING CENTER. IF YOU WANT THE INFORMATION FROM ESOP, GET ON THE E-MAIL LIST IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES.

EMS COMMITTEE.....IN THE PACKET PAGES 48-52.

FIRE POLICE.....NO REPORT

SAFETY COMMITTEE....NO REPORT

TRAINING......IN THE PACKET PAGE 75

LEGISLATIVE.....PAGES 17-22 IN THE PACKET

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION....NICHOLE STATED THAT 55 PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR X BOX TRAINING LAST MONTH. INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEER STRONG IS ON PAGE 26 IN THE PACKET. PLEASE GIVE TO YOUR COMPANY AND GET IT BACK TO NICHOLE. STRONG CHALLENGE ON PAGES 27-30. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION, CONTACT NICHOLE.

NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS.....DES HAS REPORTED THAT A COMPANY HAS MET A FAIL RATE AND WE WILL HAVE TO VOTE ON THIS THE NEXT MEETING.

GOOD OF THE COMPANY.......CONCERNED WAS EXPRESSED OVER DEAD PHONES IN THE COUNTY. DAVE IRVIN SR. FROM CLEAR SPRING AMBULANCE WILL PRESENT A MSFA BY-LAW CHANGE AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN FREDERICK THAT WILL DELETE THE MANDATORY SUSPENSION CLAUSE.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ENGINE 5
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LYNN HUNSBERGER

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.