WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on April 21, 2016 at Co. 4 hosted by Eng 3.

The meeting was called to order by President Sprecher at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge.

GUESTS:
Johnie Roth, Pres. MSFA reported: A. 1st Annual Cancer Walk, May 22, 0700, Maryland Fire-Rescue Memorial Park in Annapolis. B. discussed the Hot Classes to be held at the Convention. C. Discussed Legislative Bulletin 12 (Final) which included all legislation discussed at the last legislative session.

Dave Keller, PSP MSFA reported: A. the following companies have corrections to be made to the March Fire Reports 6, 13, 16, Hagerstown City, and 27. Company 26 has not submitted any reports for 2016. B. Statistical reports for 2015 are due. C. CVVFC will hold a Youth Day at their next Convention on 8/5/16. Scholarships are available each year.

Matt Boger, Troop 17, presented a mock up of a Building Floor Drop that he would like to build for his Eagle Project. the cost will be $2000 and he is asking for donations. The Floor Drop would be presented to the High School Fire and Rescue Program and available to all Fire Companies when not being used by the High School program. His Scout Master who is a Career Firefighter related his experience when he dropped thru a floor.

Tim Ganley, VCAF Rep. reported that there is still money available to borrow. Leitersburg is in their Fire House and a loan has been approved for Co. 59 to purchase an ambulance.

Ed Kaczynski, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge, asked for support in the upcoming election.

Paul Kifer, Acting Hagerstown Police Chief, expressed his thanks.

Judge Viki Pauler, Circuit Court Judge, Asked for support in the upcoming election.

Susan Hilton, MSFA Miss Fire Prevention talked about her experience during the past year.

Janet Elbin, Ch. Western MD Jr. Miss Fire Prevention, discussed the pageant.

Mikinzie Smallwood, Western MD Jr. Miss Elect, was introduced and sworn in by Pres. Roth. Mikinzie is from Co. 11.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s report is in the packet pages 3-5.

CHAPLAIN: Leonard gave the report for Chappy. A. notify the Company Chaplain if services are required. B. Meeting are held monthly. One month at the State Police Barracks on Sunday and the next month at Railroad Junction on Saturday. C. Heather Gossard is the Secretary of the County Chaplains Committee. Her phone number is 301-988-2916.
OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget: Pres. Sprecher discussed the proposed County Budget. He noted that the Fuel and Maintenance is based on Reimbursement submitted to the County thru the Association. A copy of the proposed budget is on p.7 of the packet.

Career Tech Education: A. Bd. meeting last week. B. 3 students participated in Skills USA and Taylor Gold won first place in the state. He will represent the state in the Skills USA. C. 19 application have been approved for next year’s juniors and 13 will be retained from this year. D. discussions are being held with the BOE to allow fire companies to use the facilities during off hours. E. Graduation will be held at SHHS on May 25, at 1900. F. Jamie Drawbaugh will host a 1 hour webinar on how to start a high school program.

Chief Officer: A representative is needed at the meeting on May 4, to discuss BARB and ADAM.

EMS: The minutes are in the packet pp. 30-32.

ESOP: Meeting was held on April 8.

Fire Police: the minutes are in the packet p. 8.

Recruitment and Retention: A. 15 companies are participating in the Volunteer Strong Recruiting Program. B. 7 companies will participate in the Volunteer Strong Skills Challenge. C. 9 photos were presented in the Volunteer Kids Photo Contest. D. XBOX to the Box training will be held at the Convention on June 19 at 1200.

Rehab: With the upcoming warm weather remember to call Rehab early on in the process.

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Standards: Several companies have not submitted their Officer Standards or something is missing. Companies 4, 7, 9, 10, 13, 27, 49, 79, Eng 1, Eng 5, DFES, have information missing. Companies 6/8, 11, 26, 59, and Air Unit have not submitted anything. It was noted that failure to comply with standards will receive a registered letter from the Association and have 7 days to comply or forfeit their gaming funds.


UNFINISHED BUSINESS No unfinished business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Dale made a motion that the Association would have the authority to deduct funds from the company gaming checks, to pay for the Active 911 program. The amounts would be withheld after notification is made by the Company to the Association of how many members are participating. The motion was seconded by Eric Fraley and passed by voice vote.

B. A motion was made by Co. 9 and seconded by Eng 3 to accept the Fire, EMS and Rescue Observer Program. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 22 for, 1 app. and 1 Abs.

C. A motion was made by Co 1, seconded by Co 9 to accept the changes to Minimum Apparatus Staffing Standard. The motion was passed by 19 for, 4 app. and 1 abs.
D. The Officer Standard was withdrawn for additional discussion by the Standards Committee.
E. Bob Moncrief made a motion to contribute up to $2500 to the Eagle Project. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION
A. The President thanked everyone for their attentiveness. B. Company 7 had a town house fire extinguished by a sprinkler.

NEXT MEETING  THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY COMPANY 1, SHARPSBURG. NO FOOD WILL BE SERVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary