WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on May 5, 2015 at Company 7.

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Company 5 and 59 were present. All officers except the Secretary were present.

GUESTS:
Donald Lehman, Sgt. MSP Aviation, reported that he would answer any questions concerning Trooper 3 or 5 and could have the Trooper available to be a guest at one of our meetings.
Charles Summers, Dep. Director DFES, thanked everyone for their service.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s report is in the packet pages 6-8.

CHAPLAIN: A. Sympathy cards were sent to the Jane Bond fame family and to the Jay Grimes family. B. Past President L. Jason Baer will be celebrating his 80th birthday on June 2, 2015. It is suggested that he be given a birthday card shower. The address is: L. Jason Baer; Williamsport Retirement Village; Room 1102-B; 154 N. Artizan St.; Williamsport, MD 21795. C. the Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary passed. D. the Chaplain attended a seminar in Pennsylvania concerning Difficult Deaths. E. The Chaplains breakfast was held this past Saturday and Suicides were discussed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Chief Officer: The minutes are in the packet pages 20-27.
Career Tech Education: Graduation will be held on May 27, 2015, at South High at 1900.
Computer: Rick Hemphill reported: A. 3 companies have had Fire House installed on the cloud.
EMS: The minutes are in the packet pages 30-38.
ESAC: The last meeting was cancelled. Minutes of all meetings are on the Association website.
ESO Plan: Open meetings will be held soon. Each Company should have a representative present.
LOSAP: Skip reported: A. updates are required quarterly. New people are picked up for insurance from these reports. The reports are due the 2nd Thursday of April, July and October and the 1st Thursday of the first full week of January. B. training sessions can be held quarterly for new members. C. Company Presidents and Coordinators were sent letters to this effect on April 23, 2015.
Picnic: The committee announced that a picnic will be held August 25, 2015, at the Antietam Recreation off of Garis Shop Road. Gates will open at 1200 and the meal will be served at 1230. To register for tickets go to wcvfr.org and click on link for tickets. Complete the information on the form and tickets will be emailed to you. There will be canoeing, swimming, horseback riding and many other activities available.
Photo: The team is active and if they are needed contact Bill King.

Recruitment and Retention: A. report pages 9-10. B. Prom Promise events were held at several schools. C. a survey was sent to all companies in April and some of them have not been returned. Please get them to Nicole ASAP. D. Statewide Recruitment Day was successful. 19 applications were received. E. Safety trailer training was held at Leitersburg last night. F. the Maryland Fire Chiefs are holding a seminar on May 30, at Bel Air Fire Company to discuss recruitment. see page 61 in handouts. G. Ben Robinson is attempting to restart a Boy Scout Explorer Post at Engine 2 on May 28, 2015. He needs HELP.

Rehab: A. Rehab is revamping SOG’s. Rehab tags should be used. B. the menu will be changing. They are looking for suggestions.

Safety: A. next meeting on 6/9 at 1900. B. they publish a face book page at WCVFR Health and Safety. C. the Safety Officer is not being notified of injuries.

Standards: A. Brush 7 and 8 have passed inspection. Tanker 6 is being inspected tonight. B. the Officer Standard is almost there. Only several small items to be taken care of. 100% within 60 days is great. C. the amended Driver Training Standard is being submitted tonight and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Training: A report is in the packet on pages 51-53.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS No old business was presented.

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NEW BUSINESS: A. the amended Driver Training Standard was presented. The Standard was amended to bring it into line with State law. B. a motion was made, seconded and approved to move the next meeting to June 11, 2015. The meeting will be at Engine 4.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION
A. the Maryland Fire and Rescue Memorial Foundation will hold a Memorial Service on June 7, 2015, at 101 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD at 1400. B. Sweet Frog of Hagerstown will have a Fire and EMS Appreciation Day on June 13, 2015, from 1200-1600. Free cup of frozen yogurt all day to all Fire and EMS personnel with identification. C. the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Grant Writing Seminar on June 2, 2015 at Hager Hall from 1130-1300. Dr. Thomas Alexander of Hagerstown Police Department will be speaking. Reservations are required, call 301-739-2015 ext 100.

NEXT MEETING THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY ENGINE 4 ON JUNE 11, 2015. FOOD WILL BE SERVED.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Murray, Secretary