WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on August 18, 2016 at Eng 5.

The meeting was called to order by President Sprecher at 1900. Chaplain Bower led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Company 49 were present. All officers except the Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer were present.

GUESTS:
Dave Keller, PP MSFA, reported: the 125th Anniversary of MSFA will be celebrated in Frederick sometime in February. A Fireman's Ball will be a part of the celebration.
Les Adelsberger, President of Co. 25 reported that there was a very poor showing at the viewing and funeral for Chief Donald Koons. The Air Unit celebrated its 50th Anniversary on May 30, 2016.
Sierra Smallwood, MSFA Miss Fire Prevention, reported that she is having a very busy year. She is available for personal appearances during Fire Prevention Week.
Mikinzie Smallwood, Little Miss Fire Prevention, reported that she is also available for appearances.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The Treasurer's report is in the packet pages 3-5.

CHAPLAIN: A. A sympathy card was sent to the and get well cards were sent where requested. Please include an address when requesting that cards be sent. B. the NIMS classes will be in September thru December. The dates are in the packet. C. the New Horizons Band will hold a concert on 9/11 at the City Park Band Shell. Concert is a tribute to Washington County Fire, EMS, Police and Military. D. 2 Company Chaplains will attend the Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy training in August. 21 of 24 Chaplains in the County are trained.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Budget: the President reminded all Committees that request for funds for next year are due August 31.
Career Tech Education: Kingsley reported: A. Jamie Drawbaugh is the Coordinator. B. Meeting of the committee was held on 8/15 and Cody Pine is the Student Resource Teacher. C. this is the Fire Year and classes started today. There are 28 students. Clear Spring donated a pumper to the school and there is a need for shelter during the winter months. IF ANYONE CAN HELP CONTACT JAMIE OR KINGSLEY. D. the use of the facility by outside personnel is still being discussed.
Computer: Skip reported that the Fire House information is pulled automatically on the 8th of the month between 1200 and 2400. All data must be inputted before 1200 on the 8th of the month.
EMS: The minutes are in the packet.
ESAC: This committee meets the first Thursday of the month. The last meeting was held at the Battalion Office and was well attended. Personnel, Responses, etc were discussed. The bylaws are being changed to meet monthly rather than quarterly.

ESOP: A meeting was held on 8/11 at E2. Staffing was the main topic of discussion. 12 of the 26 companies in the County were present. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL COMPANIES BE REPRESENTED. the next meeting is scheduled for 9/1 at E2 at 1900.

Fire Police: the minutes are in the packet.

LOSAP: A meeting of the Coordinators will be held on 9/8 at E4.

Picnic: The picnic will be held at Antietam Rec. on 8/20. Serving at 1230.


Standards: A. Officer Standards: Co. 9 needs letter moving NIMS 300 to Sgt.; AU25 needs NIMS documentation; Co 26 still needs info.

Training: A report is in the packet pp17-20.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS No new business was discussed.

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NEW BUSINESS: A. A motion was made by Co 1 to hold 1/26 of current Gaming Funds for Co 12 after they are reinstated. Motion was seconded. It was determined that the bylaws does not allow funds to be escrowed for company suspended for more than one year. Motion was withdrawn.

B. Mark Koop, interim Chief of Co12, was introduced and spoke about the progress the Company is making. They have over 200 members of which 70-75 are responders. SCBA is certified, Truck is being checked, and documentation of members are being obtained.

C. A motion was made by E3 seconded by Co1 to have all companies donate a portion of their Gaming Funds to Co12. Co 13 called to table this motion until next month so that the delegates can get their company's blessing.

D. Co 75 made a motion that the Gaming Funds be held by the Treasurer until after next month's meeting. The motion was seconded E3 and passed 18 for, 5 against and 1 abstaining.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

A. The President reported that an email was sent out this morning to have an emergency vehicle on every I70 bridge in Washington County tomorrow during the 9/11 Motorcycle Ride. All bridges were covered in about 2 hours. GOOD JOB!

B. A 9/11 parade will be held in Boonsboro on 9/11. Food will be available at the Fire Hall after the parade.
NEXT MEETING  THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HOSTED BY  COMPANY 16. LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary