

WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND
RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on August 21, 2008 at Clear Spring Special Events Building hosted by Clear Spring Ambulance Co.

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 except Company 69. All officers were present except the 1st VP, 2nd VP, and Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEE: Budget: Greg reviewed the budget with the changes necessary after BOCC allocations. The total budget for 2008-2009 is \$312500. The income will be \$269000 + 43500 note from Company 2 which totals \$312500.

A motion by Dan Grove seconded by Clarence Webber to accept the budget was passed by voice vote. Greg went first so that he could return to the incident in Hancock.

Greg also discussed the possibility of the member companies purchasing fuel from the County Roads. This should be in effect by the end of the year.

GUEST: Dale Fishack, MSFA Exec. Committee, reported that a meeting would be held this weekend. He then introduced Doug Alexander.

Doug Alexander, MSFA Exec. Committee, reported: A. He is running for the office of Trustee. B. Rural Water Supply: an exercise will be held September 14 at the Pleasant Valley VFC in Carroll County. Preregister if possible so that food can be purchased. See the MSFA website. C. Residential Sprinklers: 8 counties and 82/157 towns are covered by sprinkler ordinances.

Brigitte Heller, DFES, had a written report. A list of providers that have not completed the protocols is provided. Kingsley Poole, MFRI, had a written report. He mentioned that Buzz Manley a retired member of the Hagerstown Fire Department was very ill.

Terry Thompson, MEMA Regional Program Manager, announced that his position was being eliminated as of September 25. He asked that we continue to support Roger Bennett. Good luck Terry!!

Jennifer Barciz, Miss Fire Prevention reported that the Red Cross was holding a bonanza on September 27. She also asked for a station to hold next year's pageant.

MINUTES: Harry Gossard made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Grove and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rick reported a checking account balance of \$38804.62 and total assets of \$1270316.95. Dan Grove made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Harry Gossard and passed. Rick reported a bill for \$15000.00 for physicals at the office.

COMMUNICATIONS: The President read a letter he received from the Club Association requesting a meeting to discuss the use of the gaming money by the members of the Association. The president will answer the letter.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: A. Meetings are currently being held with various Companies concerning complaints received at the office. B. LOSAP and Standards Committees will be visiting members to conduct audits. C. Tom Altman has assumed responsibility for the upkeep of the Safety Trailer. Contact Tom to have problems addressed. Contact Nancy to schedule the use of the Trailer.

Chief Officers: Leonard reported that the next meeting is scheduled to be held at Company 9 on August 27.

EMS: The next meeting is scheduled to be held at Company 59 on August 26.

LOSAP: See handouts in the packet.

Photo Team: the chairman will meet with the President on August 26.

Property: A. Prisoners were working on the grounds today. The work on the roof will begin August 25.

Standards: Dale reported that a meeting was held on August 18. A, A copy of the ATV Standard is included in the packet and will be voted on at the September meeting. B. Fire Police must get at least the Level 1 Physical as defined in the Standards. A job description for each level of physical will be developed. C. There will be a

discussion of the Standardized Dispatch at the next committee meeting. D. A discussion of the Turnout Gear Standard including vests will be held at the next committee meeting. E. After discussing the Apparatus Standards the Committee requested Dale to have the MSFA review their Apparatus Standards. Training: Jay Grimes reported: A. Still looking at property for a Training Center. His committee is having Staff and Engineering checking the property. B. Any mandatory classes will be paid for by the Association if not enough people

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sign up.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Steve Heefner explained when vests do not have to be worn on the scene. If a person is actively fighting a fire or involved in extrication it is not necessary to wear a vest. As soon as the firefighting or extrication is complete vests MUST be worn. B. The Association and DFES have purchased 51 vests. C. 44 AEDs will be purchased by the Association and DFES. D. Each Company must complete the fuel information requested by the DFES. E. The County Insurance needs a current list of drivers. There is also a survey to determine how many drivers are getting DOT physicals to see if this can be done at the same time as the County physicals. E. Jennifer asked if there were funds available for Fire Prevention. The answer was yes.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: A. A motion was made by Clarence Weber and seconded by Dan Grove to back Doug Alexander for Trustee. This motion passed. B. Attend and support the REMEMBRANCE IN THE PARK on September 9, 2008. It is also not too late to purchase a brick. C. Engine 2 will be celebrating 200 years of operation on September 14, from 1000 to 1600 at the station on Summit Ave. Contact Captain Sprecher for additional information. CONGRATULATION ENGINE 2. D. The President and others attended a MACO meeting and met the Governor. They discussed funds for a Training Center. E. The President has been meeting with Kevin and feels that they have a good working relationship. F. Engine 3 will be holding a Money Bonanza on November 21, 2008 at the Elks Lodge.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2008, AT COMPANY 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray
Secretary