

## WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association was held on August 20, 2009, at Engine 5 hosted by Truck 1.

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 1st VP, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

### GUEST:

Roger Powell, President MSFA, reported: A. Thanks for the support for President. B. An officer retreat was held. C. He has met with the agency partners and the Governor. D. There will be a Gala to support the Fire and Rescue Memorial on November 26. The cost per table is \$500. F. The Executive Committee cannot promote the bylaw change the Association must do this thru out the state.

Lee Sachs, PP MSFA, reported: A. The loan fund issues are being resolved. B. 508 fund interpretations will be discussed with the Asst. AG tomorrow.

Mark Bilger, MSFA Exec. Comm, reported: A. He is running for 2nd VP of the MSFA.

Christian Alshire, BOCC, reported: A. He has only received 7 of 27 questionnaires sent out. If he doesn't receive the information, it will be hard for him to lobby the BOCC. He needs the information from all companies. B. The BOCC recently passed a property tax relief ordinance for fallen fire and rescue persons.

Jennifer Barciz, reported: A. She has traveled 3200 miles since O.C. B. Jr. Miss Western Maryland is from the County. C. The upcoming Miss Washington County Fire Queen contest needs money. Will the Association support the contest?

Kingsley Poole, MFRI, reported: A. He met with the high school students before this meeting. There are 18 this year. This is EMS year for the program which will be held at Eliot Parkway. B. The FFI just completed with all 15 students successfully completing the course. C. If you are on the wait list come to registration. If someone does not show up, you can enroll. D. The Hazmat Ops class will finish Sunday.

Rick Lillard, DNR, reported: A. The VFA awards have been announced. 6 companies in Washington County were successful. The west region got 54% of the monies. B. There is a fire crew in California and they are due back soon. C. Keith Moore, a ranger in the west region, was chosen Ranger of the Year. D. The DNR investigated two arson fires in Washington County.

Jim Grissom, DFES, reported: A. He is Deputy Director of Operations. B. The bylaws of the Advisory Council are being reviewed. C. A copy of the 508 fund ruling is in the packet. D. The policy manual for the 911 center is being rewritten. Representatives of the Chief's Committee, the EMS Committee, and the Airport will be on the committee. E. A Risk Management and Analysis work group is being formed. F. NIMS 300 and 400 classes will begin soon. G. Remembrance in the Park will be held on September 1. H. Hiring for Phase 1 is progressing. 3 or 4 people are going thru orientation.

MINUTES: Joe Ralls made a motion to accept July's minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Grove and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance as of July 1, 2009, was \$46663.74 and balance as of July 31, 2009, was \$13400.73. The current bank balance is \$35316.25. Blaine Snider made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Harry Gossard seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

### OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: A. A new flag pole is being erected at the office. It will be dedicated at 1300 on September 11, 2009. B. The utility reports are due now. C. NIMS classes will be taught during the day and at night. D. The bylaw change was delivered to the MSFA Exec. Comm.

Boundary Committee: Harry Gossard reported on the meeting held on July 22, 2009. The committee determined that according to the current bylaws this location cannot be a substation. A recommendation was made to change the bylaws and if the bylaws are changed the substation is approved.

Chief's: Greg reported that the next meeting will be August 26, at Company 11.

Fire Police: Doug reported: A. A list of contact people's is on the table. B. The meeting next month will be in Clear Spring. C. Some companies have not returned FD tag information. Only 7 companies have returned the information.

LOSAP: Skip reported: A. A meeting with Presidents, LOSAP Coordinators, and Chief's/Captains at Engine 4 on 9/30/09 at 1900. Information was sent or given to all of these people. B. Information must be received for any people to be added to LOSAP retirement by 10/1/09. This information must be to the County by 10/31.

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Computer: Skip reported: Information for meeting is not being received by everyone. An RSS Coordinator is needed, if anyone is interested contact Skip.

Standards: Dale reported: A. Chief 10 is a new member of the committee. B. Get Line Officer information to the committee as soon as possible. C. Several people reported that the information had been submitted, but is now missing. The President will contact the previous office person for information.

Picnic: Dan reported: A. We had a great picnic. B. No children will be allowed. C. There will be entertainment next year.

OLD BUSINESS: A. Rick Hemphill presented a bylaw change to Article 4, Section 2, entitled Substation. This bylaw section had requirements that must be met to establish a substation. It is recommended that the requirement become a standard rather than a part of the bylaws. Copies will be faxed to all stations tomorrow. They were also emailed to all persons on the email list. This change will be voted on at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A. John Printz contacted the County Insurance Department to see how much coverage is provided for a person injured on fire company property. He found that there is a \$5000 limit. He does not feel that this is enough and wants the Association to investigate having this coverage increased. The President will contact Ms. Maginnis tomorrow.

#### GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. Company 5 will have a gun bonanza on September 12.

B. Company 6 will have a 9/11 parade beginning at 1900. Line up at 1800.

C. Company 27 will have a money bonanza on September 19, 2009.

D. Company 7 will have a gun bonanza October 10, 2009.

E. There is a letter in the packet concerning the adoption of the 2009 edition of the model Performance Codes and Maryland Building Performance Standards. Blaine made a motion seconded by Rick that the Association support adoption of these Standards. The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LEITERSBURG SPECIAL EVENTS BUILDING HOSTED BY COMPANY 27.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray  
Secretary