WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES


PRESIDENT DALE HILL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. ALL COMPANIES BUT LONG MEADOW FIRE WERE PRESENT. OFFICERS NOT ATTENDING WERE THE SECRETARY, TREASURER AND ASSISTANT TREASURER.

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

GUESTS:

1. MORGAN KOTANKO.....FIRE PREVENTION AMBASSADOR.....SEE PAGE 50 IN THE PACKET. SHE WILL RUN FOR MISS MSFA AND ASKED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATION.

2. DICK DEVORE...CANDIDATE FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT OF MSFA, SPOKE ABOUT RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE AND THINGS HE WOULD LIKE TO IMPLEMENT. HE SHARED HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT THE FLORIDA SCHOOL KILLINGS AND THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE AND SUICIDE AND CANCER ISSUES WITH FIREMEN.

3. TODD DYCHE....MFRI.... REMINDED THAT DELIVERY COURSES WOULD BE HELD ON THE WEEKENDS. STATED THAT THE DOCUMENT FOR FALL COURSE REQUESTS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT, AND ASK THAT THEY BE REVIEWED AND SENT BACK BY MARCH 30TH. ENCOURAGED EMT GRADUATES TO LOOK INTO TAKING THE PLATINUM ED CLASS. THIS MIRRORS THE NATIONAL REGISTRY EXAM . IT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO SEE THEIR WEAK AREAS AND AIDS IN HELPING THEM TO PASS THE TEST. ADDED THAT THE TEXT BOOK POLICY IS WORKING WELL.

4. LIZ BRABSON FROM H&R BLOCK SHARED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NON PROFIT REFERRAL PROGRAM.
5. Jon Hart...shared with us that the budgets are all under review. Several categories including fuel, maintenance and utilities have increases included. Brought us up to date regarding fire fighting staffing. PSTC Master Concept Design was discussed. Funding still remains an issue. ECC Operations Manager Alan Crawford has left his position and Donna Woods is currently serving in this capacity.

6. Jerry Poland...from VFIS Insurance attended to review what coverages volunteers have while using their personal vehicles to perform services. He passed out information and will be back to talk with the association members at a later date.

The January minutes were approved with the following corrections... Troy Lloyd requested that this information be added to the minutes......the incident safety officers are in the process of investigating a firefighter mayday that took place in Berkeley County. This mayday involved one of our member departments. Preliminary data reveals that the “zone up/zone down” buttons on the front of the firefighter’s radio were not locked and were activated during the commotion of the event. This allowed the firefighter’s radio to be switched to Morgan Counties channel, having the firefighter announce the mayday over the non-incident channel. Lesson learned—firefighters are reminded to lock their radio channel on the proper frequency when performing interior or exterior structural firefighting work. Locking the channel will prohibit any “accidental” activations of the front zone buttons.

Reports.....

Chaplain...Leonard Horst reminded that the chaplains will meet this Sunday at the police barracks at 1:30. He reported that Charlie Shindle is doing well and hopefully will be back at our next meeting. Doug Snow added that Ernie Truax was recently treated at Meritus and is in Room 3329.
CAREER TECH .....KINSLEY POOLE AND JIMMY SPRECHER INFORMED US THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO MEETINGS SINCE DECEMBER BUT ONE WAS TO BE HELD ON THE 16TH. JIMMY SAID THAT THINGS WERE GOING GREAT AND THAT THE STUDENTS WERE TESTING WELL.

SAFETY.....TROY REPORTED THAT THEY WILL MEET NEXT TUESDAY. HIDDEN DANGERS IN FIRE WILL BE DISCUSSED, SUCH AS ASBESTOS...

REHAB....87 CALLS........57 WORKING STRUCTURES...33 SAFETY ASSIGNMENTS. 3116 PEOPLE WERE SERVED IN 2017. THE FULL REPORT WILL BE IN NEXT MONTH’S PACKET.

LEGISLATIVE.....LOOK AT THE BULLETIN ON LINE REGARDING THE NUMEROUS BILLS THAT ARE BEING INTRODUCED.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION..... SEE PAGE 48 IN PACKET..STRONG CHALLENGE DATE MOVED TO MAY 6TH. PICNIC ON PAGE 49....THINK ABOUT THE GLOBE GEAR GIVE AWAY.....YOU CAN APPLY FOR 4 SETS TO BE GIVEN AWAY. SEE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEBSITE OR CALL NICOLE FOR ADDITION INFORMATION. SEE PAGES 14-15 FOR TUTION REIMBURSEMENT SCHOLARSHIP. ALSO, SHE WILL BE SET UP AT THE HOME SHOW. SEE PAGES 19-20 AND 52 FOR SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION.

OLD BUSINESS…LOOKING FOR TIGHTER CONTROL FOR ACTIVE 911.

STANDARDS...BRIAN NOTED THAT OFFICER STANDARDS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15TH. THE COMMITTEE MEETS THE 4TH MONDAY AT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE. THEY WILL TOUCH EVERY DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR. HE ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING 4 STANDARDS BE REMOVED…STANDARD 200-17 UTV-ATV WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT MEETING.

200-07 FORESTRY.....700-01 AED TRAINING.....2100-01 ALL PRE FIRE ESSENTIALS.....2100-02 ALL PRE EMS ESSENTIALS . A MOTION TO DO SO WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED. A MOTION TO APPROVE 2100-03 UTV-ATV SOP WAS MADE,SECONDED AND PASSED . A VOTE OF 18 YES, 1 NO AND 5 ABSTENTIONS WAS RECORDED.
GOOD OF THE COMPANY….THERE WAS DISCUSSION REGARDING HOW WELL WE ARE PREPARED IF A SCHOOL SHOOTING INCIDENT SHOULD OCCUR HERE. JON HART SHARED SOME THOUGHTS TO THOSE IN THE MEETING THAT VOICED THEIR CONCERNS. DALE SAID THAT STIPEND AND GAMING CHECKS WERE BEING MAILED TOMORROW. HE REMINDED THAT RICK BLAIR WOULD BE GOING IN AS PRESIDENT OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION IN JUNE AND THAT ALL WASHINGTON COUNTY EQUIPMENT GOING TO OCEAN CITY FOR THE PARADE WOULD BE LEADING THE PARADE. HE ENCOURAGED COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. ALSO, JIM SPRECHER MADE A MOTION THAT THE ASSOCIATION SUPPORT MORGAN WITH $1500 TO ENABLE HER TO RUN FOR FIRE QUEEN AND ATTEND THE CONVENTION. MOTION PASSED. LASTLY, DALE ASKED FOR A MOTION THAT THE ASSOCIATION STAND BEHIND HIM AS HE WISHES TO HAVE AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE ON ALL COMMITTEES THAT ARE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS THAT CONCERN PUBLIC SAFETY AND FIRE SAFETY. HE WISHES TO HAVE INPUT WITH THE 911 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO VOICE ASSOCIATION CONCERNS. IF THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMISSIONERS, HE ASK FOR BACKING TO THEN WRITE A LETTER TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE ADMINISTRATOR VOICING ANY AND ALL CONCERNS. THE MOTION WAS PASSED.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CLEAR SPRING EVENTS BUILDING HOSTED BY TRUCK 1.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED,

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LYNN HUNSBERGER..........ASSISTANT SECRETARY