

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER  
FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION  
MARCH MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Western Enterprise Engine 4 and hosted by Mt. Aetna Company 16.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fishack. Chaplain Rev. Richard Bower gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call – All member companies were present with the exception of Smithsburg Ambulance and Antietam Engine 2. All officers but Rick Hemphill and Sam Murray were present.

A motion was made by Randy Gaver of Company 9 and seconded by Harry Gossard of Company 1 to approve the minutes as written.

An Executive Meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Skip Menzies at 7 o'clock. President Glenn Fishack had been to the Commissioners regarding the Budget. He informed us that the Budget may not be completed until as late as July. In order for the Association to continue business as necessary, it was agreed upon that we adopt last year's budget until the new one is finalized. Clarence Weber made the motion to adopt the old Budget in the interim and Lynn Hunsberger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also the Association and the Board wants to go on record that they wish the current paging system remains in service. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10

Guests- Sheriff Doug Mullendore announced that everyone is to get the Safety DVD's for their Company's usage. Miss Fire Prevention is now a Certified Fire Prevention Clown and offered her services when and wherever needed. Kingsley Poole encouraged people to sign up for a Rope Rescue Class. He also reminded all that EMT Refresher Classes may be taken either on line at 12 hours or with a 24 hour class. These classes may be taken at any time. Charles Summers spoke regarding the new radio system. He is very happy with the progress and feels that it is working well. Kevin Lewis has the packets for everyone to pick up regarding budget and funding information. He reminded all that the County Financial Reports are due. All other information is in his packet report. Pete Lowenhiem reported on the new radio system and added that he felt that our current paging system will remain in effect for some time to come.

Officer and Committee Reports-

President's Report- Glenn Fishack shared that he had been to Annapolis for various meetings and feels that things are going well. He asked that when surveys are sent that companies complete and return them.

Treasurer's Report- Rick Blair gave the report...see packet A motion was made by Blaine Snyder of Engine 1 and seconded by Dan Grove Jr. of Company 9 to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Chief's Report- Greg Yost of Company 5 is working on Fire Plan and hoping to meet the June deadline. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Hancock.

EMS- Kevin Lewis told us that the Commissioners will pay \$58,000 for 5 years for AED's/ monitors/ defibrillators / Life Pak 12's and 15's Service Contracts. Other information is in packet.

Computers- Skip Menzies announced that he has the new software for Firehouse and Losap transmission.

Fire Police- The new "Target Tag" will be shown to Fire Police. They are reminded to fill out papers in order to use them. The tags must be taken off the cars and turned in when any Fire Police retires from duty.

Standards- Steve Heefner of Company 26 made a motion, seconded by Buddy Blake of Company 7, to table the Standard Changes that would allow the Committee to come back next month with the items of concern highlighted.

Public Relations- Steve Heefner of Company 26 relayed that he had toured the main floor of the Fire Station and that this would be the first night that CRS would begin their 24 hour coverage at Western Enterprise Engine 4.

Good of the Association- All past Presidents of the Association need to call Rick Blair at the Association Office. Jason Baer reminded everyone of the importance of getting reports in on time. The deadline for Certification of Officers is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next Association Meeting will be held at Maugansville Company 13 on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

A motion made and seconded for adjournment at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Hunsberger  
Assistant Secretary