

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND  
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on May 17, 2007 at Company 26.

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 Companies 6 and 75. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Randy Jamison, Safety Officer for the Washington County Jr. The Football League, requested assistance from the EMS Companies to supply medical personnel at games. Company 26 has been supplying personnel but they need help. Chief 26 recommended that this matter be referred to the EMS Committee. This will be added to their agenda at the next meeting of the committee.

Roger Bennett, Western-Regional Administrator MEMA, reported: A. That the CEDAP Grants application period will be from April 25 thru May 29. B. Maryland Highway Safety Grant, MIEMSS Bioterrorism Grant and MIEMSS matching and Hardship Grants are due at Region 2 MIEMSS office on May 18, 2007. C. Assistance to Firefighter Grants ended May 4, 2007.

John Latimer, Director DFES, thanked everyone for their good wishes and cards. He reported: A. Effective July 1, 2007, all financial reports will be directed to the DFES. The reporting medium may change. Each Company will receive directions in the near future. Three fire companies and two rescue companies operating on a calendar year have not submitted 2006 financial reports. Their quarterly allotments will be held until all reports are received. B. DFES is working to assist with temporary classroom locations during the renovations on Elliott Parkway. C. The FY08 County budget has significant funding increases for fire and rescue services. A public hearing is scheduled for May 22. See report for details.

Kingsley Poole, Regional Coordinator MFRI, reported: A. On a summary of the current classes which are winding down. B. A tentative fall class schedule was included in the packet. This will be finalized in the near future. If any changes are necessary contact Kingsley as soon as possible.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer reported a balance of \$44917.28 in the general checking account.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: President: The president reported that the EMS Plan had been presented to the BOCC and a portion of the personnel were approved for hire and the funding for the remaining personnel was earmarked in the budget. He apologized for losing his temper with the BOCC.

1st VP: Clint reported that a meeting will be held on May 25 with the President, Rick and John to discuss payment for Rick's work at Company 29.

Secretary: Sam apologized for the lateness of the hard copy April minutes. Anyone receiving both email and hard copy of the minutes who would like one of them deleted to see him after the meeting. Email addresses for the President, Chief and Chief Delegate should be given to the Association. This will enable minutes and other information to be distributed in a timely manner. A request for Delegate List was distributed to each Company in January with a March meeting deadline. To date I have not received lists from Companies 69, 75, E5, 59, 19 and 2. Please get them to me as soon as possible. 2007 Company Information was also requested in January with a January 19 target date. To date I have not received information from Companies, 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, 19, 75, E1, E4, and T1. Please get this information to the office as soon as possible.

Chaplain: Get well cards were sent to Richard Baer and Donald Shoemaker. Information was received that MSFA Chaplain, Rev Henry Hetz was injured in a pedestrian accident in Baltimore.

Bob Harsh is recovering after having stents inserted.

Budget and Finance: All Companies, except 5, 59 and 12, have picked up the QuikBooks information two weeks ago.

Chief Officers: A meeting was held in April, but no information was available.

Fire Police: Minutes for March and April were in the packets. A Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held on June 16 at Greensburg Produce on Virginia Ave.

Awards: Blaine reported that the information will be complete in the next ten days. The President reported that the Awards will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting and since there are so few nominations that the awards will be presented at the Company banquets rather than have an Association banquet.

Safety: Skip said that the Committee will have a presentation at the Chief's Committee meeting in June.

Training: Greg Yost discussed the MARYLAND TRAINING WEEKEND sponsored by the CVVFA on June 29 and 30 at the Plaza Hotel. A registration fee on \$25 will cover both days.

Registration should be completed by June 15,

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2007. A flyer was included in the packet showing the training class schedules. Breakfast foods and lunch will be provided.

Picnic: Ticket or moneys are due at the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Chief Ringer questioned the need to send financial information to the Association. The President indicated that since a standardized chart of accounts was being used that the Budget Committee could merge the information to make it easier to answer questions about budget requests at the County level. Company 49 also had questions about sending financial information to the Association. Company 13 suggested that the information be sent to the County Budget Department rather than the Association. The President said the matter will be researched and brought back to the next meeting. In the mean time do not send any information. John Latimer said that financial statements must be sent to the DFES either on line or in paper form as has been done in the past. The Company allotment can be held by the County if the information is not received.

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NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT METING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 14 AT ENGINE 5 HOSTED BY TRUCK 1.

Meeting adjourned at 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray  
Secretary