WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on April 16, 2015 at Engine 4.

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Company 16 and Company 59 were present. All officers except the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were present.

GUESTS:
Tim Ganley, MSFA VCAF, reported: A. Loans and grants totaling over $6M have been made. B. Contact information timganley@gmail.com or 240-344-5959.
Todd Dyche, MFRI, reported: A. Fire Officer II needs additional students. B. Western MD. Training Center has a face book page. C. Thanks to Kevin for getting the Active Assailant Seminar locally on June 27. It will be held at the Clear Spring High School Auditorium. There is online registration available. D. the Fall Schedule will be available this month. E. MFRI is piloting a new registration system for every class. Each person can register and there is no more paperwork required. A representative must be appointed by each Company to guarantee that the person is a Company member.
Cera Smallwood, Fire Prevention Queen, reported: that the Fire Prevention Queen contest will be held at Company 7 on May 16, 2015, at 1000. Application can be obtained online.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s report is in the packet pages 32-34.

CHAPLAIN: A sympathy card was sent to the family of Chester Reiff, Co. 49. Visits were made to the hospital to Ernie Truax, Bill King. Jason Baer is going into the hospital for hip surgery. Kingsley Poole was in the hospital. Mike Byers, Greg Kelly and Steve Eichelberger’s wife are in the hospital.
The Chaplains breakfast will be held on April 25, at 0830.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Chief Officer: The minutes are in the packet pages 5-10. The next meeting will be held at MSP next Wednesday.
Career Tech Education: Kingsley reported that the students are at the Fire Caucus meeting in DC. Graduation is May 27, 2015, at South High 1900. Please have representative from each Company in attendance. There will be a meeting with the BOE on Wednesday April 27.
EMS: The minutes are in the packet pages 12-14.
EMSC: Meeting was the first Tuesday this month. The EMS Plan and Fire Plan are being discussed. the minutes are on the Association website.
Fire Prevention and Public Education: Minutes are in the packet Page 27 and Pages 48-50 discuss the Life Safety Grant.
Fire Police: the minutes are in the packet page 31.
Recruitment and Retention: Nicole reported: A. thanks for thoughts and prayers due to son’s accident. B. Statewide R&R day was a success. C. Reminder that
reimbursement paperwork is due April 20. D. Recruitment Referral Forms are due back April 30. E. the Face book page is up and running. F. the Billboards are in use. G. a free Home Buyers seminar will be held on April 24, 2015.

**Safety:** A. during the month of May the Safety Committee and Chief Officers will meet with representatives from IWIF. B. Each Company should send a rep to the Safety Committee meeting each month.

**Standards:** A. Brush 8 passed inspection. B. Standardized Dispatch and NIMS standards will be voted on tonight. C. 11 companies not in compliance with Officer Standards, Presidents and Chiefs will receive letters.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** A. Distribution of Company 12 Tip Jar money was discussed. The President said it was to be distributed to each Company.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A. The Standardized Dispatch Standard passed 23-0. B. The changes to the NIMS standard passed 21-0-2. C. Tax Reports have been filed with the state.

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**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**
A. The Revolving Loan Fund report is on pages 35-36. B. The Citizen Corp minutes are on pages 44-46.

**NEXT MEETING** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY COMPANY 7 ON MAY 21 AT 1900. FOOD WILL BE SERVED BEFORE THE MEETING.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary