

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on August 17, 2006 at Company 12.

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 Engine 2, Truck 1, Company 16, and 19. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Roger Bennett, MEMA, discussed some of the grants available and provided a packet with online addresses. He also discussed the Pandemic Influenza Exercise on August 21, 2006. Dale Fishack, MSFA Scholarship Committee, presented a Shock Trauma Board of Visitors Scholarship for \$2500.00 to Garret Snyder of Smithsburg.

Frank Underwood, 2nd VP MSFA, discussed the following: A. Thanked Washington County for their support in the recent election and suggested that if persons wanted to run for election they should volunteer for committees. B. Only 1/3 of the member companies sell or buy the raffle tickets on \$10000. This money is used to run the convention which has become very expensive. C. One of his goals is to bring new and younger members into the organization. D. The Trumpet newsletter is being revamped. E. The website has not been updated on a regular basis. This will be taken care of soon.

David Keller, MSFA Executive Committee for Washington/Frederick Counties, reported: A. Important information will be sent by email. B. The Executive Committee will meet this weekend at Medford Road. C. Rev. Louis Cole, a former Chaplain, passed away. D. Dave's email address is keller3@hotmail.com and cell phone is 301-748-0627.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, provided a list of classes starting soon. The list also included seminars held this summer. Some of the classes scheduled are lacking enough students to go. The classes needing more students are: EMS Officer which starts 9/9 at Company 19; EMTB Refresher which starts 9/11 at WCTC; Engine Company ireground Operations which starts 9/12 at WCTC; Fire Officer I which starts 9/18 at Company 4; First Responder Basic which starts 9/24 at Company 4; First Responder Refresher which starts 9/30 at WCTC; and Instructor I which starts 9/25 at WCTC. The list is attached to the minutes.

Kevin Lewis, Deputy Director DFES, reported the following: A. Correspondence will be sent to each Company concerning NIMS compliance. Please complete and return. B. The center is experiencing cad issues which should be corrected by tomorrow. C. Victims are needed for the Pandemic Exercise on Monday, August 21. D. The website is going to be enhanced. Let Kevin know if you have suggestions to make it better. E. Chief Officers meeting next week is important and each Company should have a representative. Have information concerning your daytime staffing available. The DFES will explain what is available from Special Ops.

MINUTES: The July minutes were accepted as written. The Executive Committee minutes were accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$18580.82 and a total asset balance of \$217977.51. The Association does not use the County Chart of Accounts.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1st VP: A. The duties formerly handled by Brigitte that have been transferred to Nancy are explained in item 5 of the Executive Committee minutes. B. Pagers for the new radio system are included in the radio bids. C. Deputy Chief Horn said that the Hagerstown Fire Department will not use the Standardized Dispatch and not sign mutual aid agreements.

2nd VP: LOSAP: A. Appeal hearings are taking place now for years prior to 1996. These will end on August 31, 2006 and no more appeals for those years will be heard. Forms for appeals can

be obtained from Nancy at the office. B. A letter is being distributed tonight for each Company for a meeting on August 26 at 1000 at the Training Center. The Coordinator, Alternate Coordinator, President, Vice President or Secretary of the Company must be in attendance. Questions concerning distribution procedures of LOSAP retirement will be answered. All forms must be to the County by October. C. According to the County LOSAP backup information must be retained for four years.

COMPUTER: Quik internet will be discontinued on August 31, 2006.

FIRE HOUSE: A. 6.0 version has been installed at all but the airport. B. Other counties are being installed. Franklin County is being added. Let Skip know which Counties should be added for mutual aid. C. Problems should be directed to Brian Lohman. Brian is at the Association office on Friday evenings.

CHAPLAIN: A. Jay Grimes was in the hospital. B. William Delauter passed away. He was a member of Company 27 and Hagerstown Companies.

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COMMITTEES:

CHIEF OFFICERS: A. The next meeting is August 23, 2006 at Company 75.

EMS: The next meeting is August 22, 2006 at the WCTC. More information will be available on a Medical Director and a new Chairperson will be determined.

FIRE POLICE: The next meeting will be in September.

LEGISLATIVE: We need to be vocal during the upcoming election and to know what the BOCC candidates are going to do for the Fire Service. Glenn found that we can do polical action as long as no money from the Association is spent.

PHOTO TEAM: The team is selling ads for the calendar. Some months are sold out.

PROPERTY: Work is progressing.

TRAINING: Jay Grimes reported: A. Thanked Kingsley Poole for working with the Association to get classes paid for last year. B. Asked the president if the Association would pay for classes needed to meet Officers Standards if there were not enough people to fill the class? The President said that there was money in the budget to pay for classes if there were people signed up. Call 1-800-ASK-MFRI to check class schedules and to sign up for classes.

PICNIC: Dan Grove reported that this was the best picnic yet. Dan made a motion that the Association include money for next year's picnic in the budget. The motion was seconded. The President requested that the motion be withdrawn until a monetary amount could be determined. The parties agreed and the motion will be reintroduced at a later date.

EMERGENCY FEE TASK FORCE: A meeting is scheduled for the end of the month. Companies need help with manning and funds.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Glen Fishack announced that the Smithsburg Community Fire Company had endorsed Dale Fishack, Jr, for the office of 2nd VP of the MSFA. He made a motion that the Associations endorse Dale for this office. The motion was seconded by Dan Grove. The motion was passed with 21 Companies voting in favor. Dale said that his platform will include Recruitment & Retention, Unfunded mandates, providing training in alternative manners, and being proactive concerning bills and forums.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Blaine still needs pictures of Past Presidents. B. Harry said the flags have been ordered and will be paid for by the Woodmen of the World. C. Steve Heefner said the CVVFA recently held their 105th Convention in Greencastle. The convention next year will be in Winchester and the convention in 2010 will be in Harrisburg. Greg Yost of Company 5 was elected the 4th VP. D. A new State Police liaison is needed as Kevin Lewis has ben transferred. Glenn will contact the Police Liaison. E. Jay Grimes thanked Leonard for his visit while Jay was in the hospital. F. Leitersburg will have a bonanza on 9/30. G. Funkstown will have a Duck race, BBQ, and Pit Beef on 8/26. H. Company 6 will have a basket

bingo to support the File family on 8/26. I. Jason congratulated Dale and thanked him for running for the VP position.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be at Company 6 on September 21, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary