

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on April 19, 2007 at the Leitersburg Volunteer Fire Company Special Events Building.

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

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Company 12. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Bobby Balta, President MSFA, reported: A. Thanks to all committee members. B. Legislative Session; 1) The Safe Cigarette bill passed. 2) Money appropriated for MSFA can be spent for any purpose. 3) The attempt to move MIEMSS to the DHMH failed. 4) Replacement of Helo was discussed and legislation will be discussed next year. The fire service should stay involved to prevent MSP losing the Helo. C. Home sprinkler systems have been legislated in about 20 jurisdictions. D. The Trumpet is being updated and they are looking for information to be included. E. The web page has been updated. Events can be added to the web page. www.msfa.org. F. Credentials are due. The Association has paid all Company dues. G. Deceased member information and pictures were due March 1. This information can be sent at any time.

Doyle Cox, Chair Executive Committee MSFA, reported: A. Nominations for awards are due. Information and forms are available on the web site. B. Basket Bingo will be held on Monday evening of the Convention.

Lee Sachs, Memorial Committee MSFA, presented a Bronze Helmet Sponsor award to the Association.

Roger Pile, MSFA lawyer and candidate for 2nd VP, was introduced and had a few words.

Doug Mullendore, Sheriff, reported: A. Legislation to increase the number of Fire Police per Company was passed. B. MOU's are being developed to allow Fire Police assistance with neighboring jurisdictions.

Dave Keller, member of Executive Committee MSFA, reported: A. Keep the information in the MSFA Directory updated. B. The Executive Committee will be meeting this weekend.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. The Spring classes are winding down. B. Firefighter Survival and Rescue will be held at Company 13. C. Instructor I will be held at Company 9. D. Washington County Technical High School is doing Truck Company Operations. If anyone wants to take a class with the students contact Will Ball for the schedule. E. The fall training schedule should be on the web page this weekend. The printed schedule will be distributed in a couple of weeks. F. Confined Space Rescue is scheduled to start on May 5 at Company 20. More students are needed.

MINUTES: A question was raised about something in the March minutes, but no copies were available at the meeting and this will be corrected at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer reported that the general checking balance is \$70464.36.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1st VP: A. A short executive committee meeting was held before this meeting and 2 items were discussed. 1) The Fire Police budget was discussed and Rick will attend the next meeting to explain how the FP budget is handled. 2) When Rick and others began to work with Company 29, there was a discussion about paying Rick for the time spent. There was a contract drawn up, but never signed. When the County was approached about payment there was a denial that this would take place. The Committee requested that the President get a meeting with the Committee, the BOCC, and representatives of the DFES to discuss this matter.

2nd VP: A. A RSS disk is in each packet. B. The Safety Committee will sponsor an Incident

Safety Officer Class, and each Company should have their Safety Officer present. C. There will be a Highway Safety class for Fire Police. D. The Safety Committee will meet with the Chief's Committee in June. E. There will be a meeting for all Treasurers at Company 26 on May 5 at 1000. Transmission of data to the Office using QuikBooks will be explained. F. LOSAP for the Photo Team has not been finalized. G. Fire reports have been better. All 2006 information is in MEMA and the FM will hold 508 moneys if the information is not current.

President: A. There are two grants available from MIEMSS Region 2. The DOT or 2008 Expression of Interest for Highway Safety Support, and the MIMESS Matching and Hardship Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2008 are available. The paperwork must be returned to the MIEMSS Region 2 office no later than May 18, 2007. Paperwork is in the packets. B. The EMS banquet will be held at the Four Points on May 18 at 1800. C. All Companies should have paperwork certifying that their Officers meet the Association Officer Standards by April 15. Budget and Finance: The 2007-2008 budget was resented to the BOCC as approved by the Association. Two additional requests for funding were presented concerning training. \$50000 was requested to provide a temporary training facility while the current training facility is unavailable and \$500000 was requested to build a permanent

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training facility. The HCC may be available for training classes.

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE: A meeting will be held the last Wednesday of the month at Company 4.

FIRE POLICE: The next meeting will be held at the Sheriff's department on May 9 at 1900.

HAZMAT Recertification will take place.

Legislative: Glen Fishack thanked all for their assistance. The FP bill passed and the gaming bill did not get out of the committee.

Awards: Three nominations have been received.

Photo Team: Call if you need them.

Standards: The Committee is making random inspections.

Training: VoTech classes are available. Contact Will Ball or Kingsley for information.

Picnic: Tickets are out. Return the tickets or money by the June meeting.

Chaplain: Get well cards were sent to John Latimer, Tom Altman, Chaplain Donald Coblenz, J. Donald Mooney, Glen Fishack, and Harry Stone. Also, mentioned at the meeting were Richard Baer, Alan Kipe and Bob Harsh. President Balta's mother passed and Keith Boope's mother passed.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. The president requested a motion to move the June meeting from June 21 to June 14. Harry Gossard made the motion and it was seconded by Steve Mitchell and passed. B. The May meeting will be held at Company 26. C. The September meeting will be hosted by Company 1 at Engine 4.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. The American Cancer Society will hold a Relay for Life on June 8 and 9 from 1900 - 0800. Contact Bryan Stalling for information. B. Glen Fishack thanked all for the cards and calls. C. Charles Shindle requested that faxes stop and email be used for Company 13. The President requested that the Company should email the Secretary (Nancy) if they have the same request. D. The Association has retained council thru Selective Insurance concerning the law suit filed against us. Steve Migdal from Annapolis is the attorney. The Executive Committee will meet with the attorney soon. E. The Bonanza Extravaganza will be held on May 11 and 12 at The Hagerstown Speedway. Please support this event.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 17, 2007 AT COMPANY 26.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary