

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on August 16, 2007, at Engine 4 hosted by Engine 4.

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 5, Company 75 and Company 59. All officers were present except the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

GUEST: Sheriff Mullendore reported that a group from the County will be going to the Motorola Company in Illinois on Sunday to test the new radio system. If there are any problems they will be corrected and then the system will be shipped to Washington County. The Keep Tryst tower is still a problem. This location is very critical to the system for coverage in the southern part of the County. Some of the people and the Park Service have not signed off on the location.

Dale Fishack, MSFA Executive Committee Representative, reported the following: A. Craig Moe has been appointed to the Executive Committee to replace Judy Lau. Craig will be Vice Chair. B. The Legislative Committee is including additional funding for widows and orphans, the Move Over law, returning the loan funds to MSFA control, continued funding for MSFA, and an increase in the Tax Subtraction Modification from \$3500 to \$5000. They are also going to push for 5% of the slot's revenue for the Fire Service. C. Repairs are being made at 17 State Circle. D. MSFA Foundation is working to attach outside support. E. The next Executive meeting will be on 9/23 in Damascus. F. Ron Siarnicki, MSFA Treasurer, had an accident and hurt his back. Keep him in your prayers.

Bobby Jacobs, MSFA Legislative Committee, reported: A. Feedback is desired about the agenda of the Committee reported by Dale.

Kevin Lewis, DFES Deputy Director, reported the following: A. The application period for the Advanced Life Support Technician positions will remain open until September 6, 2007 until 1600. B. There was a table top exercise held today for a hazardous material incident at the R. C. Wilson water treatment plant. A practical exercise will be held on September 22, 2007 from 0900 - 1200 at the plant. C. The bids for renovations to the Elliott Parkway building will be opened next week. Any equipment must be removed in the next week.

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported the following: A. Most of the classes scheduled for the fall session need additional students. Please sign up early. B. The MFRI Hydration policy is in effect. It is posted at the Hagerstown training site and is available from MFRI. C. The VoTech classes are set to start soon. D. Check the MFRI website for changes to schedules.

MINUTES: The July minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$9493.90. The gaming check has been received.

COMMUNICATIONS: A. A letter from the State Police Aviation Command was forwarded by Paul Sterling concerning the demonstration of the helicopters. Demonstration will only be held at the helicopter bases. B. A letter from Company 75 was received stating that 752 will move from Engine 2 to Engine 4 on August 27. O change is requested in the first due service area. C. Roger Bennett's report was received and is in the packet. D. Roger also advised that DOT has a Transportation Information Guide to Emergency Managers. The guide has recommendations for communicating with the public transportation emergencies. The guide is available on the DOT website at <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publication/atis>.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: A. Anyone interested in serving on the nominating committee should contact him. B. The VoTech class has 10 students and 3 volunteers signed up. Talk up the program in your

Company. Classes will be taught at Company 10. There will be an Open House for students and parents at Company 10 on 8/21. C. One Company is outstanding on Officer Standards certification. D. Next months meeting will be held here at Engine 4 hosted by Company 1.
1st VP: A short Executive meeting was held and the following discussed: A. A webcast to transmit the radio frequencies is being worked on. B. Company 29 books are near being closed. C. Cancer support CD will be distributed next month. D. Photo Team LOSAP is being researched by the County Attorney. E. A Safety Center is being discussed with HCC.
2nd VP: A. A Safety Committee meeting will be held the last Friday of the month. B. A very important LOSAP meeting will be held on 8/22 at 1900 at Company 2. All Coordinators or Alternates must be present. New software

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will be distributed and training held. Dee Hawbaker will be there to answer questions. Make sure the SSN is correct. Do not guess at the number. C. VISTA Business and Home are being tested to be used with LOSAP. Fire House says only VISTA Business can be used with their software. D. The VISTA machine will be used for the webcast.

Training Committee: A. Be sure to check the prerequisite for all classes before signing up. B. Most scheduled classes need more students.

EMS Committee: The next meeting will be held on 8/28 at Boonsboro Community Center. See the memo in the packet. The ALS Chase Units will be discussed.

Fire Chief's Committee: The next meeting will be held on 8/22 @ Company 19. The RIT Stickers will be distributed. They are to be worn by RIT Certified personnel.

Picnic Committee: A good picnic was held.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Everyone is checking the 508 distributions and it could be affected if your Fire Reports are not up to date. Remember to keep the money separate and provide a copy of the cancelled check and invoice to DFES by the end of November. B. Blaine Snyder proposed that the Association push for residential sprinklers in the County. Glenn said that it had been discussed with the BOCC.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. Raffle tickets for a long rifle are available from Clarence Webber. B. Don Shoemaker made a motion seconded by Kitty Dorsey to have the picnic next year. The motion passed on a voice vote. C. Company 10 will hold a Duck Race on 8/25 @ 1400. This is in conjunction with a Chicken BBQ starting @ 0900.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 AT ENGINE 4 HOSTED BY COMPANY 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary

Please correct your copy of the minutes to indicate that the meeting was hosted by Engine 3 not Engine 4.

Please accept my apologies.

Sam Murray
Secretary WCVFRA