

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND  
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on June 14, 2007 at Hagerstown Engine 5 hosted by Truck 1.

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 12, and 19. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Paul Sterling, 1st VP MSFA, reported the following: A. There are some issues with the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund. These are being worked on and should be corrected soon. B. Live burn legislation was discussed at the Maryland Education Training Committee. The MSFA is opposed to additional legislation which is covered by NFPA 1403. MSFA supports additional training and MFRI has developed a 6-hour course concerning live burns. C. The training committee is updating the ten-year plan. D. The Convention schedule is available on the MSFA web site. There will be several hands on seminars at the convention which is a new item. E. Please contact one of the Presidents if you will serve on a committee. F. Dale Fishack will be the Washington/Frederick County Executive Committee Representative. G. Richard Yinger is having back problems, Judy Lau is having medical problems, Rev. Dave Coblentz is having medical problems, And Chief Hurley had heart surgery.

Dave Keller, MSFA Exec. Committee, reported the following items: A. Thanks for the help during the past year. B. MSFA Credentials are not in for four Washington County Companies.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI Regional Coordinator, reported the following: A. A 6 hr live burn class is available and two are scheduled in the region in the fall. B. The 2007 Fall Schedule is out. C. The Computer Center at the Convention will be able to print out transcripts. D. The Tech High School Banquet will be on June 28 at 1830 at Beaver Creek Country Club.

Roger Bennett, MEMA Regional Administrator, reported the following: A. The Amish School Shooting presentation which will be given at the Convention is very good. B. A draft copy of the National Fire Service Intrastate Mutual Aid System (IMAS) is out for comments. The end date for comments is this week. An additional comment period is planned. C. A Maryland Coordination & Analysis Center (MCAC) meeting will be held on Monday, June 18, 2007, in Grantsville. There is a study to determine if there is regional interest for a satellite office in Western Maryland. This group concentrates on Gang, Drugs and Terrorism. D. The CEDAP grant application period ends June 29, 2007. E. Several grant sites are included on Roger's report.

Doug Mullendore, Sheriff, reported the following: A. On Tuesday, June 19, Doug and John will make a presentation to the City Council to update them on the radio system and to discuss a joint communications center. B. Doug has gotten complaints from around the County about emergency equipment drivers. REMEMBER THAT LIGHTS AND SIRENS REQUEST THE RIGHT OF WAY AND DO NOT GRANT THE RIGHT OF WAY.

Kevin Lewis, DDIR. DFES, reported the following: A. 9 ALS positions and three vehicles were funded by the BOCC to support the EMS Phase 1 plan. B. Dir. Latimer will meet with the BOCC concerning the distribution of 508 monies. C. The EMS Regional Council met and approved grant requests. D. Representatives of the DFES attended a seminar at the Fire Academy concerning the paperwork required after an LOD death. Each Company will receive a packet from the National Fallen Firefighters' organization. E. The EOC will be offering a Management Ops course.

MINUTES: The Minutes for the May meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$37847.33. A Profit and Loss statement is in the packet.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: President: A. The President presented the 2006 Outstanding Volunteer Administrator to Donald Koons. Donny has been Chief of the Air Unit since 1966. The award is presented in recognition of his service for 40 years. The Air Unit has never scratched on a dispatch. B. Financial Statement: There has never been a motion in the past five years to establish procedures for financial statements. NEW PROCEDURES: There is no longer a requirement to use QuikBooks and the Association will no longer support QuikBooks. There is no requirement to provide the BOCC or the Association a copy of your budget. A copy of your income and expenses will be sent to the DFES on hard copy or online three months after the close of your fiscal year. This information will be provided on a two page EXCEL spreadsheet. Everyone on the email list will receive a copy of the EXCEL spreadsheets. Glenn will be the contact person for any questions about the spreadsheet of procedures to follow.  
1st VP: Clint reported: A. Rick meet with the DFES concerning pay for the work done at Company 29.  
2nd VP: Skip had several reports. Safety: The Safety Committee will meet with the Chief's Committee at their next  
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meeting.

LOSAP: A meeting will be held with the Coordinators in August to discuss procedures for new people receiving benefits and to update information for those currently receiving benefits.

COMPUTER: 2 Companies are late with their fire reports. 508 monies can be withheld if the Company is not current.

CHIEF OFFICERS: The next meeting is at Company 6 on June 27.

FIRE POLICE: The next meeting will be at Company 11 on September 12. Minutes of the May meeting are in the packet.

LEGISLATIVE: Glen Fishack reported that the open house will be on Monday at 1800.

PHOTO: Orders are being taken for 2008 calendars. Ads can be placed on the calendars at a rate of \$10 for daily ad and \$20 for a weekly ad. If anyone has suggestions to improve the calendar sent then to the website. The President thanked the photo team for their pictures.

PROPERTY: The weeds need to be pulled.

STANDARDS: Companies out of compliance will be contacted. County monies can be withheld if a Company is not in compliance.

PICNIC: The picnic will be held on July 21 at the Redmen at 1300. Use the side door.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was presented.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Companies 5 and 59 will hold a Gun Raffle on August 25.

Tickets are \$20.00 for one person. An additional person can attend for the meal only for \$10.

B. Beginning in June minutes hard copy minutes will not be sent to any person receiving the minutes by email unless the Association Secretary is notified differently.

C. Glenn thanked all those people who helped with the Bonanza Extravaganza. \$88000 has been distributed to Association members who helped.

NEXT MEETING: JULY 19 WILL BE HOSTED BY COMPANY 27 AT THE LEITERSBURG FIRE COMPANY ACTIVITIES CENTER.

Meeting adjourned at 2038.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray  
Secretary