

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on April 16, 2009 at Hagerstown Community College.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fishack. Jason Baer gave the invocation and lead in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present.

GUEST: Kevin Lewis, Director of DFES, reported: A. The Loan Fund balances were reported. B. A loan packet has been given to one Company interested in a loan.

Doug Mullendore, Sheriff, reported: A. The Legislature defeated a plan to privatize the Medical Helicopter service in the state. Much help was provided by the WCVFRA and MSFA.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. Several classes have been overfull and will have to be split. This is a good thing. B. Kevin reported that a First Responder class is starting at Company 12 and a First Responder recert is planned in the near future.

Roger Pile, 1st VP MSFA, reported: A. His report is in the packet. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be April 25 and 26.

Jennifer Barciz, Fire Prevention Queen, reported: A. She has traveled about 2500 miles during her reign. B. Any Company interested in her attending their functions please contact her.

Dr. Guy Altieri, President of Hagerstown Community College, welcomed everyone to the campus.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Blaine Snider and seconded by Harry Gossard to accept the March minutes as distributed. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Blaine Snider made a motion, seconded by Dan Grove to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Police: Doug Snow reported that their will be a training class for all Fire Police at the Hancock Fire Company on May 2, at 0800.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Jay Grimes reported that the Training Committee was recommending that the Association vote against purchasing the land in Williamsport. The Committee recommends that the next 12 months be spent developing plans for a unified Training Center. B. The motion was brought from the table to purchase land in Williamsport for a training center. The motion was defeated by voice vote. C. A motion was made by Jay Grimes and seconded by Jack Latimer to begin a 12 month study of a Unified Training Center. The motion was passed by a show of hands. D. President Fishack appointed Jay Grimes, Jeff Ringer, Jason Baer, Dave Hayes, Jack Latimer, Steve Peifer, and Joe Kroboth III to the Study Committee. Kevin Lewis and President Fishack will be ex-officio members of the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: The meeting was then opened to a discussion of possible plans for a Consolidated Public Safety Training Center.

Kevin Lewis reported that the High School program will be moving the HCC in the fall. He also reported that the HCC Truck Training Center at Mack Trucks may be used for EVOC Training. This is still under discussion.

Greg Murray, County Administrator, said that the BOCC is committed to include the WCVFRA in any plans in developing a Training Center.

Dr. Altieri gave a PowerPoint Presentation showing possible sites for a Training Center at HCC. If the Center is a part of HCC it is eligible for 60% funding from the state. Both the Trustees of HCC and the BOCC are in favor of a Public Safety Training Center. The current programs available at HCC will continue.

Sheriff Mullendore said we have to work on this project as a Public Safety Group.

NEXT MEETING THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED AT COMMUNITY RESCUE ON MAY 21, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray

Secretary