

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND  
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on April 17, 2008 at Engine 5 hosted by Engine 1.

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

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Company 59. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Dale Fishack, Exec. Comm MSFA, reported the following: A. He attended a meeting in Salmons Island. B. The Widows and Orphans Fund took a hit during the past Legislative session. C. Two candidates are running for Secretary to replace Leonard King who will not be running. Jackie Olson and Carl Edelin are running for the office. D. Leonard is progressing nicely.

Kevin Lewis, Acting Director DFES, reported the following: A. He will meet with the Chief's Committee and the EMS committee this month. B. The 08 Protocol Updates will begin in May. A schedule is available with the handouts provided. All certified and licensed providers are required to attend. Please register with EMS Coordinator at [bheller@washco-md.net](mailto:bheller@washco-md.net) or 240-313-2916 office or 301-331-2903 cell. The budget hearing is scheduled to begin at 0935 on Tuesday. C. A portion of the COMARS requires that the BOCC pass a resolution to include on duty Volunteer Firefighters under the County Workmen's Compensation Insurance. After the resolution is passed, each Company must sign on to be included. See Article 9-234 Labor and Employment for additional information. D. Kevin will meet with the Loan Committee to be sure we are updated.

Jennifer Barciz, Miss Washington County Fire Prevention Queen, reported: A. She needs a letter of endorsement from the Association before May 1 to include with her application to MSFA. B. She will be attending the Suns game on First Responder night. C. She needs someone with a convertible to ride in the parade at the Convention. The parade is held on Wednesday.

Paul Sterling, President MSFA, reported the following: A. Results of Legislative session concerning the budget were as follows; all areas were funded at the current levels. \$252000 carry over in the Widows and Orphans fund was frozen, but MSFA is working to free up these funds. B. Ron Siarnicki is running the Convention. C. It is possible to get EMT-B recertification on line and then go for a practical. D. Rescue 3 is retaining the Swift Water Rescue training it is not moving to the Swift Water Rescue Facility. E. Some MSFA budget items have been reduced. The fourth car has been discontinued. No new cars will be purchased this year and 11 other cuts were made. F. Junior Miss Fire Preventions and Junior Fire chief's will be recognized at the Convention Please make sure the Convention Officials are aware of their presence. G. The Maryland Fire Memorial will hold a recognition on June 8 at 1400. H. Dues and Credential are past due. I. Seminars are being planned for the Convention. J. They are looking for sponsors' for Basket Bingo and for the golf tournament. K. NFPA 1403 - MFR Training Committee wants to make it a part of COMARS. MSFA is opposed to this and the MSFA Training Committee has created a Guideline Book that will be distributed at the Convention. A committee will be created to help jurisdictions with training burns. L. The Trumpet deadline is May 10. M. The due's increase is needed to help cover increased expenses. N. DNR Grants will be available on line after May 1. N. The next Executive meeting will be June 15. O. Thank you for your support over the past three years.

Roger Bennett, MEMA, reported the following: A. The National Level Exercise will be held on May 5-6. The Western Maryland counties will operate their EOC's to support the counties on the shore. B. The Roadway Incident Safety For Emergency Responders Workshop will be held May 10 from 0800 to 1600 at the Alleghany County Public Safety Building. Registration is thru the Region I Office at 301-895-5934. The Region II course is May 17 from 0800 to 1600 at th Myersville Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Registration is thru the Region II Office at 301-791-2366. C. Additional information is available on the handout in the packet.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The P & L statement is in the packet. The balance in the checking account is \$12709.63.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Exec Committee: The minutes of the Executive Committee were reviewed. After much discussion about the need for physicals it was decided that the Standards Committee will

review the OSHA requirements and report back at the next meeting.

Standards: Dale reported that: A. 8 Companies had responded with the Officers' information for 2008. This information was due on April 15. B. A meeting will be held at the Office on May 8 at 1900. C. The committee will determine the need for physicals and report back next meeting.

Chief's: The next meeting will be April 23 at Station 2.

EMS: There was no report. Minutes are required to be given to the Secretary in 10 - 15 days after the meeting.  
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Budget: The budget hearing is Tuesday at 0930 at the BOCC. Items being requested are \$3000 to help defray the fuel expense for fire companies, money for Training, and a Volunteer Coordinator.

Fire Police: A. Mike Boward is the new Equipment Officer. Mike is from Company 26. B. The next meeting is May 17 at the Sheriff's Department and Traffic Management will be taught

OLD BUSINESS: A. The standard for Heavy Rescue Assignment was presented for approval. A roll call vote was taken. The results were 24 Aye, 1 Nay and 1 absent. B. A 2008 Chevy Tahoe has been purchased for 28258.50. It will be picked up next week.

NEW BUSINESS: no new business was presented.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Company 4 will hold a money bonanza tomorrow night. B. Information concerning fuel usage by 1st due Engine, Tanker, Squad, and Truck are needed from Companies 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. Send this information to Rick by Sunday. This is needed for the budget hearing.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MAY 15 AT ENGINE 4 HOSTED BY COMPANY 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray  
Secretary