Washington County Fire and Rescue Association Meeting

March 16th 2017

The Washington County Fire and Rescue Association meeting was held at Engine 5 hosted by Funkstown Company 10.

The meeting was called to order by President Sprecher. All Companies were present and all officers, except the Secretary were in attendance.

Chaplain Bower offered prayer and led the pledge to the flag.

Guests:

1. Michael Davis President of MSFA . He reminded everyone that Memorial Forms and Awards Forms are due. He spoke of various other items of interest and encouraged that we take a look at the website.

2. Steve Heefner CVVFA Past President. Steve shared greeting from Bill Keller of Keyser VFC. He extended an invitation to their 2nd annual Spring Weekend and their 32nd annual Presidents Council Meeting to be held on April 1-2 at the Indian River VFC in Millsboro, DE. Information regarding these events can be found on the following website …cvvfa.org for details.

3. Sierra Smallwood….MSFA Miss Fire Prevention

4. Emily Reaver…..Miss Fire Prevention Runner Up

5. Susan Hilton- MFP 2015-2016

6. Lydia Hill…Miss Fire Prevention of Washington County. Lydia expressed interest in coming to any company events. Please call her if you would like her to attend.

7. Sam Anderson- DES Sam indicated that the budget is on track and will go to the Commissioners next week. PPE program will spend $150,000 this year instead of next year to purchase 70 sets of turnout gear. The plan is to exchange 3 sets of old for 3 sets of new from each company.
The minutes from the February meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report- In the packet, pages 3 through 6

Chaplain’s Report- In the packet on pages 7 through 13 for monthly information. Chappy included examples of by-laws that all companies should consider regarding Chaplains. He spoke about the new badges that are replacing the old ones for anytime admittance to Meritus for the Chaplains. He also included in his packet the suggested duties of Chaplains.

Chief Officer- Pages 19-27 in the packet.

Career Tech- Chief Poole shared that there was no meeting to report on.

EMS- Pages 38-42 in the packet.

Emergency Service Advisory Council- no report

Fire Police- reported that they are busy

Law Enforcement- no report

LOSAP- making progress

Safety- page 31 in the packet

Recruitment and Retention- See special packet regarding upcoming events and Training Classes. The Association Picnic is August 12th.

Rehab- No report

Old Business- President Sprecher spoke concerning the fail rate problem at Potomac Valley. He had appointed a 3 member panel that met with Potomac Valley, as well as
Director Hays to help develop a plan. A lengthy discussion took place, resulting in a letter of resolution from Potomac Valley. Potomac Valley requested that the county augment their current staff by providing paid staff during the hours not covered by them. A motion to was made by Company 10, seconded by Ron Horn of Antietam Fire, to have a letter written to the Commissioners that DFES augment staffing for Potomac Valley. The motion passed with all Companies in favor.

**New Business- none**

Good of the Company- Clear Spring Ambulance submitted the request for the Amendment to MSFA by-law regarding Statistical Committee requirements.

Chappy welcomed Leonard Horst back from his Florida stay.

Next Meeting- Will be held at the Clear Spring Events Building, hosted by Clear Spring Ambulance. Food will be provided.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Hunsberger

Assistant Secretary