

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on May 18, 2006 at the Clear Spring Volunteer Fire Company Activity Building.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fuscick. Chaplain Leonard Horst gave the invocation and lead in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Company 75. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary.

GUESTS: Rick Lillard, DNR, thanked the Companies for their Assistance during the brush fire season. He also reminded the companies that the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant applications have been sent to all companies that have applied during the last three years. There is a \$3000 limit on grants.

Roger Bennett, MEMA West Region Administrator reported the following items: A. The state has been divided into five regions with the West Region including Washington, Garrett, and Allegheny counties. B. He is just new to MEMA. C. In case of an emergency he will report to the Emergency Ops Command Center to assist as MEMA's representative.

John Latimer IV, DFES, had a written report. Please check your packets.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April meeting were accepted with the change of Company 59 to Company 5 as the Company presenting the plaques.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rick reported a checking account balance of \$200828.15.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: Glenn thanked the companies for their assistance with the Hagerstown Career Firefighters' bonanza.

1st VP: A. The next Executive Committee will be held at the Association office on June 6, 2006, at 7 p.m. B. There was no meeting of the 911 Advisory committee.

TREASURER: It is time to submit the quarterly utility bills.

CHAPLAIN: A. Get well card was sent to Gene Myers of Company 12. B. Bobby Beckman of Company 6 and Bill Shafer of Engine 2 passed away. C. Leonard King's wife is ill.

BUDGET: Jay Grimes said that budget requests must be faxed to him at 301-223-9074 or emailed to the President.

CHIEFS': The President reported that a meeting was held at Company 13. The next meeting will be at Company 11 on 5/24.

COMPUTER: Fire House software will be updated in a couple of weeks. Computers will be taken to the Association office to be updated.

EMS: Rick Meighen reported that the matching fund grant requests are due May 24.

Brigitte reported the following items: A. The drill has been rescheduled for September 23. B. Food will be available in the hospital EMS area tomorrow. C. An inventory of EMAIS computers will be taken. If there are problems with any of the equipment let Brigitte know.

FIRE POLICE: Harry forgot the minutes of the last meeting which was a Hazmat update class. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

POLICE LIAISON: A. Cornel Mullendore reported the following: A. The Sheriff's website will include activities of the Fire Police. He requested permission to link the Association website to the Sheriffs' website. It was decided that links should be established in both directions. B. Gang Awareness training is available. It is hoped that regional training can be held. Contact the Cornel to set up training. C. When on a fire scene be aware of glassware and piping and notify Law Enforcement. Tell Communications the number of Fire Police required to isolate the site.

LEGISLATIVE: Glen reported that they are working on next year.

LOSAP: Skip reported that a meeting has been scheduled of the LOSAP Plan Administrator. 71 people Age 62+ with 25+ years will be eligible for payment in 2007.

STANDARDS: Will Ball reported the following: A. Engine 14 passed inspection as a mini-

pumper. B. Officer Standard: 1) are being evaluated and Companies will be notified of their status in the next two weeks. 2) Companies 4, 5, 12, 49, 59, 79, and Eng 1, Eng 4, Eng 5 have not submitted any information. C. Chiefs' Committee: 1) Discussed Accountability Tags, 2) Discussed the proposed standard for Duty Officer and turned it down. 3) Discussed the Protective Clothing and Helmet standards. D. Meetings have been held to review County standards and MSFA standards. Some changes are needed. E. Tommy Carter has been designated to inspect new equipment. F. Any changes to standards must be approved by the Association. G. Enforcement Procedures: 1) A written warning will be sent. 2) the committee will work with the people to enable compliance. 3. Can comply with old training and by taking and passing tests.

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TRAINING: Jay Grimes reported: A. Lists of training have been distributed. B. May 20 Response to Railroad Incidents will be held at Company 5. C. There is a computer program available to build fires on pictures of local buildings. D. Hazmat Ops classes will be held in Hagerstown on June 4 at 8 a.m., June 7 at 1830, and June 10 to complete. Call 301-790-2476 to register.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Picnic tickets are due back at the next meeting. The minimum age is 16. B. State Association tickets are due back to Rick at the next meeting. C. Tom Altman made a motion that the Association pay expenses for at least 10 picnic tickets for each Company. Kitty Dorsey seconded the motion. Additional tickets will be available at \$10.00 per ticket. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 19 for and 7 opposed. The picnic committee should consider a family picnic next year. D. Clint express concern about the EMS Specialist position being moved to the DFES without discussion by the Association. As 1st VP he did not learn about the move until just before the last meeting. More discussion should be held about a move of this sort.

NEW BUSINESS: A. A motion was made by Jay Grimes, seconded by Skip Menzies, that the Association purchases the simulation software program, "Digital Combustion," to be used at the Training Center at a cost of \$800. The motion passed on a voice vote.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Jay recommended that each Company write a letter supporting Brigitte for the position of EMS Specialist with the County. B. On February 21 unit 255 responded to Brunswick to assist on a fire scene. A bill was sent to Brunswick for \$100+ and Brunswick responded with a check for \$750. The check was presented by Clarence Webber. C. Will Ball reported that the Fire Academy program is going well. There will be 4 students graduating. There are 9 students in the program currently. There are 12 sure for next year and up to 20 interested. Blaine discussed awards to the graduating seniors. Will said that Phil Ridenour was coordinating this effort. D. Nancy will be out of the office next week for a short vacation. If help is required use the fax, email or the answering machine.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled at Company 29. Russ reported that an exact location will be announced.

P. S. An email message reported that the meeting will be held at the old Company 29 station.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary