WASHINGTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE
AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

The regular monthly meeting of the Association was held on August 17, 2017 at Co 4.

The meeting was called to order by President Sprecher at 1900. Chaplain Horst led the prayer and Pledge. All companies except Company 11, 59, and 79 were present. All officers except the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Chaplain were present.

GUESTS:
James Schell, MFRI reported: A. many classes need students to begin. B. new text book policy. The training officer must approve the student by email to receive a text book. 3 options: company pay, student pay or disapprove. At the end of the class the student can return the text or pay for it. If the book is not paid for the student will not receive credit for the course.
Donald Lehman, MSP, reported: A. the low band radio in the Helo has been moved to the pilot position and the pilot must change the channels. This means that it takes longer for the paramedics to get back to the ground. Please be patient while this takes place. If the Helo starts to land without contact with the ground just make room.
Jeff Cline, BOCC was present.

MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer’s report is on pages 3 - 5.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Sympathy card was sent to the family of Cindy Lescallett.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
2nd VP: Bob reported: A. he will be programming scanners.
Career Tech Education: Kingsley reported that there will be a meeting next week. B there may be some changes made soon.
ESAC: A. A letter will be sent to support changes to I70/81. B. A letter will be sent to the BOCC in support of the 700/800 radio bands.
ESOP ESAC, DFES AND WCVFRA sent a letter to Dr. Jenoway indicating that there should only be one report, not two. A meeting was held by all parties and the report will be revised.
LOSAP: Skip reported: A. that Fire Reports for the past six months have been error free. B. There were a few errors in July..
Picnic: The Picnic was held on August 12, 2017 at Antietam Recreation Center with 275 people in attendance.
Photo: A. There are 20 active photographers. B. The photo team will not be on the Interstate unless it is completely shut down.
Recruitment and Retention: Nicole reported: A. See pages 25-32 for training opportunities and benefits for firefighters. B. $5000 grant for scholarships for training are available. C. the Humane Society is looking for Kickball teams for fund raiser. D. The Washington County Fire Prevention Queen/Little Fire Chief Contest will be held at Engine 4 on November 11.
**Safety:** Dr. Prather reported: A. there will not be a meeting in September. B. Safety 100/200 are making 40-45 calls/ month with a 75-80% response rate. C. Insurance: VFIS has not reported any workmen's comp information. they reported 7 accidents by fire companies and 5 accidents by EMS companies, all minor. There is a 90% rate on first reports on time.

**Training:** A report is in the packet on pages 7-12.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
No unfinished business was presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A. Boonsboro will have the 9/11 parade.

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**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**
A. Co 5 will have a Gun Bash on 9/9.
B. The May Minutes of the EMS Committee discussed a Medic Bus. The state requested that this be established and will cover all expenses. The bus is housed at Phoenix Color and will be brought to the scene by the on duty officer of DFES.
C. Company 12 will host the CVFVA Convention next year.
D. New Air Unit 252 will be housed on 8/26.
E. Checks for Stand-By are being processed.
F. Charlie Shindle is receiving treatment and is at home.
G. Company 59 Squad is for sale. Contact Chief 59.
H. Kim VanMetre thanked everyone for caring after her accident.


Respectfully submitted,

Sam Murray, Secretary