WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on April 18, 2019 at Station 11.

The meeting was called to order by President Moncrief at 1900. Chaplain Hunsberger led the prayer and Pledge. All companies were present except Co 79. All officers except the Treasurer were present.

GUESTS:

Tim Ganley, VCAF has money to lend.

Tom Brown, DFES, reminded us that the Remembrance in the Park will be held on September 10, 2019. Bricks are still available for purchase.

Rob Slocum, County Administrator, reported: the County Budget Meeting will be held on May 14, 2019 at Hagerstown Community College. There should be a good showing of Fire and Rescue people at this meeting.

Joel McCrea, candidate for 2nd VP of MSFA for 2019, spoke.

Dave Hays, Director DFES, reported: A. Thanks to the kitchen staff. B. Get to the Budget Meeting. Be in uniform or identified as being from the fire service. He would like to see at least 200 people there. C. Safer Grant has been submitted. D. RFP for Ladder, Pump and Hose Testing is out for bid. Looking for a different vendor for this year. E. FO III and FO IV classes were Academy Classes because there were not enough students for a MFRI class.

MINUTES: Minutes accepted are distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer was absent. Stipend checks are waiting for information from LOSAP Coordinators. Make sure all addresses are up to date.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chaplain: A. Greg Kelly and Blaine Snyder were in the hospital. B. Committee meeting minutes will be in the packets. C. There is a National Registry for Chaplains available. It is a First Responder Chaplain Course.

1st VP: Skip reported that A. Fire Reports for the past 15 months have been correct. B. There will be a LOSAP Coordinator meeting Tuesday April 23, at Engine 4. C. Tax /subtraction for 2019 is $5000.
**H.S. Fire Academy:** Kingsley reported:  A. Very important to have good showing at the Budget Hearing on May 14.  B. Students were 1st, 2nd 3rd in State Contest.  C. Students will be attending the Congressional Fire Service Caucus in Washington.  D. Advisory Board meeting May 7.  E. Graduation at South High on May 23.  Billy Goldfelter will be featured speaker.

**ESAC:** Kingsley reported:  A. Every other month they are having a discussion session.  B. Bylaws are being updated.

**Fire Police:**  Very busy.  Flagger Training on April 27.

**Legislative:**  Changes to LOSAP did not pass.

**Recruitment and Retention:**  Position will be readvertised.

**Standards:**  A. As of this date 5 Companies are in compliance.  10 Companies have sent something and 14 have sent nothing.  B. ESS has been operating for 90 days and has some work to do.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Company 6 has not received any PO.s since October.  Their email address was incorrect.

B. Chamber of Commerce nomination for Fire and EMS persons closes May 3.

C. Social Media Policy will be discussed next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Charlie Shindle presented a letter from Company 13, to have the Fire Prevention Trailer and the Truck to pull it be moved to Station 13 and their Junior Firefighters would help maintain it. Company 13 made a motion, seconded by Engine 1.  The motion passed by voice vote.
B. Support from the Association to sent student to Kentucky was discussed.

C. Fit Test equipment was discussed. A new unit is on order.

D. Active 911 payment was questioned. President assured the Association that it will be paid when due.

**NEXT MEETING:** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 16, 2019, AT HAGERSTOWN ENGINE 5, ON FIRST STREET HOSTED BY COMPANY 10. FOOD WILL BE SERVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary