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The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on April 19, 2018 at Engine 4 hosted by Company 26.

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900. The prayer and Pledge was lead by Chaplain Horst.

GUESTS:

Jeff Cline, BOCC discussed: A. Adding a Sports Center to the Safety Training Center. This should be removed and the money for the Spots Center should be removed from the budget. B. The School Board is trying to take money that should be directed to Public Safety. It is important that a great representation of Fire and EMS personnel attend the Budget Hearing on May 15, 2018 at 5:30 PM. The time has changed.

Mike McKay, Del. Dist. 1C, a member of the Maryland Fire Caucus reported that legislation was passed to
A. make sale of old style Smoke Detectors illegal. B. add $200,000 to the budget to hire an Executive Director to develop a means to back-fill volunteer fire stations.

Greg Murray, reported that $200,000 designated for Apparatus Replacement and $200,000 designated for purchase of Reserve Apparatus has been removed from the Capital Budget. $100,000 was cut from DFES budget. This was transferred to the Operating Budget for the Training Center which is estimated to cost $500,000 per year.

Tim Ganley, MSFA VCAF Committee reported that the fund is out of money. Contact him at 240-344-5959 for information and assistance.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report is on pages 3 - 5.
CHAPLAIN’S REPORT: The Chaplain reported: A. meeting was held this past Saturday. The next meeting will be held on May 19. B. see reports on pages 28 and 33 - 34. C. Dave Hays Grandmother passed away. D. Dave Irvin is going to have a knee operation. E. Ernie Truax is getting some movement in his legs. There will be benefit for him on Saturday. F. Charlie Shindle is continuing to recover.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief: report on page 17.

Career Tech Education: Dale reported that 12 of the 18 students passed the State EMT tests. New students attended an orientation on 4/12. There will be an Open House on 10/10/18. Next year there will be 10 seniors and 14 juniors.


ESAC: Next meeting 5/3 at DFES. There is an opening for a Fire Representative on the Committee. Dale nominated Gary Ferrell to be appointed, the nominated was seconded and passed on voice vote.

ESOP: A. VFIS is working on another version of their study.

Fire Police: Busy.

Legislative: Glenn reported: A Budget Hearing on May 15, 2018 at HCC AT 5:30 PM. Try to have at least 5 members from each Company. THIS HEARING WAS ORIGINALY SCHEDULED FOR 6:30 PM. B. See pages 35 - 36 to sign up for MSFA Committees.

LOSAP: Skip reported: A. the State Subtraction Modification will to go up to $7000 in steps. $5000, $6000, $6500, $7000.

Picnic: The Picnic will be held on August 25, at Antietam Recreation Center from 1200 to 1600.

Recruitment and Retention: Nicole reported: A. see page 6 for Nicole's report.

Safety: Report on pages 13 - 15. A. Safety Trailer needs work. DO WE NEED TO KEEP THE SAFETY TRAILER??? Discuss at the next meeting.

Standards: A. Officer Standards: 15 companies OK, 10 companies problems, 4 no information. Any company not in compliance will be referred for action. B. Standard 600-02 Rehabilitation at Incident Scenes & Training Exercises WILL BE VOTED ON AT NEXT MEETING.

Training: A report is in the packet on page 57.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  No unfinished business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:  A. President gave a Training Center update.  B. MSFA Committee are on pages 35 -36.  C. Washington County Apparatus will lead the MSFA parade.  D. MSFA Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Policy and MSFA Disciplinary Policy are on pages 37 - 40.  E. Don't forget the County Budget Hearing on May 15, 2018, at 5:30PM at HCC.  F. Gary Ferrell discussed a publicity campaign to tell the public how the Volunteer Fire Companies are funded.  G. Do we still need to keep the Safety Trailer???

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Jay France memorial service on Monday at Fiery's.

B. MSFA Convention Awards due in April.

NEXT MEETING  THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY COMPANY 27 AT LEITERSBURG SPECIAL EVENTS BUILDING. FOOD WIL BE PROVIDED BEGINNING AT 1800. THE DATE OF THE MEETING IS MAY 17, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary