

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on June 12, 2008 at the Potomac Valley Fire Company.

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

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Company 19 and Engine 3. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Roger Bennett, MEMA, reported: A. The Pandemic Influenza Statewide Exercise will be held June 17-19, 2008. B. The MD DNR Assistance Grant will only allow 1 3/4" hose and closes June 25, 2008. C. The MIEMSS grants close July 15, 2008. D. The CEDAP grant closes June 30, 2008 and includes Rescue Tools and Rescue Cameras. Additional information is in the written report.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. The EVOC class is scheduled for Funkstown in July, But he has not received any names. He needs at least 15 names soon. B. If a class is needed give him 3 week's notice and a list of 15 names. See additional information in the written report.

Rick Lillard, DNR, distributed Maryland Dry Hydrants, a publication showing the location of all Dry Hydrants in the state. If there are additions' contact Rick.

Doug Mullendore, Sheriff, reported: A. Meetings with a committee of the Fire Police will take place during the summer to update Operating Policies. B. If a Fire Police is suspended from the Company notify the Sheriff's Department so that powers can be suspended. If a Fire Policeman leaves the Company notify the Sheriff's Department and get all equipment back.

Kevin Lewis, Director DFES, reported: A. The BOCC appointed him Director effective July 1, 2008. B. He wants to enhance the services and financial assistance to the Companies. Education and Training are very important to him. C. The County received \$332000+ 508 monies for distribution. Each Company will receive \$8953.90. Kevin would like to have the email address of the person responsible for the 508 funds at each Company. D. The BOCC has allocated an additional \$3000 for each Company during the next year. 3-4 Companies will have their allocation held because they have not gotten their financial information to the Budget Department. E. The Revolving Loan Committee members received a report of the financial status of the fund. The interest rate is still 5%. F. The Waterway Improvement Fund grants from DNR close July 15. G. Protocol updates are continuing. A Trauma Decision Tree has been added to the protocols. H. The American Heart Association has changed procedures requiring that AEDs be upgraded. 35+ AEDs in the County need to be upgraded and the County is working on a package deal with Lardaul. I. The new radio project is progressing and it is time to start installation of equipment that has been received. Contact DFES with the name of a contact person to have equipment installed. J. Thanks to all who responded to the severe weather problems on June 4. An after action report is being developed. It is important to get elected officials involved.

MINUTES: The minutes for the May meeting were approved with the change that 1st VP Stouffer was in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported \$11405.32 in General Checking. Doug Snow made a motion to accept the report and Dan Grove seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

CONVENTION: A Convention Schedule is in the packet.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1st VP: An Executive Committee will be held before the next Association meeting.

Standards: A meeting was held and several legal points are being researched.

Computer: A. A storm caused a switch problem which slowed the system. B. The Fire Reports are being received on time. C. There have been some problems with the DSL lines. Verizon shut one line down by mistake.

Safety and Fire Prevention: A. The Safety Trailer is scheduled to go to Companies 7 and one later this month. B. Contact Nancy if you want to use the Safety Trailer.

Chief's: The next meeting will be held at Company 12 on June 25 at 1830.

Training: Jay reported: A. Classes can be added at any time with 3-4 weeks notice to him or Kingsley. B. Training Center - !) The CHIEF Development Group will meet in the next couple of weeks. 2) Greg Snook of the HCC Board of Directors does not see any thing being done for at least 2-3 years. 3) Jay will check MFRI for information. 4) 11-12 acres will be needed.

Greg Yost reported that the CVVFA will hold their 2nd Annual Training Weekend on June 27-28. See packet for more information.

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Fire Police: Doug Snow reported: A. 35 Fire Police attend a Traffic control training session last weekend. B. FP are needed on June 14 at Company 9 Auto Show and on June 21 at Company 7 and June 22 at Company 2. Picnic: Ticket or moneys are due back tonight.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. The President said he was proud of the volunteers. Company 6 will have a presentation at the Convention entitled "Big Fires in Small Towns" and Company 7 will be honored for their assistance at a police shooting. B. The President made the Association aware of a discussion at th Caroline County Association January meeting at which the President of the Caroline County Association said that the Washington County Association was opposed to the MSFA Executive Director position and the increase in dues. This is incorrect. C. A motion was made by Jason Baer, and seconded by Dale Martin too sent a letter to the Caroline County Association that the information was incorrect. The motion was passed. D. A motion was made by Jason to support th Executive Director Position. The motion was seconded by Dan Grove and passed. E. A motion was made by Jason to support the due's increase, seconded by Dan Grove and passed.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Company 4 is having a Gun Bonanza on Saturday, June 14. B. Frank Underwood is feeling better and will be at the Convention. C. It was requested that Rick give a complete financial report. Rick gave the report showing assets of \$522126.01 and a note due from Company 2 for \$43500. D. The DFES got a thumb drive from some company containing LOSAP information. If any Company has a thumb drive missing contact Skip.

NEXT MEETING : THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 17 AT COMPANY 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary