

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held June 15, 2006, at the Williamsport Ambulance Company.

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

ROLL CALL: All member companies were present except Companies 7, 12, 19, and 59. All officers were present except the 2nd VP, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUESTS: Jim Snyder, MSFA Candidate for Board of Trustees asked us to remember Leonard King's wife who is in the hospital and Beth Stone, MEMA, who broke her ankle in a fall. He also asked for our support in the upcoming elections.

Rick Meighan, MIEMSS, reported the following: A. The Washington County Emergency Services Exercise has been rescheduled for September 23, 2006, at the Maugansville Ruritan Park. There are several classes scheduled to prepare for the Exercise. First-In-Unit S.T.A.R.T. & Jump S.T.A.R.T. Train the Trainer on July 23, 2006 at the Training Center from 0800-1700. Moulage Technician Training on July 8, 2006 at the Training Center from 0900-1600. Contact Brigitte to register for these classes. B. The algorithms for the AED's will be changing. Notify Brigitte of how many cannot be changed. Follow the commands of the machine. Check the Medtronics web site for upgrading information. If the leads out are pink, the unit can be upgraded. C. EMS protocols will be updated after September and implemented 1/1/07. D. Jay Grimes questioned why Washington County personnel had to go to Allegany County for testing. Rick said this is discussed at the first meeting of the class and he will try to have testing done locally.

Terry Gearhart, MSFM office, reported that a news conference concerning fire work is scheduled for June 26, at 0930. There will be demonstrations of legal and illegal fireworks. All companies should be represented.

MINUTES: One correction was noted to correct Bobby Beckman of Company 6 to Bob Beckley of Company 12. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$152537.39.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: A. The first annual banquet for VoTech students was a nice event. It was attended by students, parents, and teachers. There are 14 students enrolled for next year. B. The President has been involved with the interviews for the part time firefighters to be hired by the County.

1ST VP: The minutes of the Executive Committee are in the packet.

2ND VP: Skip was not present.

CHAPLAIN: A. A sympathy card was sent to the family of John Downs. Mr. Downs was the last surviving charter member of Company 4. B. Charles Shindle was not feeling well and was absent this evening.

COMPUTER: The Fire House software will be updated on Companies 26, 5, and 35 computer after the Convention. Company 49 is having trouble loading the new Chart of Accounts.

FIRE POLICE: Minutes are on the table.

LEGISLATIVE: Remember the Hospitality Room.

EMERGENCY SERVICES FEE COMMITTEE: This Committee has been commissioned by the BOCC.

PROPERTY: There have been two bids received to replace 10 windows, 2 awnings, 3 storm doors and replace insulation under the first floor. The lowest bid is \$6910.

SAFETY: Skip wrote a letter to the state concerning parking near Station 49.

STANDARDS: There was a Special Chief's Committee meeting to discuss the Helmet Standard and the Accountability Standard. The Helmet Standard was approved by unanimous vote of the

Chiefs in attendance. Not all companies were represented.

Helmet Standard: The 'NC' referred to in the standard will be purchased by the Association and distributed to the companies as needed. The 'Star of Life' can only be worn by EMT's and above.

Protective Clothing: If the clothing meets NFPA standards at the time of purchase it is OK to wear.

Accountability Tags: A question concerning the City of Hagerstown's use was asked. The City currently uses the PAT tags from the WCVFRA.

DIRECTOR OF DES: The Director had a written report. He took questions from the members. What pagers will be available with the new system? The County will furnish digital alpha pagers. The system will simulcast on low band as long as the system lasts. John explained how the pagers will work. The BOCC voted to furnish portables from day 1. John suggested that each Company should thank the Commissioners for purchasing this system.

OLD BUSINESS: No new business was discussed.

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NEW BUSINESS: A. Jay Grimes made a motion to adopt the Protective Clothing and Helmet Identification Standard as revised. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 20 For, 0 Against, and 3 Abstentions. B. Jay Grimes made a motion seconded by Jack Latimer to adopt the Personnel Accountability Standard. This motion passed on a roll call vote of 20 For, 0 Against, and 3 Abstentions.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Rick Blair reported on the Dedication of the Fallen Firefighter Memorial. B. The CVVFA Convention will be held in Greencastle on August 2-5, 2006. C. Fire or Rescue units going to the Convention will not be charged tolls at the bridges. D. Company 5 will be having a Basket Bingo and Chicken BBQ on Sunday.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at Company 26 on July 20, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 2028.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary