

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on July 17, 2008 at Engine 5 hosted by Company 10.

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. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary.

GUEST: Verna Brown, DFES, was present representing the Washington County Citizens Corps. A. In 2001 the City of Hagerstown dedicated a portion of City Park to the Emergency Services. On September 9, there will be a dedication and planting of two trees to honor the two policemen killed in the line of duty. The program will start at noon and be known as Remembrance in the Park. People are invited to bring their lunches and join the program. All Companies are invited to attend. B. September is Preparedness Month and a brick walk will be placed leading to the brick wall constructed in 2001. Bricks are being sold at \$30.00 each and will be engraved with the donor's name. Verna issued a challenge to each member Company to have a brick in the walk. Orders are needed by August 9 to get the bricks ready by the program date. Call Verna for details. C. CERT training is available for anyone in the community.

Doug Mullendore, Sheriff, discussed: A. During the summer his Department is working with a committee of the Fire Police to update the Standard Operating Procedures. B. The men and women of the Sheriff's Department send their thanks for the daily assistance given by the members of the Association.

Kevin Lewis, Director of DFES, discussed: A. Please read the report in the packet. B. The County is developing a 50/50 grant for AEDs. He requested the Association to pick up the Companies 50%. The DFES wants to be sure that 100% of the first responding vehicles are equipped with AEDs. This would include trucks, squads, and primary engines. The total estimated cost is \$64000 with the match being \$32000. C. The electrical contract should be ready in a week or two. Copies of the contract will be sent to each company. D. The bulk purchase of vests is being worked on. They are waiting for information. The Standards Committee should develop standards for vests.

Brigitte Heller, DFES, See report.

Jennifer Barciz, WCVFRA Fire Prevention Queen, reported: A. She did not win the contest, but did take 2nd place in the pajama parade. B. She was invited to run for the Maryland Fire Chiefs' Association Fire Prevention Queen. C. Jennifer proposed that a Fire Prevention Queen Committee be formed.

MINUTES: Dan Grove made a motion to accept the June minute as distributed, the motion was seconded by Kitty Boward and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rick reported \$54912.74 in general checking.

COMMUNICATIONS: A. A letter was read from the Cantone family thanking the Association for its support. B. A letter from the Smithsburg Pride Committee about their parade on July 19 was read. C. A thank you note from Jennifer was read.

CONVENTION: A. The dues increase passed. Also, Questions 2, 3, 4, and 5 passed.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1st VP: reviewed the minutes of the Executive Committee.

2nd VP: LOSAP: Quarterly reports must be sent to the Association. Many companies did not send the first quarter reports. This improved during the second quarter. These reports are to be posted at the Company. Fire Reports: Five companies have not submitted May reports. June reports are due today.

Asst. Treasurer: Computer: 911 calls are being re transmitted. A computer was taken to Company 59 for LOSAP.

Budget and Finance: Greg Yost said the committee must meet to adjust for the unfunded portion of the budget. Chiefs': The minutes are in the packet.

EMS: The minutes are in the packet.

Picnic: The picnic is on Saturday at 1300.

Building: Charles Shindle reported: A. There are problems with the roof and a portion siding on the gable end of the building pulling away. The weeds and shrubs need major care. There are vertical cracks in the building. The down spouts need repair. B. The committee obtained bids for the replacement of the shingles on the roof. One bid to re roof and repair down spouts was \$4725 + replacement of necessary wood on a time/material basis. Replace the siding on the gable end on a time and material basis. Another bid was for \$6000 to replace the whole roof. Installation of a vinyl railing at the door on the north side for \$1215. Removal and replacement of shrubs \$2700. The WCVFRA

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monthly spraying of herbicide and insecticide \$140/ month for 10 months each year. Jay Grimes made a motion to accept the bid of \$4125 to repair the roof and to include the repair of the gable end and to hold off on the rest of the work until a final price was determined for the roof. The motion was seconded by Blaine and was passed. The Association will tackle the yard work with assistance from the Sheriff's Department. Harry Gossard will work on the railing for the north door.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Dan Grove made a motion that the Association purchase a brick for \$30.00. The motion was seconded by Joe Ralls and passed. B. Steve Heefner made a motion seconded by Jennifer Barciz to add a Fire Prevention Queen Committee headed by Jennifer. The motion was passed. C. Leonard Horst made a motion seconded by Dan Grove that the Association provides the 50% match needed for the additional AEDs. On a roll call vote the motion passed with 25 voting for and one abstaining. D. The President reported that according to the LOSAP report for the 2007 year that the EMS companies reported 177 volunteers. E. The dispatch of Squad 20 on daytime working fires was discussed. Kevin explained that the personnel could be used as a RIT team if needed.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Picnic will be held at the Redmen on Saturday. B. Sad note: DC Steve Barnhart's mother passed away. C. Company will have a gun give away on August 23. D. Company 4's carnival is July 28 - August 2. E. The Peach Festival will be held on Leitersburg on August 9 - 10.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT COMPANY 49 ON AUGUST 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary