

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on July 19, 2007 at Leitersburg Fire Company Activity Center hosted by Longmeadow Volunteer Fire Co.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Fuscick. Jason Baer gave the invocation and lead in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL - All member companies were present except Engine 5. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Roger Bennett, Western Div. MEMA, reported the following: A. The fire reports will continue to be filed electronically, but will be screened by MEMA. MEMA will determine eligibility for grants and loans by the timeliness of the fire reports. This could delay grant and loan funding for those companies not submitting fire reports in a timely manner. B. The draft edition of the Mutual Aid System will be reopened for comments. Submit suggested changes to the DFES. C. The WebEOC overload test showed that there are still some problems. These are being corrected. D. A hazmat exercise will be held in the County. The table top exercise will be on 16 August and the actual exercise will be held on 22 September. Contact Roger or Verna if you are interested in participating.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported the following: A. Classes starting soon: EMT-B at Clear Spring on 4 September and FFI at Leitersburg on 5 September. B. The Swift water Unit I class at Deep Creek in August is cancelled. C. Register for fall classes.

John Latimer, DFES, reported the following: A. The job description for the Advanced Life Support Technician (EMS) has been released and applications will be accepted until August 7, 2007. The application is on the www.washco-md.net website. FAQ's are included in the Director's report. B. Financial reporting will be submitted to the DFES in the format presented at the June meeting. C. The renovation of the Elliott Parkway facility is slated to begin in September. D. EMS information: 1) The first eight students in the paramedic bridge class passed the Maryland paramedic test. 2) 23 students are participating in the EMT-I entrance course. The written test is scheduled for July 26 and the practical on July 30. Note: Four volunteers are needed to be victims. Contact Brigitte at bheller@washco-md.net if you are interested in helping. E. The mandatory Protocol Update for all certified and licensed providers is required before July 1, 2008. Dr. Richard Alcorta will instruct five of the classes in the County. All Company Officers are encouraged to enroll their responders early to assure that everyone receives timely training. Contact Brigitte for additional information. F. The hazmat exercise referred to in Roger Bennett's report will involve the R. C. Wilson Water Treatment Plant.

MINUTES: The minutes for June were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$20026.10. The books have been closed for the year.

COMMUNICATIONS: A. Paul Sterling is attending the Frederick County Firemens' Association this evening. B. Dale Fishack is attending the Frederick County Firemens' Association this evening. He submitted a written report. All the initiatives passed at the Convention. The dues passed but the amount is to be determined. C. King's Dominion tickets are still available.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORT

President: A. Flash drives for financial reports were distributed to each Company this evening. Those Companies operating on a fiscal year are due to the DFES by September 30, 2007. Those Companies operating on a calendar year are due to the DFES by March 31, 2008. This will replace the six page report that was submitted to the County.

1st VP: A. Clint thanked the Hospitality Committee for a job well done on the ocean. B. An Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 16 at Engine 4 prior to the next Association

meeting hosted by Engine 3.

2nd VP: A. Skip also thanked the Hospitality Committee.

LOSAP: A. At the last BOCC meeting a state of the LOSAP program was presented and everything is on track. B. There will be a meeting of the LOSAP Coordinators and Alternates at Company 2 on August 21 at 1900. A representative of each Company must attend. Transactions are to be received each quarter. TO DATE COMPANIES 12 AND 27 HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ANYTHING FOR 2007. This must be received by July 31. Chip berated these companies.

EPINS: Companies needing numbers can call Skip or Nancy at the office.

FIRE REPORTS: Company 12 has not submitted June reports.

SAFETY: Meeting at 0930 tomorrow at the Office.

SAFETY TRAILER: The trailer is being kept in good repair.

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COMPUTER: Vista Home and Vista Business is being tested for compatibility with the various software packages. RSS are still available.

WEB PAGE: The web page is being enhanced. The radio channels will be added.

BUDGET AND FINANCE: The budget is on track.

CHIEF'S COMMITTEE: The meeting was held on June 27, at Company 6. A. There was a presentation by Becky Maginnis about Workman's Compensation. She distributed accident packs to be returned. B. Driver status must be monitored. C. Ride along's were discussed. The visiting fireman is covered by their own Company. D. Everyone operating on the scene must have Hazmat Ops. E. VoTech has been very successful with 13 students this year. F. RIT stickers have been ordered and will be distributed when they are received. G. Two standards were approved. The Staffing Standard and the Operating Procedures for Roadway Incidents. H. A standard for ATR vehicles is being developed.

POLICE LIAISON: Randy thanked the firefighters who spotted a suspect at a recent home invasion. He asked all personnel to be alert when responding to incidents.

PHOTO TEAM: Brian Stallings reported that new bylaws are being developed. Calendar sales are in process.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: The deadline for reporting Officer Qualifications has passed. Some Companies are having monies withheld until the standards are complied with. A discussion was held about this situation, and it was concluded that the Company was not being fined, but having monies withheld which will be released when the information is received.

TRAINING: Register for classes as soon as possible. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

PICNIC: The picnic will be held on Saturday at 1300 at the Redmen's Club.

LEGISLATIVE: 175 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE Hospitality Room. Glen Fishack made a motion, seconded by Dan Grove to have the Room again next year. The motion passed.

SAFETY: The each piece in the Fit-Test machines have been inventoried. When checking out a machine you must sign for each piece. When the machine is returned it will be inventoried and any missing pieces will be billed to the Company having the machine.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Dr. Metzner of Company 10 made a motion, seconded by Harry Gossard to The Operating Procedures for Roadway Incidents presented by the Standards Committee. A roll call vote showed the motion passed with 21 for, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions. B. Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Harry Gossard, that the changes to The Minimum Apparatus Staffing submitted by the Standards Committee be accepted. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 14 for, 3 opposed, and 8 abstention.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Bryan Stallings proposed that the Association form a Color Guard. He will canvass the members to determine interest. B. Clarence Webber has chances on a rifle being offered by the MSFA. See him if you are interested. C. A list of Officer for each

Company will be prepared. D. Sam Murray suggested that the Association and the MSFA support a Move Over Law for the State of Maryland. Glen Fishack will pursue. E. Blaine Snyder discussed a TV ad that he saw, and suggested that the Association should investigate. F. Captain Sprecher discussed a recruiting campaign being planned for the City of Hagerstown. G. Captain Sprecher also discussed a response vehicle being purchased for Engine 2. The unit will be available to transport volunteers to fire scenes, etc. It will be known as Special Unit 32. H. Blaine suggested that the Association again pursue the recruitment of new volunteers.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ENGINE 4 HOSTED BY ENGINE 3.

Meeting adjourned at 2052.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary