WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on July 21, 2016 at Company 7 hosted by Company 79.

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 1900. Chaplain Bower led the prayer and Pledge. All companies were present. All officers were present.

GUESTS:
David Hayes, Dir. DFES. reported: A. Fairplay Fire Company has some financial challenges, but has appointed new officers and has about 100 new members. New bylaws are being written and should be ready in about 90 days. Training needs are being assessed and radios are being made ready. The target date for returning to service is 9/1 to 10/1. B. Land for a new Consolidated Training is being purchased. It is at 9238 Sharpsburg Pike and consists of 49 acres. C. Responders need to have Situational Awareness when responding. D. BARB is being refined for 2nd and higher responding companies. E. Still having radio problems in the South County. There may be a spot on the Loudon County tower for a Washington County antenna. F. Some changes are being made in the structure of the center. G. Candidates for the Asst. Dir. of Fire are being interviewed on Monday and Friday. H. The fuel and Maintenance policy is explained in a handout to each Company titled Fuel, Maintenance and Testing Reimbursement Program for Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Final: Version 9, dated July 1, 2016. Hope to fully fund Ladder, Hose, Pump, and DOT testing. An RFQ to maximize savings for the Companies is being prepared. I. A Water Rescue Safety Document prepared by Special Operations Department was distributed to each Company. J. A Duty Shift Stipend Procedure was distributed to each Company.

Terry Baker, BOCC reported: A. Great things are on the horizon. Thanks for all you do.
Wayne Keefe, BOCC reported: A. He is a new Commissioner and would like invitations to visit all companies.
Sierra Smallwood, MSFA Miss Fire Prevention, reported: A. she has attended several functions around the state and is available to attend functions within the County.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer’s report is in the packet pages 4-6. Books have been sent to the auditors. Dir. Hayes reported that the Senator Amos funds will be $11472, per Company.

CHAPLAIN: A. Minutes of May 21, 2016 meeting on page 13 of the packet. Next meeting will be held at the State Police Barracks. B. All companies should update their bylaws to include the duties of the Chaplain. C. NIMS training will be conducted at Eng. 4. NIMS 100, August 16; NIMS 200, Sept. 20; MINS 700, Oct. 25, NIMS 800, Nov. 15 at 1830. These classes are open to all, contact Chappie for attendance. D. MSFA Certificates for the family and the Company for the following deceased members: Raymond Ambrose, Harry Daviler, Hayden Hoffman, Michael Boward, Jr., James Bond, Barbara Kiester, Lorraine Hawbaker, Jane Winters, Lester Bussard, Walter
OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget: All budget requests must be submitted by August 31.
Chief Officer: The next meeting is the 27th at 1930.
Career Tech: Dale reported next meeting Aug. 5. 29 students are signed for this year.
ESAC: No meeting in July for lack of a quorum. Next meeting Aug. 4 at 1900.
Picnic: The family picnic will be held at Antietam Recreation on August 20. Register online at the Association website (wcvfr.org). Last day to register is August 12.
Property: Meeting tomorrow at 1000.
Standards: A. Changes being worked on: RIT, Rehab, Ladder/Quint/Tower, Heavy Rescue/Rescue Engine. B. New Stds.: UTV/ATV, mobile and fixed Air Compressors. C. 5 companies still have Officer Standard problems. Discussion on NIMS 100-300 was only for 2015 year. NIMS 300 must be taken.

Training: Training pp7-8. The Training Officer Portal must be updated as soon as possible to facilitate implementation of the new online registration system.

OLD BUSINESS No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Fairplay Fire Company officers will be at the next meeting.
B. Each Company should come to the next meeting prepared to vote on the reinstatement of the Fairplay Fire Company to the Association. No vote will be taken if the standards are not met. If the Company is readmitted it will be on a probationary basis.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION
A. Company 4 is holding a cash drawing. B. Company 13 will hold a Gun Bonanza at the Red Men Club on 9/24. C. CONGRADULATIONS to Rich Blair on his election as 2nd VP of MSFA. D. Station 5 will be having a Gun Bash. E. Rick Hemphill has been appointed to the MSFA Exec Comm. F. Station 8 will have a Car Show on 9/6 from 0900-1600.

NEXT MEETING THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY ENGINE 5. FOOD WILL BE SERVED, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary